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During 2024/25 Community Bank Balnarring & District invested a total of \$568,903 in our communities as sponsorships, grants, donations, funds invested for future community projects and dividend payments.

This sees a total return to community of \$4 Million since we opened in 2008. We remain very proud of the degree to which your Community Bank gives back to local communities with the continued support of our customers.

This has given access to many opportunities for social connection and enjoyment for hundreds of local people, whilst improving facilities and programs and further protecting our environment.

I must also acknowledge the contribution of my Staff and Board of Directors to the success of our Community Bank. Like the groups of hard-working and passionate volunteers with which we work, all Directors of Balnarring & District Community Services Limited volunteer their time and expertise to ensure the success of our company, across all parameters and I thank them for their commitment.

Mark Butler
Branch Manager



Bridge Magazine

“The Bridge” is a community publication made by the community, for the community. We are a team of volunteers with an interest in communication, design, community, the environment and open, creative expression. “The Bridge” is a resource for our local communities.

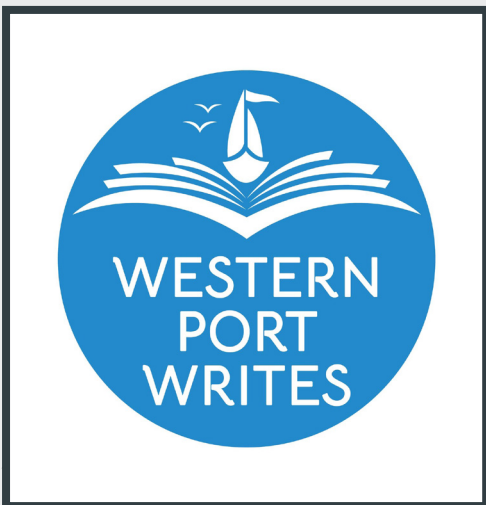
More information bridgemag.com.au



RPP Radio Station

RPP FM is a community radio station in the Mornington Peninsula region of Victoria, Australia. The radio station was established in 1984 to provide a local community radio service to the region

More information rppfm.com.au



Western Port Writes

Western Port Writes is a three-day literary festival to be held in Somers and surrounds. Designed to celebrate creativity and the art of the story, it will showcase both established and emerging writers connected to our region and beyond.

More information westernportwrites.com.au

STAFF GRANTS



Somerville Football Club nominated by Mark Butler

Mark nominated this group because he has a close personal connection to SFNC having been part of the club for over 45 years and as a playing life member. Funds were used to assist with purchasing new equipment for what is affectionately referred to as the corporate box.



Disabled Surfers nominated by Amelia Blameley

Amelia nominated this group because her cousin had cerebral palsy and his happy place was the water. He sadly passed away at 8 years of age so Amelia wanted to support this group she knew her cousin would've benefited from.



It's Okay not to be Okay nominated by Glenys Wandmaker

Glenys nominated this group because of their involvement with mental health, it's close to her heart as she has family who struggle with this illness. The Hocking sisters lost their brother to suicide and registered this charity in 2016 to create awareness & change in mental health, grief and suicide prevention.



Murdoch Childrens Research Institute nominated by Melinda Symes

Melinda nominated this cause as she wanted to support local community member Alex Wadleton and kick start his fundraising for 'The Record Run Chase'.



Western Port Community Support

Western Port Community Support is a not-for-profit community based organisation providing a wide range of services to families and individuals residing in the Western Port region.

Providing a free and comprehensive support, information and advocacy service, we work closely with other social and community welfare organisations to provide the best service to all our clients.

More information
wportcomsupport.org.au



Saltbush Balnarring Beach

Saltbush, Balnarring Beach is a not-for-profit, charitable organisation that exists to enrich the lives of people experiencing hardship by providing a peaceful environment for rest, play, growth and connection.

More information
saltbushbalnarringbeach.org.au

MEET OUR STAFF



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We're open:

9:30am - 4.00pm Monday to Thursday

9:30am - 5.00pm Friday



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Customer
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AMELIA BLAMEY

Customer
Relationship Officer



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KEN BROWN

Company Secretary

Our Tokens of Appreciation program allows customers to be part of the decision making about where the profits generated by their banking go.

By selecting which group benefits from the impact of their banking decisions, our customers have the opportunity to get more involved by allocating tokens to the groups or organisations of their choice.

