

Winter  
2020

# Newsletter

Community Bank · Bunyip & District

## Chairperson's update

The winter weather is truly with us. We have passed the shortest day, with the outlook for longer days in the coming months.

However, as we reflect on the first six months of 2020, who would have thought that we would have been impacted by a global pandemic – COVID-19. Our daily lives have been changed in many ways – social distancing, testing for COVID-19, a simple and long-standing handshake replaced with an elbow touch, connecting with family and friends via video conferencing, using terms like JobKeeper and Job Seeker and the list of changes goes on. Although we have had many things impact our daily routines, the daily updates from overseas demonstrate how bad and difficult the virus is and the effect on other countries around the globe.

Reflecting, our society is operating differently, but due to the outstanding effort by many in containing COVID-19, we are generally in a more positive space. Yes, we have to be careful for some time yet, but we are learning to adjust and engage in a 'new' normal.

As a Community Bank operating in these challenging times, we have developed a Business Directory to help support and advertise local businesses that are continuing to operate. Our first edition in May was

greeted with lots of enthusiasm, with many more businesses being added to the second edition, which was issued in July.

Supporting our local businesses in these difficult times will be greatly appreciated.

Our Community Bank Bunyip & District remains open, Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 5.00pm. If you are visiting us please use the hand sanitiser on entry and maintain social distancing. Our staff will be happy to attend to your banking needs during the pandemic.

The alternative to visiting the bank is to talk with our friendly staff. Give them a call on 5629 6091 and discuss your particular needs.

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

Please look after each other, your family and friends. Make the effort to ask 'R U OK', a very simple question, but one that can help so much.

In closing, take care and stay safe.

**Barry Crees**  
Chair

# Victorian Bushfire Appeal to provide more than \$10 million in housing assistance

Bendigo Bank, in partnership with the Victorian Government, has announced up to \$10.1 million in housing assistance relief payments (raised through the 2020 Victorian Bushfire Appeal) is being distributed to more than 400 Victorian households destroyed or severely damaged by the 2020 summer's devastating bushfires.

The COVID-19 pandemic has further complicated an already challenging recovery process for bushfire affected communities across south eastern Australia, many of whom face uncertain futures.

With strict social distancing measures also now in place across Victoria to combat the spread of COVID-19, replacing lost items to assist with distancing requirements and securing a safe place to live has seldom been more important.

Windermere Child and Family Services – an independent community service organisation – will coordinate and distribute housing assistance relief payments of \$25,000 to 405 Victorian households on behalf of the Appeal. These funds will be used to alleviate the costs associated with securing accommodation and replacing household and personal items lost to the bushfires.

Dr Lynette Buoy, CEO, Windermere Child and Family Services, said the provision of funds from the Victorian Bushfire Appeal will provide much needed relief to affected households across Victoria and reduce instances of financial hardship.

"We sincerely thank all Victorians who donated so generously to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal over the last number of months. Without this additional financial support, hundreds of Victorian households would be facing a very uncertain time.

"Our purpose as an organisation is to make a practical difference in the lives of individuals, families and communities. Over the next number of months, we will be working closely with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Premier and Cabinet to ensure these funds help those deeply affected by the fires," Dr Buoy said.

Alexandra Gartmann, Executive Corporate Affairs, Bendigo Bank, said Appeal funds donated by generous Australians will continue to be disbursed to those most in need – especially those that fall outside of government support or private insurance – so as to ensure their medium to long term requirements can be met and supported.

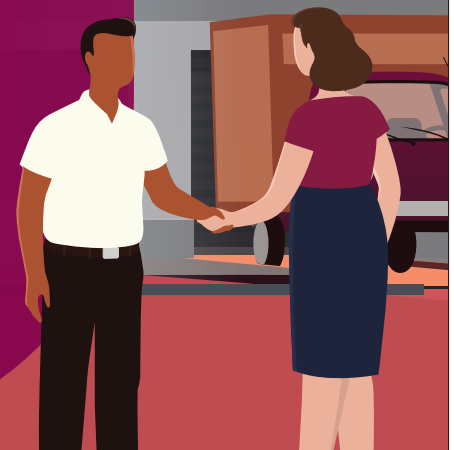
"With the COVID-19 pandemic dominating the national agenda, many have forgotten that just three months ago bushfires were ravaging the nation, destroying livelihoods and wreaking havoc on the lives of our fellow Australians," Ms Gartmann said.

"These bushfire-affected communities are also now facing the compounding impact of COVID-19, so it's more important than ever that we all stand alongside them for the long term

## Business banking made personal

Find out more. Call Nicole Morris on 5629 6091 or search Bendigo Bank Business Banking.

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## ◀ Victorian Bushfire Appeal to provide more than \$10 million in housing assistance (continued)

– something we have done with local communities for more than 160 years.

“In the same way we have worked to support those impacted by COVID-19, fierce floods and debilitating droughts, we will continue to assist and back the areas devastated by bushfires as they strive to advance their economic and emotional recovery.”

To date the Victorian Bushfire Appeal (conducted by Bendigo Bank’s charitable arm, Community Enterprise Foundation™, in partnership with the Victorian Government)

has raised more than \$33 million for fire impacted communities in Victoria.

