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Newsletter

Community Bank · Calliope and Gladstone

A magical new rainforest for Tannum Kindy

Over the recent June-July school holidays, Tannum Sands Kindergarten was transformed into a place of pure magic, thanks to a \$30,000 investment from Bendigo Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone. Our contribution helped fund a major upgrade to the Kindy's beloved rainforest area – creating a space the children couldn't wait to explore when they returned.



The new area features a sparkling waterfall cascading over a rock riverbed, complete with fairy doors tucked away for little adventurers to discover. There are diggers for unearthing rocks, a winding sensory pathway, and a charming timber bridge perfect for imaginative play.

To top it off, a misting system in the trees now brings a refreshing rainforest feel in summer – making the space both fun and practical.

Without this funding, this dream project simply wouldn't have been possible. We're proud to have helped create such a magical environment where the children can play, learn, and let their imaginations roam free for years to come.

Community investment in action: supporting local cricket

We're proud to support grassroots sport in our region, and our recent partnership with Gladstone Brothers Cricket Club is a great example of how our Community Investment Program is making a real difference.

Board Chair Rick Hansen visited the club to see their brand-new marquees in action (pictured above) – funded through a grant provided by our Community Bank. He was joined by club president Marty Gott, and both were excited about the positive impact these marquees will have for players and spectators alike.

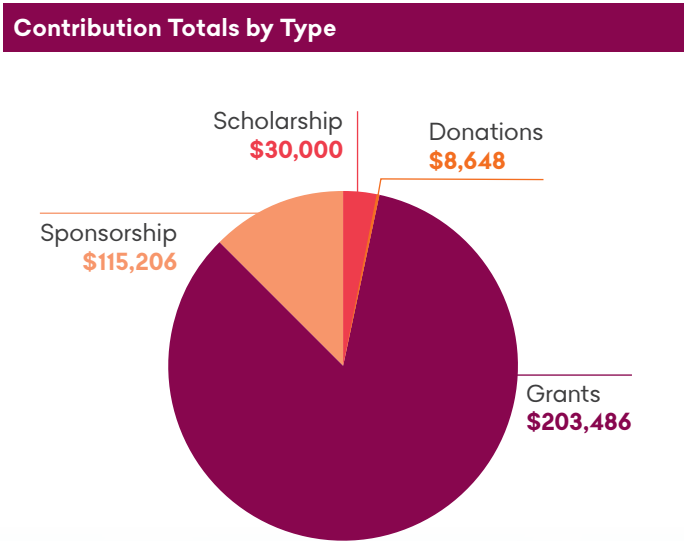
The marquees will provide much-needed shade and shelter during matches and events, improving the experience for everyone involved.

It's always a pleasure to see how local funding supports local needs. We look forward to seeing the club thrive under their new marquees!

Financial year 2024/25

Calliope & District Enterprises Limited

Contribution Totals by Sector	
Sports & Recreation	\$27,746
Health & Wellbeing	\$0
Environment & Animal Welfare	\$500
Emergency Services & Support	\$523
Education & Research	\$35,000
Community Facilities & Infrastructure	\$201,840
Arts, Culture & Heritage	\$91,731
Total	\$357,340



National Contribution

FY24	\$40,457,751
Projects funded	8,021
Reinvested back into local communities	\$360 million



**WE'RE
LOOKING FOR
NEW BOARD
MEMBERS!**

Join our Board – make a real difference locally

Do you have a passion for community? We're currently looking for new volunteer Board members to help guide the future of Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone.

Being part of the Board means contributing to decisions that directly impact our region – through sponsorships, grants, and meaningful support for local projects. It's a rewarding role where your voice and experience can help shape positive outcomes for years to come.

If you're community-minded and looking to make a real impact, we'd love to hear from you.

Email our Board Chair, Rick Hanson: admin@cde1.com.au with a cover letter telling us what you can bring to our Board.

2025/26 Scholarships and support

Investing in Futures: \$35,000 in Scholarships and Bursaries Awarded for 2025/26 plus \$15,000 for 2nd Year Payments (2024 intake).

Education opens doors – and we're proud to have provided \$50,000 in university scholarships and bursaries in 2025 to support local students as they chase their dreams.

Scholarship Recipients

Alyse Wood

Isaiah Watts

Matt Torres

Stevie Chant

Stephanie McCabe

Bursary Recipients

Sahana Paymon

Isabel Watt

These scholarships and bursaries are more than just financial support. They're about creating pathways, opening possibilities, and keeping talent connected to our region. We believe in backing young people who are passionate, driven, and ready to make a difference – locally and beyond.