As you know, supporting our community is a vital part of our business model and returning profits to the communities that generate them makes a positive impact by supporting the clubs, organisations, and projects at the heart of those communities.

The first 12 months of the program have proven very successful. From July 2024 to May 2025 Community Bank Balnarring & District customers have allocated close to 400 tokens to the Community Group container of their choice. This has resulted in 24 of our local Community Groups being nominated and depending on the number of tokens allocated to them sharing in \$16,000 of community funding.

Community groups that promote this initiative amongst their members can benefit by encouraging all members to consider choosing Community Bank Balnarring & District as their bank of choice, which will then increase the allocation to their group.

Selected products include new home loans, bank accounts, insurance policies, credit cards, equipment finance, and more.

Community banking – profit with a purpose.





Crib Point Football Netball Club



Westernport Yacht Club



Balnarring Picnic Races





Koala Hospital

Jennie is a wildlife carer and is affectionately known as the “koala lady”. She has dedicated the last 45 years of her life to wildlife rescue. As a volunteer, she relies solely on donations to fund the important work she undertakes to care for and rehabilitate sick and injured wildlife on the Mornington Peninsula.

Koala Rescue & Rehabilitation 24/7
Jennie Bryant 0417 395 883



Balnarring Foreshore

Balnarring Beach Foreshore is a 70ha nature reserve, bordered by Merricks Creek and Western Port Bay. It forms part of the Western Port Biosphere, an internationally recognised Ramsar site (wetland) and is managed for conservation. The reserve provides plenty of opportunities for people to get close to nature including camping, walking, swimming, snorkelling, sailing and more. More information <https://balnarring.net/>



Friends of Flinders Coastline

The Friends of Flinders Coastline aims to restore and protect natural coastal vegetation along Flinders Ocean Beach, which is a part of the Mornington Peninsula National Park. The group’s work aims to maintain biodiversity by protecting and enhancing remnant bushland.

More information <https://flindersvillage.com.au/friends-of-flinders-coastline/>



Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation

We are a registered Landcare group and part of the Mornington Peninsula Landcare Network. We work closely with the Mornington Peninsula Shire, Parks Victoria, other Landcare groups and private landholders to improve koala habitat.

More information <https://mpkoalas.org.au>



Merricks-Coolart Catchment Landcare

Merricks-Coolart Catchment Landcare Group aims to protect the diversity and extent of natural ecosystems and species in the catchment and to protect and improve the quality of water in the catchment's waterways.

Merricks-Coolart Catchment Landcare has members from across the catchment which includes Balnarring, Balnarring Beach, Merricks, Merricks North, Somers and parts of Red Hill.

More information

<https://mplandcare.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Merricks-Coolart-Brochure.pdf>



Friends of Coolart

Friends of Coolart is a volunteer group that operates at Coolart Wetlands & Homestead to support the work of Parks Victoria by raising funds for the property and working to enrich the visitor experience.

We have been operating for 40 years and have a membership base of 100 members and an active volunteer base of 30+.

More information <https://coolart.org.au/about-friends-of-coolart/>



Merricks Beach Residents' Association Inc

The Merricks Beach Residents' Association Inc. has worked for the community for over 80 years. The preservation of the ecology and environment is one of its principal aims. The MBRA also organises an annual tennis competition, a sand-modelling competition and sausage sizzle, all of which are annual highlights of life at Merricks Beach. We welcome new members.

More information mbra.com.au



Bill Carrol Reserve

The Bill Carroll Reserve is an indigenous habitat reserve that provides a sanctuary for flora, fauna and humans alike. It is maintained by members of the Friends of the Bill Carroll Reserve, volunteers from the broader community and the Mornington Peninsula Shire. With its open spaces, natural bushland and bird hide, the reserve provides an ideal place for people to observe and absorb the quiet beauty of nature.

More Information <https://mbra.com.au/home/bill-carroll-reserve/>



St John's Recitals

The Recital Series at St John's Flinders had an auspicious start in 2005 with a performance by the iconic pianist Geoffrey Tozer. As of December 2024, 87 recitals have been given by leading professional musicians from around Australia and further afield. The intimate setting and warm acoustic of St John's appeals to performers and audiences alike.

More information <https://www.apfb.org.au/recitals/>



Semiquavers

The Semiquavers currently consists of seven members: two violins, a viola, cello, clarinet, flute and piano. Now that restrictions have eased, we have arranged several "gigs" at local nursing homes and retirement villages, including Arcare at Balnarring. The residents really enjoy our concerts and often ask us to return.

