



Winter 2025

Newsletter

Community Bank · Avoca, Maryborough and St Arnaud



Supporting our community

Being part of a Community Bank means being part of something bigger. While we provide excellent banking and financial services, we aim to give back to our community. By banking with us, our customers also help to support their communities through our Community Impact Program.

We provide the majority of profits back to local community organisations, forming ongoing partnerships and collaboration opportunities.



\$2.6 million

Reinvested from
1999 to now



\$217,000

Contribution to the
community in 2024/25



88

Organisations
supported in 2024/25

2024/25 Highlights

Our latest newsletter highlights key moments from the 2024/25 year, with a focus on the positive impact we've made together.

This year, we proudly supported 88 projects, contributing a total of \$217,000 to initiatives that strengthen our community. Your support has been instrumental in empowering these local organisations.

Keep reading to see the difference you've helped create!



Nancye and Courtney at MDHS Charity Golf Day

Autumn Grant Program results

We're proud to announce the outcomes of our Autumn 2025 Community Grant Program, with more than \$53,000 awarded to support 15 projects that build connection, strengthen wellbeing, and celebrate community life across Avoca, Maryborough, and St Arnaud.

These grants reflect the unique strength of our Community Bank model, where profits are returned to the community to support the things that matter most.

Here are the recipients and the projects your banking has helped fund.

- **Maryborough Theatre Company** – Delivering the much-loved Community Bank Carols for 2025, 2026 and 2027
- **Pyrenees Mental Health and Wellbeing Network** – Hosting a community screening and panel for Just a Farmer, focused on rural mental health
- **Global Law Enforcement and Public Health Association (GLEPHA)** – Supporting Maryborough Education Centre students to attend a community safety and wellbeing event
- **Maryborough and District Horse and Pony Club** – Upgrading their outdoor community space for greater use and accessibility
- **Pyrenees Community House** – Launching the Pyrenees Movie Club to encourage community connection through film
- **Maryborough Volunteer Resource Group** – Upgrading vital computer equipment to better support local volunteers
- **St Arnaud Community Action Network (SCAN)** – Supporting the St Arnaud Community Information Booklet for two years
- **St Arnaud Agricultural Society Inc.** – Supporting the 2025 St Arnaud Agricultural Show



Maryborough Volunteer Resource Group

- **Committee for Maryborough** – Delivering the Goldfields Community Festival 2025
- **Lions Club of St Arnaud** – Supporting both the 2025 Community Procession and Skin Check Program
- **Avoca Riverside Market Committee** – Encouraging participation through the "Get Involved!" community event
- **St Arnaud Citizens Band Inc.** – Upgrading power and lighting
- **St Arnaud and District Orchid Society Inc.** – Supporting the annual Spring Orchid Show
- **Avoca Friends of the Pool** – Hosting the Opening of the Season event for families and locals to reconnect

Each of these initiatives contributes to the shared wellbeing, pride, and resilience of our region, and we are honoured to help bring them to life.



How healthy is your home loan?

With the current cost of living, there's never been a better time to review your home loan.

We'll look at your rate, term, repayments, and equity, giving your loan a full check-up to make sure it's still right for you and your current needs.

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Backing our local teams this winter

As the chill sets in, we're proud to support the winter sports clubs that bring our communities together. From footy fields to netball courts, our contributions help local clubs thrive – because when you bank with us, you're backing more than just a game. Here's a look at some of the fantastic local groups we've recently supported.

Avoca Football Netball Club	Carisbrook Football Netball Club
Maryborough Castlemaine District Football Netball League	Maryborough Giants Football Netball Club
Maryborough Junior Football Netball Club	Maryborough and District Motorcycle Club
Maryborough Soccer Club	Natte Bealiba Football Netball Club
St Arnaud Football Club	St Arnaud Hockey Club
St Arnaud Netball Club	Talbot Football Netball Club



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Carisbrook Football Netball Club



Avoca Football Netball Club



St Arnaud Netball Club



Maryborough Giants Football Netball Club



Maryborough Soccer Club



Maryborough Junior Football Netball Club



Natte Bealiba Football Netball Club

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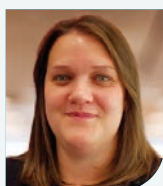
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Backing Rural Wellbeing



Together with Community Bank Beaufort and the Western Victoria Bushfire Appeal, we're proud to support the Just A Farmer screening in Avoca, coordinated by the Pyrenees Mental Health and Wellbeing Network.

Events like this are all about bringing people together, opening up conversations about rural mental health, and recognising the stories and experiences unique to our farming communities. Supporting Just A Farmer is one way we can help highlight the importance of connection, understanding, and wellbeing in our region.

A big thank you to the Pyrenees Mental Health and Wellbeing Network for making this happen, and to everyone who continues to champion mental health in our local communities. It's initiatives like these that remind us just how powerful community support can be.

Continuing our partnership with Energy Breakthrough in 2025

We're proud to continue our strong relationship with the Energy Breakthrough program in 2025, supporting more than 700 volunteers who make this iconic event possible each year. Our latest sponsorship will assist with volunteer recruitment, onboarding and training, ensuring the event remains a vibrant, inclusive celebration of innovation, teamwork and sustainability for our region.