Applications for our 2026 scholarship program will open later this year, keep an eye on our Facebook page.



Scholarship recipient Stevie Chant



Looking ahead: Community Investment Program now open

The second round of our Community Investment Program is now open, and we're calling on local clubs, schools, community groups and not-for-profits to get involved. This will be the last round for 2025.

If your organisation is working on a project that supports our region, we want to hear from you! This is your chance to access funding that helps make great ideas happen – whether it's equipment, events, upgrades, or something completely new.

But hurry applications close 30 August!

Out and about



Our team loved supporting Ray White Gladstone's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, donating raffle prizes and joining the community in raising \$2,714 for the Cancer Council.



Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone was proud to support the 2024 Ride for Lives Motorcycle run which supports mental health and suicide prevention – Andrew Davis (Director) pictured.



Board Director Andrew Davis at the IOM Worlds Opening Ceremony

Celebrating the opening of the Gladstone Men's Shed

Last year, the Gladstone Men's Shed celebrated the grand opening of their brand-new facility, a milestone we were proud to contribute towards through a \$100,000 grant.

The new shed quickly became a welcoming space where members could work on projects, share skills, and enjoy the camaraderie and support that the Men's Shed movement is known for.

Board Chair Rick Hanson had the honour of delivering a heartfelt speech to officially open the shed, with many community members attending to join in the celebrations and see the space in action.



A new playground for Birralee Kindergarten

Late last year, members of our Board and team visited Birralee Kindergarten to see firsthand the newly completed playground, proudly funded through our 2024 Community Investment Program.

The visit gave us a chance to see how the space was being enjoyed by the children – and it's safe to say the playground has become a



much-loved part of their day! Designed to be safe, fun, and engaging, the new equipment has provided endless opportunities for play, learning, and exploration.

We're proud to have supported this project and to see the lasting impact it's having on local families. Community-focused initiatives like this are made possible thanks to the ongoing support of our customers – so thank you for banking local.

Spreading Christmas cheer at the 2024 Calliope Christmas Carols

The magic of Christmas came alive in Calliope last December as the community gathered for the much-loved 2024 Calliope Christmas Carols. The evening was filled with festive music, dazzling performances, and plenty of holiday cheer for families and friends to enjoy.

We were proud to support this wonderful event, helping to bring the community together to celebrate the season. From the classic carols sung under the stars to the children's laughter echoing through the crowd, it was a true showcase of the warmth and spirit that makes Calliope so special.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the organisers and volunteers who made the night possible, as well as to everyone who came along to share in the celebration. Events like these are a perfect reminder of the joy and connection that happen when our community comes together.



Backing Local Business: GCCI Networking Event



Connecting our local business community is key to economic growth – and the Gladstone Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GCCCI) Networking Event was the perfect platform to do just that. Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone proudly hosted the March event at our Gladstone branch, helping local leaders, entrepreneurs and business owners build new relationships and share ideas that drive our region forward.

It was also an opportunity for our team to showcase Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone, highlighting the important role we play in supporting local initiatives, providing personalised banking services, and giving back to the community through our grants, sponsorships, and partnerships.

Scam awareness sessions empower locals

Over the past few months, we've partnered with local community groups to deliver important Scam Awareness sessions. These events equipped locals with practical tools to spot scams, stay protected, and keep their hard-earned money safe. With fraud and online scams on the rise, it's more important than ever to be scam-savvy – and we're committed to helping our community stay informed. More events will be happening over the next six months, keep an eye on our Facebook page for all the details.



Supporting local traditions at the 2025 Graymont Calliope Gold Goblet Campdraft

What a weekend it was at the 2025 Graymont Calliope Gold Goblet Campdraft!

We were once again proud to support this much-loved community event through our sponsorship, which helps cover the essential costs of safely transporting cattle to the grounds. This vital support ensures riders can compete in a well-run, safe environment and continue doing what they love.

The weekend was a celebration of skill, teamwork, and community spirit. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the hardworking event committee, dedicated volunteers, and talented competitors who made the event such a success.



Jumping Into Championships

The Gladstone Calliope Equestrian Group/CQ Dressage had a fantastic weekend hosting their recent championships, with riders showcasing incredible skill and sportsmanship in the arena.