Contact Mary Mitcham
bmitcham@outlook.com.au



Vox Peninsula Choir

In 2023 Vox Peninsula was founded by a group of chorister friends in the Mornington Peninsula. They were looking for an opportunity to sing classical music in a choir which had an important emphasis on social enjoyment and friendship. In May and June 2024 the VOX performance of Venice to Vienna and Songs of Peace was the first concert held at the wonderful Flinders Community Hub

More information <https://www.voxpeninsula.com.au/>



Somers Chamber Music Society

The SCMS was formed 30 years ago and has been bringing top-class classical music to the peninsula for more than 30 years.

One of the aims of our Society has always been to provide young emerging artists the opportunity to perform in front of an appreciative and discerning audience. We seek to always provide this at one of our concerts each year. In recent years we have provided opportunities for two young groups to debut as musicians on a fee for performance basis.

Contact: Roger Price 0403 592 195



Western Port Singers

Western Port Singers was formed in 2024 by a group of singers who saw the need for a choir on the Western Port side of the Mornington Peninsula, Victoria.

Sing with us in 2025.
Rehearsals every Tuesday
2:30-4:30 pm.

2025 SEMESTER 2 DATES

26th Aug. - 2nd Dec. (16 wks)

Balnarring Uniting Church
10 Balnarring Beach Rd.
Balnarring, Victoria

Enquiries:
westernportsingers@gmail.com
More information <https://www.westernportsingers.com/>



CFA Brigades

A community-based volunteer organisation that responds efficiently, safely and skilfully to bush and residential fires and other emergencies to reduce their occurrence and impact on our community

In an Emergency call 000

CFA Brigades we have supported in our local community:

- Balnarring
- Bittern
- Somers
- Shoreham
- Flinders



Point Leo Surf Lifesaving

Point Leo Surf Life Saving Club is an entirely voluntary organisation which provides beach patrol and rescue services, first aid and lifesaving training at Point Leo Surf Beach and surrounds. Funding for Club activities comes from membership fees, donations and gifts/ sponsorships from corporate benefactors. The Club patrols the Point Leo Surf Beach located between Somers and Flinders on Western Port.

More information <https://www.pointleoslsc.com>



Defibrillators

This financial year Somers Residents Association and Westernport Model Aircraft Club received donations to install a unit.

A full list of locations can be found:

<https://www.goodsamapp.org/locatorMap>

Remember to always check your defib to make sure it is ready to go in case of emergency.

Be rescue ready!



Cycle without age

Cycling Without Age is a not-for-profit charity that provides a community service by connecting those no longer able to ride for themselves with their community and the outdoors by giving them free rides on trishaw ebikes, piloted by volunteer cyclists.

More information <https://www.facebook.com/cyclingwithoutagewesternport>

Education: Shaping the future



Western Port Secondary College

We provide a broad curriculum, giving our students the education they need to succeed in a diverse and changing world. Student well-being is a key priority and we strive to develop our students' personal and social skills to become confident, resilient and valued members of the community.

<https://westernportsc.vic.edu.au>



Balnarring Primary School

Our vision is to develop students who are lifelong learners, equipped with a strong voice and the attitudes, knowledge and skills they need now and to successfully meet the challenges they will face in the future

<https://balnarringps.vic.edu.au>



St. Joseph's Primary School

Our school is based on a landscape of positive learning experiences where we promote students making sense of the world around them, knowing themselves, their identity, and their beliefs within a context of their faith and being inspired and committed to craft their future with optimism and hope.

<https://www.sjcribpoint.catholic.edu.au>



Somers Primary School

We are dedicated to the belief that learning and development enhances students' lives and prepares them for success. We apply evidence-based approaches to support children's development.

This is how we ensure children are happy, engaged and making great progress at school.

<https://somersps.vic.edu.au>



Dromana Secondary College

Purpose is to provide effective learning for all students. To provide a caring, inclusive and sustainable community in which students develop skills and personal qualities necessary to participate positively and confidently in a changing, global community while striving to achieve their personal best. We practise our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Integrity and Personal Best.

<https://dsc.vic.edu.au>

Flinders Pre-school

Our centre is licensed for 45 children in 2 rooms. We cater for children from 2 to 6 years of age. Our hours of operation are 8am to 5.00pm. We provide all meals in air conditioned comfort.

Children enjoy playing in our large flat, natural yard.

