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Community Bank Boorowa kicks off its 25th year!

\$3.2 million

COMMUNITY
INVESTMENT

As of Monday, 12 May 2025, we're officially into our 25th year of serving Boorowa and surrounding communities – and we couldn't be more excited to celebrate this milestone over the next 12 months!

Since opening our doors, Community Bank Boorowa has been proud to stand alongside the local community and surrounding districts, supporting everything from grassroots projects to major initiatives. Here's to 25 years of connection, commitment, community and many more to come!

Celebrating 25 Years of Community Impact – A message from our Chair



I'm incredibly proud to be celebrating this milestone year in 2025 as Chair of Community Bank Boorowa.

I first joined the Board in November 2013 because I wanted to play my part in ensuring local community groups were supported in their efforts to make Boorowa and the region an even better place to live. More than a decade later, I'm honoured to lead an organisation that continues to put community at the heart of everything we do.

The Community Bank model is simple but powerful: the more people who bank with us, the more profit we generate and a significant portion of that profit is reinvested directly into our community through sponsorships, donations, and grants. It's a model that fosters local engagement and helps improve the lives of everyone who's lucky enough to call it home.

Reaching this 25-year milestone wouldn't be possible without the unwavering dedication of our staff and directors, founding members and those who've joined along the way, our community-minded shareholders, and of course, our loyal customers. You have each played a crucial role in helping us grow and give back.

Like any established business, from time to time Community Bank Boorowa sees some changes. Over the last year we have bid heartfelt farewells to long-standing staff members Greg Pryor and Cath Carmody, refreshed our branch exterior with a vibrant new look, and welcomed a team of enthusiastic new faces ready to serve our customers and community. We are also committed to helping our Yass Valley neighbours with their banking needs and thank the many customers from the Yass area that have long been strong supporters and advocates of ours.

Our impact has continued to grow through meaningful grants, local sponsorships, generous scholarships, and volunteer support for a wide range of initiatives from sporting clubs and schools to aged care and local events.

Looking ahead, I encourage you to support Community Bank Boorowa by giving our team the opportunity to assist with your financial needs. When you bank with us, you're not just choosing great service, you are choosing to support the future of Boorowa and the region.

Thank you for being part of our story.

Belinda Reid
Chair, Community Bank Boorowa

We opened a bank
to grow a community

 Bendigo Bank





Picture from left to right: Sam Pye, Darren Manton, Jess Abnett, Natalie Prosper, Tammy Frame and Julie Dunn.

Acting Branch Manager update – Darren Manton



I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest wishes to founding team members Greg Pryor and Cath Carmody, with whom I've had the privilege of working over the past six years. Their unwavering dedication to the community, our customers, and our team has played a vital role in the ongoing success of the branch.

I'm also pleased to welcome two new team members: Jess Abnett, who joined us in late 2024 as our Home Lending Specialist, and

Tammy Frame, who came on board earlier in the year as our Community Engagement Adviser. I'm excited to lead such a passionate and capable team, which also includes our familiar and friendly faces—Julie Dunn, Sam Pye, and Natalie Prosper—who continue to provide exceptional service to everyone who visits our branch.

Over the past year, we've undertaken an exterior branch refresh, with an interior update scheduled for August, as we proudly enter our 25th year serving the community.

During the branch renovation we will be doing all we can to minimise any disruption to our customers.

If we haven't had the chance to meet yet, I warmly invite you to stop by the branch or say hello when you see me out and about.

Darren Manton
Acting Branch Manager

Home loan health check

Looking for a friendly face to help you with your banking? Jess can meet you in-person, over the phone, or via video when it suits you. Together you can talk about your goals and work out how to make them happen.

Visit Community Bank Boorowa or call Jess on 02 6385 3277.

An update on Greg Pryor



If you've visited our branch recently, you may have noticed the absence of a very familiar face.

Greg Pryor, our much-loved Branch Manager since we first opened in 2001, is currently on extended leave to focus on his health.

Greg is taking the opportunity to rest and prioritise his wellbeing, something we know the entire community will support and understand.

Although not physically at the branch, Greg remains closely connected with us and continues to take a keen interest in everything happening at Community Bank Boorowa. Our ongoing success is largely due to Greg's commitment to build and grow the business to where we are today.

We will share any further updates regarding Greg's plans when the time is right. In the meantime, we know many of you will be thinking of him and wishing him well.

On behalf of the board, staff, and customers of Community Bank Boorowa, we send our heartfelt support and best wishes to Greg.



Boorowa Irish Woolfest

Banking is our Business. Community is our Purpose.

155 Years of Education in Boorowa!

Boorowa Central School is set to celebrate an incredible milestone — 155 years of education — with a special event weekend on Saturday 20 to Sunday 21 September.

This celebration has been years in the making, originally planned for the 150th anniversary but postponed due to the pandemic. Now, it's finally time to come together and honour the rich history and lasting impact the school has had on generations of students and the wider community.

We're proud to support this momentous occasion, and the dedicated planning committee has a fantastic lineup of events and activities in store to mark the celebration in style!

Save the Date: Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 September



Binalong NSW Golf 2025 World Sand Greens Championships

We are proud to support this event for a second year. This world-class event puts regional sport on the map, draws visitors to our towns, and showcases the strength and spirit of local communities. We are thrilled to play a part in bringing it to life once again.