Funds have already been distributed to a range of organisations that are working with local communities in their recovery, including; The Salvation Army, the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund, BlazeAid, Windermere Child and Family Services, The Man From Snowy River Festival, Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency Co-Op, Moogji Aboriginal Council East Gippsland Inc and Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-Op.

## Have you seen our Local Business Directory? It’s free and it’s local ...

Are you looking for a service and wanting to support a local business? Are you wondering what services exist in our community? The Community Bank Bunyip & District is collecting details of local businesses so you can support local too.

With COVID-19 impacting all businesses across Victoria, we were extremely conscious of our local community and the businesses that exist here and the impact on them. The Community Bank Bunyip & District and volunteer Board of Directors decided that a great way we could assist in spreading the word and supporting our community would be by creating a Local Business Directory.

We set to work on contacting as many businesses as we could in order to let our community know about them. From there the first edition was created. We printed it in branch and placed it in distribution points where we knew an ‘Essential Service’ existed so as many local community members as possible could get their hands on the information.

While Facebook is the place that a lot of local businesses promote their services, a lot of members of our community aren’t necessarily using Facebook but are still looking to be kept informed of the services on offer in our community. Our aim is to make the Local Business Directory a one stop shop for that information.

Our community has responded with vigour and with the recent release of our second edition we have almost doubled the number of local businesses listed. We know that this still isn’t all the businesses that exist within our community and we want to hear from you so we can include

you as well. Remember the listing is free and if you live or operate locally, we want to include you.

Our Community Corner will be a new addition to our October listing. It will be the section where we share all our local community groups’ contact details to assist you if you’re looking for a way to get involved with a group.

Copies of the Local Business Directory are available from the following locations:

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Community Bank Bunyip & District

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Bunyip Post Office

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IGA Bunyip

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Garfield Post Office

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Tynong Post Office

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Nar Nar Goon Post Office

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Maryknoll Post Office

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Alternatively, you can ask at your local café as they have small quantities available also. We will also be posting the Local Business Directory online on our Facebook page or if you would like to receive a copy electronically why not email Nicole Morris and have your email address added to our distribution list.

To be included in our next quarterly edition, please contact Nicole Morris at our branch either on 0413 103 953 or [Nicole.morris@bendigoadelaide.com.au](mailto:Nicole.morris@bendigoadelaide.com.au). Your details need to be received by close of business Friday 18 September to make it into our October listing.

## Get social ‘Like Us’

Make sure you ‘Like Us’ on Facebook to keep up-to-date with the latest news and events of the Community Bank Bunyip & District.

## Shareholder update

Would prefer to receive communication via email? If you are a Bunyip & District Community Enterprises Limited shareholder get in touch with the branch today about updating your details.

# Are you passionate about your community and looking for an opportunity to use your skills to help grow a local business? If so, this could be the role for you

Bunyip & District Community Enterprises Limited is a franchisee of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited and operates the Community Bank Bunyip & District.

In partnership with Australia's fifth biggest retail bank, we're committed to supporting and returning profits to our local communities. Operating since 2007 and covering a catchment area of postcodes 3812 to 3815, we have invested over \$550,000 into our local community through community investment programs and initiatives.

The more our branch grows the more good we can do in our community and we are now looking for additional Directors with enthusiasm and drive, along with the appropriate skills and time, to complement our current Board.

If you're a proactive person with a passion to help our community, have a background in community leadership and networking, or skills in finance, marketing and advertising or business planning, and believe you have what it takes to be a Community Bank Board member, we would love to hear from you.



By sharing your time and expertise, and becoming a Director, you will have the opportunity to be a key player in running a local business and help shape our community, at the same time enhancing your own professional and personal development and learning.

This is a volunteer position. Support and training is provided for all new Directors.

For an application form please email [bunyipcb@gmail.com](mailto:bunyipcb@gmail.com) or contact Barry Crees on 0400 204 393 for more information or an informal chat.

## Talk to us today

### Community Bank

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[bendigobank.com.au/bunyip](http://bendigobank.com.au/bunyip)

 /BunyipDistrictCommunityBankBranch

### We're open:

9.30am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday

### Directors

Barry Crees (Chairman), Jim Fitzpatrick (Treasurer/ Co. Secretary), Vanessa Kent, Leanne James, Shae Ford, Neil Matthews, Chris Kelly, Stephen Green and Chris Rieniets

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## Scholarship Program Recipient 2017/18

It's so pleasing to hear from our previous scholarship recipients and how they are traveling. We recently heard from Alanah Murphy - our 2017/18 Scholarship recipient.

"Hi, It's Alanah Murphy... I am currently in my fourth and final year in the Bachelor of Nursing/ Bachelor of Midwifery (Honours). I have finished my last two exams ever!

I currently only have one semester of uni left and one more nursing and one more midwifery placement until I am fully qualified.

I thought I would let you know that I am currently applying for Graduate years. I am planning on applying to local hospitals with the aim of paying back and helping local community members thanks to the help that your scholarships provided me with.

So thank you once again! I wouldn't be where I am now without Community Bank Bunyip & District's help!"

**Alanah Murphy**