

# Newsletter



Community Bank · Carrum Downs & Marriott Waters



## Message from the board

Hello and welcome to our Christmas newsletter. Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. Let's pray

and hope that 2022 brings better times throughout the world in relation to COVID.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of our staff at both branches. Over the last two years they have worked at times in very trying and difficult circumstances. We have done well to remain open with modifications to how we do things.

I would like to also acknowledge the work of your board. We have adapted to using technology to conduct our meetings, but we very much look forward to coming back together and having face to face meetings in 2022.

Sadly, long standing board member Jason Pater has resigned and will not be continuing as a director. Jason was on the steering committee to establish the Community Bank back in 1999 and has been a director for 22 years. Jason and his family are relocating to Queensland and we wish them well. While he has resigned as a director, I am pleased to say that the board will continue to contract his services and engage him from time to time as a consultant.

In the last 12 months we have farewelled a couple of long-term staff members in Anne Johnston after more than 16 years and Barbara Owen will be retiring shortly after more than 8 years. I would like to thank them for their dedicated service and wish them both good health and a long retirement.

During 2021 we continued to be a strong presence and our business continued to grow. The most pleasing aspect was that during the year we reached \$4 million in donations to our community. Our donations have been to a broad sector of the community, from sport to our youth to our seniors. We've had a huge impact thanks to our local customers.

The demand for donations/sponsorship over the last two years has not been as strong as it has been in previous years – this is most likely due to COVID with many of our community groups not being able to function.

Where to for your board in 2022? In the next 12 months the board will be seeking to add additional members. As we return to 'normal' we would expect a greater demand from our community members as they restart their operations and require new equipment and funding. We have been there for them in the past and we will be there for them again in the future.

In closing, thank you for your support of community banking. As you can see, banking with a Community Bank does make a difference, and we look forward to continuing to make that difference.

**Malcolm Wells**  
Chairman



## Toiletries and hygiene products donated

Donation Chain is a local not for profit organisation that helps homeless people meet their basic hygiene needs by supplying personal hygiene packs.

Items are donated by members of the community (our Carrum Downs branch was a recent drop off point), then sorted and packed by the volunteers from Donation Chain. Packs are then delivered to individuals and community organisations for local distribution.

Thanks to everyone who donated toiletries at the in-branch drop off box this year. In addition to the items pictured below, there was a trolley load of summer footwear which will be put to good use.

Thank you to the Donation Chain volunteers for the great work you're doing in our community.

Learn more at [donationchain.org.au](http://donationchain.org.au)



Above: Helena from Donation Chain Inc. with some of the donated items.

## Supporting VICSWIM

VICSWIM has been providing Victorian children with learn to swim programs since 1976. It is an initiative of Aquatics and Recreation Victoria and the Victorian State Government. Bendigo Bank has now signed up as the official partner.

The popular program is run at pools and open water venues across Victoria in January every year. It is low cost and open to children 4–12 years of age.

In 2018–19, 276 Australians, including 56 Victorians, lost their lives in our waterways (the highest toll for ten years). Teaching children from an early age how to swim, float, tread water and other skills helps prevent these tragic fatalities.

In January 2022 the program will run lessons at Pines Forest Aquatic Centre in Frankston North and Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre in Frankston. Bookings can be made on 9271 3800 or online at [vicswim.com.au](http://vicswim.com.au)



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