

Autumn
2020

Newsletter

Community Bank · Bunyip & District

Chairperson's update

The Autumn season usually brings lots of opportunities to enjoy some of the best weather around, but how things have changed in only a few short weeks, with the impact of COVID-19.

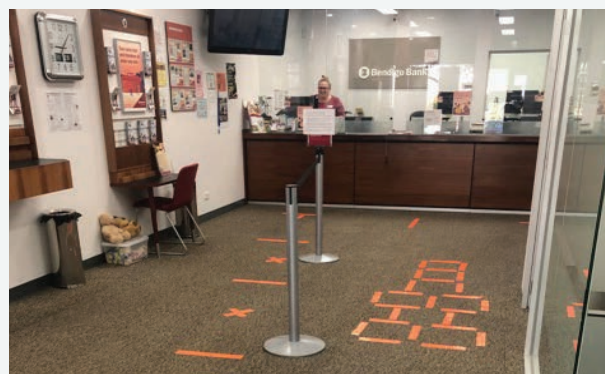
Even with social distancing and requests to stay home, Australians have made a great effort to date and hopefully, we will see our communities once again free to go about our normal activities with family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues. That being said, we are still more fortunate than many other countries.

With the current limitations, many of us have increased our communications via phone calls and even embraced video conferencing.

The Bunyip & District Community Enterprises Ltd Board, Marketing and Branch Manager meetings have moved to video conferencing meetings since early March. Even at home we are staying connected with our friends via Skype Video calls, catching up on the latest and the impact of COVID-19 on their families and communities.

But we do have a number of community members who live by themselves, so in these times of isolation, we need to make an effort and check how they are going. A phone call, a wave across the fence or even an email. There are so many options to keep our community members connected.

From a Community Bank perspective, our staff have adjusted to the social distancing requirements and running a very regular branch cleaning program to support the safety of our staff and customers. Our opening hours are weekdays from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm.



When visiting us, please comply with the customer spacing floor markings, the maximum number of customers allowed in the branch at any one time and as you leave the branch, have a little fun, and try out the 'hopscotch'.

The alternative to visiting us is to talk with our friendly staff, by giving them a call on 5629 6091 and discuss your particular needs. You can also seek clarification on the recent government initiatives, like JobSeeker, JobKeeper, Business Loans, and related information from various websites.

In the weeks ahead, our staff will be reaching out and making contact with shareholders, customers, local businesses, sole traders and farmers, to check 'R U OK?' and get an understanding of the impact of COVID-19 to discuss related support.

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited and your very own Bunyip & District Community Enterprises Ltd are here for you and here to help and support members of our community.

In closing, please look out for each other and stay safe.

Barry Crees
Chair

Director profile



Name: Chris Kelly

Position: Volunteer Director

Lives: Garfield from 2006-2010 then Bunyip from 2010.

Family: Married to Russ Pendlebury. I share Russ' three grown up children and three-and-a-half grandchildren. We also have two furbabies, Maisy and Trixie.

Professional background: I have a long history in cost accounting and management accounting. I am currently doing some bookkeeping in between my many volunteer duties.

Recent holidays: Our last holiday was with a busload of my family around Ireland. You don't want to get in the way of 33 Kellys and in-laws! My husband, Russ and I then went on to explore Croatia, Eastern Europe and the Baltic states. Our next adventure will be South America – home of the alpacas. As alpaca breeders, we are looking forward to that.

Memorable recent experience: The Bunyip Complex Fires was a very recent memorable experience – one that I hope we won't see again. However, it has been remarkable to see how our community has rallied around those affected and has worked together to do whatever we could to help our neighbours and friends in need.

In five words or less what do you love about Bunyip & District Community Bank: Being there for the community.

Tell us a bit about your journey as a Board member: I joined the Board as a volunteer about six months after the Community Bank opened in Bunyip in 2007. I have been involved in the Marketing, Human Resources and Financial sub committees over that time. The Marketing sub committee receives requests for sponsorship and help from the local groups in our community – from Nar Nar Goon to Bunyip, across the highway and out on the swamp. It is the most 'hands on' committee but it's where you interact the most with the community.

I have been to many community events over the years and I am still astounded by the people who think I work for the bank. All of our Board members are volunteers. We help to run the company that holds the franchise for the Bendigo Bank. We are not involved with any of the banking. We leave that side of things to Bunyip & District Community Bank staff.

Our main job is to oversee the financial position of the company by introducing new business to our bank staff to increase our income, reducing costs wherever possible and to help distribute the profit to the community.