<https://flinderspreschool.com.au>



Balnarring Pre-school

Balnarring Pre-school values strong respectful collaborative relationships between families, children, teaching team, community, First Peoples and the environment.

<https://balnarringpreschool.org.au>



Bittern Primary School

Bittern PS is a small community school with a big heart and love of learning. We develop strong connections to all members of our community to ensure that students, parents and teachers feel a sense of connectedness in an evolving and changing world.

<https://www.bitternpsvic.edu.au/?>



Balnarring Community Child Care

BCCC has been operating for over 30 years. We focus on creating an inclusive and nurturing environment for young children. Our program is play based and offers a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities, quality time and fun with other children, where we support children's individual development as well as their sense of belonging.

www.balnarringccc.com.au





Story Dogs

Not all children 'get' reading. For some it takes a bit longer.

Unfortunately our education systems are not all resourced to pick up the ones falling behind.

Regular one-on-one reading sessions are often the best way to help a child become a confident lifelong reader. This is what Story Dogs delivers, but also so much more with the loving nature of a wonderful dog and caring volunteer.

More information

<https://www.storydogs.org.au>



Youth Leadership Camp

The Mornington Peninsula Shire Youth Leadership Camp is all about nurturing future leaders. At the camp you will learn how to reach your goals through team building, brainstorming and upskilling your public speaking and planning skills.

More information

<https://mpys.com.au/>



Red Hill Show

The Red Hill Agricultural & Horticultural Society has been at the heart of the Mornington Peninsula community since 1922. Through its events, most notably the Red Hill Show, the Society promotes local produce, talent, and traditions while bringing the community together in celebration of rural life.

More information <https://www.redhillshow.com.au/>

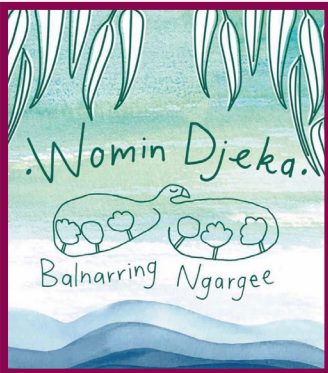


Peninsula Summer Music Festival

PSMF offers a wide ranging and diverse program of classical and contemporary music events permeating the vibrant and beautiful venues of the Mornington Peninsula.

Local and international artists feature in programs of music that range from the familiar to challenging, including brand new works as well as crossing all genres and forms.

More information <https://www.peninsulafestival.com.au>



Womin Djeka

Womin Djeka Balnarring Ngargee is an event where the community can gather to share, begin conversations and walk with First Peoples.

The festival will:

- Honour and celebrate First Peoples cultures
- Involve the whole community caring for and learning with Country
- Demonstrate a commitment to reconciliation

More information <https://balnarringfestival.com.au/>



Flinders Fringe

The Flinders Fringe Festival 2025 was a howling success! Supporting the arts and our community is at the heart of this festival. We're proud to have paid or supported over 70 talented artists and performers who brought their creativity to life on stage, in the street, on fences and buildings. We sold 2500 tickets to more than 40 amazing events happening at 16 different venues and locations.

More information <https://flindersfringe.com.au>

Stronger Together:

The power of a community

At the heart of every thriving town is a simple truth: when a community comes together, great things happen. A local Community Bank embodies this spirit - not just as a place to keep money safe, but as a partner that returns profits to the people and groups that generate them, making their communities stronger.

This is especially true when it comes to local events. On the surface, these events might look like a raffle ticket here, a small donation or entry fee there, but when combined, these small contributions create something far bigger. Add to this the support of a Community Bank and the funds raised can be multiplied, seeing more local groups, clubs and causes benefitting.

The beauty lies in the cycle created. Community members contribute what they can to the event. The Community Bank may add its support. Together, these efforts turn into new equipment for local clubs, resources for volunteer groups, assistance for disadvantaged members of our communities and other opportunities that otherwise wouldn't exist.

A Community Bank doesn't just sponsor an event - it helps fuel the vision of giving back. By standing alongside local community groups, it ensures that every dollar stretches further, every effort reaches wider and every group feels the power of community behind them.

These four events are perfect examples of what can be achieved. Our total financial support of \$13,000 allowed these groups to collectively share over \$133K with a range of other deserving groups across their communities.

When a community comes together - residents, volunteers and their local Community Bank, small amounts grow into lasting change. This is the true power of community, which sees the creation of networks of mutual support, along with shared resources and knowledge.