Save the Date: 26–28 September 2025

Boorowa Irish Woolfest

We are proud to support the Boorowa milestone event as naming sponsors again in 2025. The volunteer committee has some exciting activities planned and we hope to keep you posted on socials as the weeks come closer.

Save the Date: Sunday, 5 October 2025



Christmas Concert in the Park

After a number of years since a similar event was run. We were proud to be a part of such a community event thanks to the Boorowa Business Chamber.

Save the Date: Friday 12 December 2025



2024 Grants Night

In November we had our AGM and Grants night where we gave \$130,018 back to the Boorowa Community.

- Carinya Court New Unit
- Carinya Court Refurbishment
- Lions Club of Boorowa Driver Reviver/ Van Storage
- Binalong Progress Association Laptop
- St Joseph's Swimming Program
- Boorowa & District Historical Society Pathway to Health
- Boorowa Central school P&C Lockable Cabinets

In attendance were representatives from Carinya Court, Boorowa Lions and Boorowa Museum Volunteer Committees.



Yass Awards Night

In March Darren attended the Yass Valley Business Chamber Business Awards at Shaw Estate.

We were proud sponsors of the Community Choice Award for Best Community Event. All finalist were so well deserving however Sutton Village Country Markets went home as the award winners.

Funding approvals since July 2024

Rotary Club of Boorowa Off the Grid 2024

Gentle Exercise Program

Binalong Twilight Festival

Boorowa Hostel Vehicle

Boorowa Irish Woolfest

Binalong NSW Golf 2025 World Sand Greens Championships

Yass Bowling Tournament

Boorowa Business Chamber Christmas Concert

Yass Valley Business Awards 2025

Hilltops Off The Beaten Track

Boorowa Quick Shear

Yass Golf Club

Boorowa Show

Boorowa Central School P&C

Boorowa Junior Rugby League

St Joseph's School Boorowa School Fete 2025

Open Day at Historic Graham Public School

Boorowa Community Christmas Concert 2025

Boorowa Picnic Races 2025

Boorowa Rugby Union

Boorowa Central P&C 155 years

World Scleroderma Day

Boorowa Wildcare

Yass Music Club

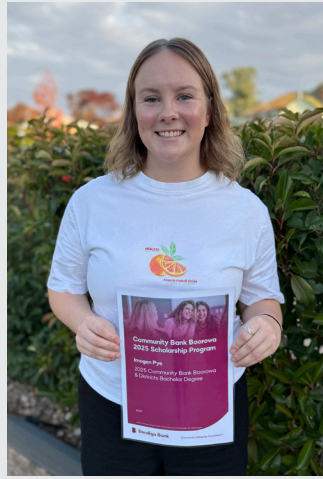
Yass Valley Triathlon Club

Total (including grants) \$206,202



Grant applications are expected to open August 2025

If you would like to apply for sponsorship funding, please contact Tammy Frame tammy.frame@bendigoadelaide.com.au or call her on 0457 054 684



2025 Scholarship Recipients

We are proud to celebrate our fifth year of supporting local students through the Community Bank Boorowa Scholarship Program.

In March, we awarded four outstanding recipients with \$5,000 each to assist with their study expenses:

Ella Cross – Bachelor of Development Studies and Global Indigenous Studies, University of Newcastle

Imogen Pye – Bachelor of Secondary Education (PDHPE), University of Wollongong

Liam Barlow – Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science, University of Canberra

Lily Cassells – Bachelor of Nursing, University of Canberra

Congratulations to all our 2025 recipients — we are excited to follow your journeys!

Looking ahead, the Community Bank Boorowa Scholarship program will be open to eligible first year tertiary students and first, second or third-year TAFE students. TAFE students who have applied unsuccessfully in the past are welcome to reapply. Our updated guidelines are designed to better support all aspiring students in our community.

Board of Directors

Belinda Reid – Chairperson

Thomas Corcoran – Deputy Chairperson

Sue-Ann Corcoran – Treasurer

Michelle Fahey – Company Secretary

Tim McGrath – Director

Phillip Gorham – Director

Melanie Whitechurch – Director

Anne Johnson – Director

Boorowa Community Financial Services Limited is a franchisee of Bendigo Bank and operates the locally owned Community Bank Boorowa.

Expressions of interest are now being accepted for the voluntary position of Director – an exciting opportunity for a like minded person with a connection to the region to join the board to have a real say in the future direction of the branch and community.

Please contact any of the above directors or email Chair Belinda Reid on belinda@bcfcs.com.au we would love to hear from you!

Annual General Meeting

Join us for our Annual General Meeting and Grants Night on Thursday, 6 November 2025 at 6:30pm.

The meeting will be held at the Boorowa Ex Services Club. We look forward to your attendance and participation.

Get in touch with us today about your banking needs

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Community Bank Boorowa Team

Darren Manton – Acting Branch Manager

Jess Abnett – Home Lending Specialist

Julie Dunn – Customer Relationship Officer

Sam Pye – Customer Service Officer

Natalie Prosper – Customer Service Officer

Tammy Frame – Community Engagement Advisor

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