In the lead-up to the event, we were proud to support the group with funding for a brand-new sponsored show jump set. The jumps were completed just in time for the championships and looked absolutely fantastic as competitors took to the course.

It was wonderful to see our contribution in action and to be part of such a successful and fun-filled event. Congratulations to all competitors, organisers, and supporters on a brilliant weekend of equestrian sport.



Celebrating community at the Mt Larcom Show

The Mt Larcom Show once again brought the community together for a memorable weekend of fun, tradition, and local pride.

From showcasing agricultural displays to exciting competitions and family-friendly entertainment, the show is a highlight of the local calendar. Our sponsorship helped support various aspects of the event, including the woodchopping and poultry sections.

We'd like to extend a big thank you to the hardworking organisers and volunteers who make the Mt Larcom Show possible each year. It's events like this that remind us how strong and vibrant our community truly is.



Meals on Wheels expansion grand opening



At the end of last year The Boyne Tannum Meals on Wheels team celebrated the grand opening of their expanded kitchen area – made possible through a \$100,000 grant from our Community Investment Program.

This purpose-built space offers so much more than just a place to prepare meals. It's a welcoming hub where volunteers can gather, share stories, and build lasting connections. The new area also provides a versatile venue for meetings, training sessions, and community group activities – creating even more opportunities for locals to come together.

We are proud to support Meals on Wheels in their mission to deliver care, connection, and nourishment to our community. We look forward to seeing this new facility in action as they continue their incredible work for years to come.



Kicking goals with Calliope Football Club

Supporting the growth and development of junior sport is a key focus of our community investment, and our recent partnership with Calliope Football Club is a fantastic example.

Through our Community Investment Program, we helped deliver brand new junior and MiniRoo goals for the club. These much-needed upgrades are already making a real difference on the field, giving young players the proper equipment to train, play, and enjoy the game.

We're thrilled to be part of supporting the next generation of local footballers. Here's to more goals, more smiles, and plenty of game day magic at Calliope FC!



Celebrating community spirit at the 2025 Gladstone Harbour Festival

Earlier this year, we were proud to support one of our region's most iconic events – the 2025 Yaralla Gladstone Harbour Festival.

As a sponsor of the Festival Finale, we helped bring the community together for an unforgettable night of live music, delicious food, vibrant entertainment, and a spectacular fireworks display. Headlined by the Baker Boys and featuring local favourites The Easy Tigers, the evening was a true celebration of local talent and festive spirit.

We're proud to back events like the Harbour Festival that bring our community together and showcase everything that makes our region special.



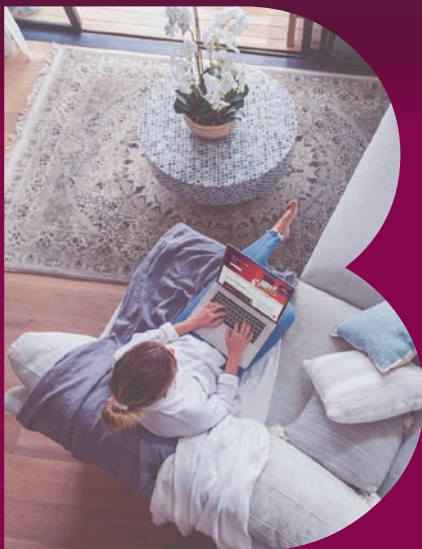
Helping more locals into their dream home

It's been a busy six months for our Home Loan team, with locals continuing to turn to us for personal service and expert guidance. Whether it's first homes, refinancing, or investment properties, our local Home Loan Specialists are ready to help make it happen. When you choose Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone, you're choosing local knowledge, trusted advice, and a bank that gives back.

Welcome to the Team, Alex!

We're excited to welcome Alex Rogers to the team at our Calliope branch as our newest Customer Service Officer.

Alex brings great energy and a passion for helping people, and we're thrilled to have him on board as part of our growing team. Be sure to say hello next time you're in the branch!



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The excitement was high earlier this year as thousands gathered for the 30th annual Boyne Tannum HookUp – a highlight on the local calendar celebrating fishing, family, and community spirit.

As a proud sponsor of the event, Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone helped light up the skies on Sunday night with a spectacular fireworks display at Bray Park. It was a fitting way to wrap up an incredible weekend and celebrate three decades of what has become Australia's largest family fishing competition.

The event not only showcased our region's love for fishing but also highlighted the strong community spirit that makes the Boyne Tannum HookUp so special.

Here's to many more years of fishing, fun, and community connection!

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