What's the most rewarding thing about your role: Meeting people and watching our community prosper and develop. What we have in the Railway Towns and districts is unique and we don't want to lose that. I'm a great advocate for supporting our local businesses. It helps us all if we keep money circulating in our community. With the Bunyip & District Community Bank, our share of the profit goes back into the community as grants, sponsorships and dividends. It's a win-win for all.

What's your favourite memory or achievement within the organisation this year: Sorting through all the grant applications and then watching the successful groups receive their grant funding at our AGM. I have done it 12 times and I never tire of it. I love to see how the money makes a difference to our local groups. It makes me feel that my efforts as a volunteer are all worthwhile.

2020 scholarship recipient

We were delighted to award this year's Bunyip & District Community Enterprises Scholarship to Teagan Taylor from Iona.

Teagan aspires to complete a Bachelor Degree in Paramedicine at Australian Catholic University, and then pursue a career in medicine. Her ultimate ambition is to become an Emergency Department doctor or a brain surgeon.

The scholarship committee was impressed by Teagan's drive and ambition and we look forward to keeping in touch with Teagan and hearing about her studies and how our scholarship has assisted her.

Sponsorship recipients

Our sponsorship recipients for the period between March 2020 - April 2020 were:

- Rotary Club of Bunyip-Garfield – Annual Charity Golf Day
- Garfield Golf Club – Top Gun Event
- Garfield Bowling Club – President's Day
- Columba Catholic Primary School – Fete



Tonimbuk Hall receives a defibrillator

Bunyip & District Community Enterprises™ was involved in great initiative 'Defib for Life' held at Tonimbuk Hall back in February, as we donated the Defibrillator to the Hall. It was a great event, at which 'Defib for Life' conducted a Defib training session after a Bushfire Recovery Dinner with approximately 40 people in attendance.



Magic Moments cancelled

It is with a heavy heart that we announce that the Magic Moments 2020 Youth Leadership & Business Summit will not be held this year, due to COVID-19.

There were many options considered including postponing the event, however, with the amount of uncertainty around when bans on large gatherings will be lifted, and restrictions on global travel, which is paramount to the event being held, there was no choice but to cancel the event this year.

The good news is that the speakers and accommodations for July 2021 have been locked in, and Bunyip & District Community Enterprises™ hopes to be able to sponsor two local students to attend this event.

Our thanks go to those who applied for this year's event. Your applications will be held over to next year and we will be in touch with you again towards the end of the year with further details.

Get your local business directory

Want to know what businesses are still trading? Grab a copy of our Local Business Directory – we're here for you and so are many of our local businesses. Whilst it's been a challenging time for us all recently, many businesses have continued to trade throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, often adapting their services to comply with the social distancing restrictions that are in place.

The Local Business Directory contains details for many of our local businesses and is handy to keep if you're looking to buy a gift, need a local tradesman or fancy a takeaway dinner or coffee. You can find a copy on our Facebook page or at the following locations Bunyip Post Office, Bunyip Pharmacy, Bunyip IGA, Garfield Post Office, Brewsters Foodstore & Café, Garfield Country Style Meats Butcher & Smokehouse, Tynong Post Office, NNG Post Office and Maryknoll Post Office.

Support our community and shop local! If you're a local business and wish to be included in the next edition, free of charge, please contact Nicole on 0439 103 953.

Supporting our community

We admire the resilience and humour our community always displays at difficult times such as these and we love participating in the fun initiatives and ideas that you're sharing, such as the Teddy Bear Hunt and obstacle courses on the ground drawn in chalk.

Have you found our Community Bank bears yet? They've returned to homeschooling now too and are practicing reading. We love being part of this beautiful community, so please continue to share your ideas with us.



Saturday trading hours have changed.

Bunyip and District Community Bank have decided to not open on Saturday mornings for the foreseeable outlook from the start of June, 2020.

BBQ for Bunyip Community Market

It's great to see some of our 2019 Grant recipients implementing their initiatives, including the Bunyip Community Market securing a brand new BBQ – for which they received a grant of \$1,299 as part of our 2019 Grants Program.

Help us achieve our goals

Do you have a passion to give back to your community? Do you have experience in business strategy, marketing, social media or business development? You may want to consider becoming a Director of our Community Bank. If this interests you, please e-mail communityinvestment.bunyipcb@gmail.com for further information.

Talk to us today

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We're open:

9.30am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday

Directors

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