Flinders Lions Golf Day

The Lions Club of Flinders District is a service club focussed on community engagement, fostering friendships, and fundraising for local and international projects. They are part of the larger Lions Club International organisation. New members are welcome. The Club hosted their 37th Charity Golf Day in March, proudly supported by the Community Bank Balnarring & District. The day was a great success in all respects. More information <https://sites.google.com/flindersdistrictlions.com.au/lcofdgolf/home>



Flinders Motoring Heritage

The Flinders Motoring Heritage is a display of classic, veteran, vintage and neo-classic cars displayed around the village of Flinders on Easter Sunday each year. This year funds raised from both of these events are supporting Moonah House, a shelter being established by Womens Community Shelters on the Mornington Peninsula, for women fleeing domestic violence. The Flinders Lions are also assisting Peninsula Health in the purchase of a Prostate Scanning machine used in the early diagnosis of Prostate Cancer. More information <https://www.flindersmotoringheritage.com.au/>



Flinders Art Show

From its small beginnings in 1967 the Flinders Art Show has continued to grow. A central goal of the Flinders Art Show is to support Peninsula artists and this year more than 125 artworks and sculptures were sold.

Proceeds from the art show were shared between eleven local groups working to support others.

More information <https://flindersartshow.com.au/>



St John's Fete

The St Johns Fete has been a tradition in Flinders for over 80 years with the first fete opened by the Lord Mayor of Melbourne Sir Arthur Coles in 1939. We continue this wonderful tradition with the generous support of so many who have so kindly sponsored or donated to assist us with our fundraising. Thousands of people come along for home-made goods, music, vintage car rally, pet show, children's activities, and dozens of stalls selling high-quality items. More information <https://flindersbalnarringanglican.org/>

Heather Goddard



Sarah Moran



Andrew Thomas



Chris Gurney



Michelle Sabto



Our
Volunteer
Directors

Susan Bealand



Kim Bridgeford



Ron Kempster



Michael Treadwell



Emma Connell



Stuart Whitely





Balnarring Football Club

Balnarring Football Club is a proud and passionate community club with a rich history dating back to 1890. From Auskick to U17.5 boys, U10 girls to senior women, we provide a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable environment for local kids and women to enjoy the great game of AFL. Whether it's our AFL/FLW draftees, Senior Women's Premiership players, or our U8s just learning to kick with their mates, our dedicated and knowledgeable coaches support every player's journey – helping them grow both on and off the field. We're always welcoming new players, families, volunteers, and supporters to the Thunder Family. Balnarring Football Club is a special place to play, grow, and belong. We are Thunder Proud!

More information www.balnarringjfc.com.au



Somerville Football Netball Club

Established in 1892, the Somerville Football Netball Club is one of the most historic clubs in the Mornington Peninsula Football Netball League. Our club serves as a vibrant community hub, committed to creating a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive environment. We empower players, coaches, and the wider community to grow, thrive, and succeed both on and off the field.

More information <https://www.facebook.com/somervillefnc/>



Balnarring District Netball Club

BDNC's philosophy is to provide a program designed to develop skills and knowledge of netball, whilst maintaining a sense of fun and enjoyment.

More information <https://www.bdnc.com.au>



Crib Point Football Netball Club

The CPFNC was established in 1933. We strive to actively promote football and netball in the Crib Point and surrounding community catchments, providing many opportunities for recreation in a safe, family friendly and professionally run environment. We have a strong history of success with 12 senior flags and 4 netball premierships.

More information <https://www.cribpointfnc.com.au>



Crib Point Cricket Club

Established in 1978 the Crib Point Cricket Club is the official home of the Mighty Magpies who play a big role in the sporting community.

More information <https://www.facebook.com/cribpointcricketclub/>



Somerville Cricket Club

Somerville Cricket Club has a long standing partnership with Community Bank Balnarring and District. The club is very lucky to have their support so if you want to support local, be it personal or business banking, get in touch with Mark and the team.

More information <https://sites.clubzone.com.au/somervillecricketclub/>



MP Masters Swimmers Club

The Mornington Peninsula Masters Swimming Club was formed in 2020 and offers a comprehensive swimming and coaching program at 3 pools on the Mornington Peninsula. In addition there is an open water swimming program available at McCrae.

Come along. The first session is free and you have 4 weeks to decide whether you would like to join the Mornington Peninsula Masters Swimming Club.

More information <https://mpmastersswimming.com.au>



Shoreham Tennis Club

The Shoreham Tennis Club is a very active club. We have teams competing in the mid-week interclub doubles competition, plus social tennis played across all days of the week. In addition, there are very healthy numbers of pickleballers that play on Friday mornings.

Thanks to the generous support of the Community Bank Balnarring and District we have two newly refurbished courts that are lined for both tennis and pickleball.

More information www.facebook.com/ShorehamTC



Flinders Cricket Club

The Flinders Cricket Club celebrated 150 years of cricket last season. We are a small but proud club and pride ourselves on welcoming all aspiring cricketers, male and female, to our club. Come along and play at the most picturesque ground on the Mornington Peninsula. We very much appreciate the support of the Community Bank Balnarring and District.

More information <https://www.facebook.com/flinderscc>



Flinders Tennis Club

The Flinders Tennis Club is located in Barker Street Flinders. The club offers 3 courts and 2 pickleball courts which are all flexipave. The front two courts are fitted with LED lighting for night use. The facility is proudly managed by an elected committee of members that are dedicated to maintaining the club facilities in peak condition for all to enjoy. The courts are available for bookings online by both members and visitors.

All enquiries: Mark Kelly - flinderstc.secretary@icloud.com



Crib Point Junior Football Club

In 1970, a group of concerned parents came together to establish the Crib Point Junior Football Club. In the first season, they started with three teams, Under 10, Under 12, and Under 14. The club has now entered its 54th year in the league, potentially fielding 16 teams, including girls' teams, which is a significant increase from six teams in 2018.

The club has achieved numerous successes, including the Under 17 team's premiership in 2016 and the U13 Girls' premiership in 2023.

More information <https://cribpointjfc.com.au/>



Somers Petanque

Our mission is to develop and provide an outstanding outdoor sporting facility for playing, teaching, and understanding the game of Petanque. We are a friendly group of active people who enjoy a social and pennant game of petanque in our beautiful outdoor country setting. We aim to foster camaraderie and sportsmanship, while encouraging social connection and an active lifestyle on the Mornington Peninsula

More information <https://www.morn-penpetanque.org.au/>



Somers Tennis Club

Somers Tennis Club was founded in 1929. Our vision is to provide a vibrant, progressive and sustainable club that thrives on providing year-round playing opportunities for social and competitive players. We also strive to provide facilities that are inviting, functional and well maintained. We have three cushioned hard courts with LED lighting, and a steady and growing membership.

More information <https://www.somers-tennisclub.com.au/>

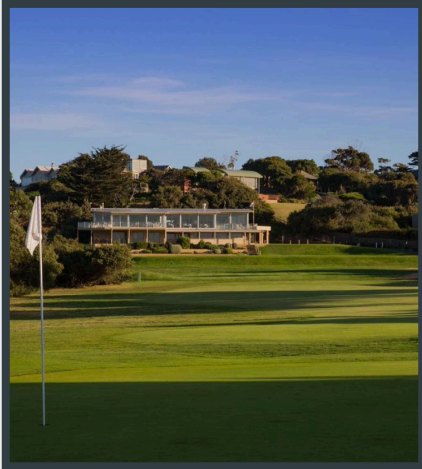


Somers Yacht Club

Somers Yacht Club is a volunteer, inclusive community where sailing unites families and friends.

We foster a passion for the sea and coastal environment, promote safe yachting in all forms and create lasting connections through shared social experiences - ensuring our club remains a welcoming, thriving hub for generations to come.

More information <https://www.somersyacht-club.com.au/home/>



Flinders Golf Club

Perched high on the cliff tops, with views across Western Port to Phillip Island and the rugged Bass Strait coastline. The Club is very community focussed and combines a sense of tradition that comes with a 120 year history, together with outstanding golf and hospitality facilities. Whether you are strolling the fairways, enjoying a light lunch or hosting your special occasion, there is welcoming, relaxed atmosphere and the most spectacular views to savour.

More information <https://www.flindersgolf-club.com.au/cms/>



Flinders Yacht Club

The Flinders Yacht Club owes its existence to a small group of people who met during early 1976 to form a club intended to 'foster interest in boating in Flinders'. On 27 October 1976, 37 people met in the recreation room of the Flinders Caravan Park and founded the Flinders Yacht Club.

More information <https://www.flindersyc.com.au/>



Maladiction Longboarders

Maladiction Longboarders was established in 1997 and is the only longboard surf club on the Mornington Peninsula. Our club promotes social connection and skill progression through surfing. We hold regular competitions on the Mornington Peninsula, as well as social functions and surf education opportunities. Our members range from intermediate surfers to national level competitors, as well as social members.

More information MaladictionLongboarders.com.au



Flinders Bowls Club

Flinders Bowls Club was established in 1983 and welcomes new members and visitors. Call 5989 0583 for information about joining and access for casual use.

There are 2 major community bowling championships held annually, being the R T Edgar and Bendigo Bank Cups, and all community members of any standard are welcome to make and enter teams in these competitions.

More information <https://www.facebook.com/flindersbowlsclub/about>



Balnarring Bowls

Members and our member volunteers have been the lifeblood of the Balnarring Bowls & Social Club and have seen us through nearly 40 years of club life. We are a friendly, social, community focussed club with our facilities regularly used by Balnarring Musos, Probus, Balnarring Lions, holiday makers and local residents. We are the venue for weddings, parties and corporate events in the Balnarring area and offer free coaching to anyone interested in taking up the great game of lawn bowls.

More information <https://balnarringbowls.com.au>



Balnarring Picnic Races

Arguably the best picnic racing course in Victoria. The club hosts 6 picnic race meetings a year. Members and patrons attending these meetings have the opportunity to enjoy the bushland ambience of the picturesque Emu Plains Reserve. Patrons can set up a family picnic amongst the trees and view the races from a variety of locations. In the 23/24 season the club was named Picnic Club of the Year.

More information <https://balnarringraces.com>



C Shell Project

This covered, outdoor stage was purpose built and is large enough for choirs, ensembles or theatre groups. A hall and adjacent new large storage shed provides everything performers and audiences needs.

Amateur and professional groups of any kind are welcome to enquire about using the space.

More information: cshellincflinders@gmail.com



The Embroiderers Guild, Victoria - Flinders Branch

The EGV Flinders Branch is a friendly group of embroiderers with all levels of skill, enthusiasm and interest and we welcome all stitchers of any level or those on holiday in the area to join us. We meet at the Balnarring Anglican Church Hall on the first, third and fifth Mondays in the month, from 10:00 am to 4:00pm

More information <https://www.embroiderersguildvic.org/branches-locations>



Cyril Young Memorial Chapel

Set up in August 2018, with the objective of restoring and maintaining the historic Cyril Young Memorial Chapel, which is registered on the Victorian War Heritage Inventory. With support from local and federal governments, as well as our members, we have restored the stonework of the platform and lectern, and reinstated five rows of seating. Our next project, generously funded by the Community Bank Balnarring and District, is to install interpretive signage to tell the story of the Chapel.

More information shorehambushchapel.org

Community Bank Balnarring & District Hits \$4 Million Milestone.

Since opening in July 2008, Community Bank Balnarring & District has remained committed to its purpose of returning profits to the very people it serves. By April 2019, the bank had already contributed \$1.26 million in grants, sponsorships, and dividends to the community. This momentum continued with over \$2 million invested by December 2021, supporting crucial local projects such as Balnarring's Civic Court development, Point Leo Surf Life Saving Club kitchen refurbishment, environmental initiatives, and more.

By 2023–24, the bank's Community Investment Program invested \$555,440 over just one year, demonstrating a sustained and growing impact. This also saw our Community Bank celebrate passing the \$3 million given back milestone.

Now Community Bank Balnarring & District has generously returned \$4 million to its community since 2008, a testament to its strong "profit-with-purpose" ethos and the generous support of its local communities.

However, none of this would be possible without our many loyal customers. The more bank accounts and term deposits opened, loans taken out, insurance and wealth products purchased, the higher our profits. This enables us to give more back, as the Community Bank model sees up to 80% of the bank's profits go back to their communities.

So, bank with purpose at Community Bank Balnarring & District and see the difference your banking makes.



Participating businesses:

Balnarring

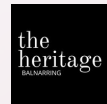
- Back in Motion Balnarring
- Balnarring Produce
- Balnarring Village News Agency
- Enchanted Child
- Mama Bohemian Bazaar
- Nourish
- Phase Two
- Red Hill Bakery
- The Heritage
- Village People
- Wise and Co Dispensary

Flinders

- Flinders Golf Club

Merricks

- Merricks General Wine Store



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