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\$1.55 million  
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# Clovelly News

Community Bank · Clovelly

## A second car donation!

Our community has done it again!

The donor: A generous local family who follow and support what we are trying to achieve at Community Bank Clovelly to promote kindness and to give to those in need.

The action: Nicola had the great pleasure of finding a worthy recipient of this car through our community networks, enabling the organisational detail of a donation of this size, handing the keys and rego. papers over to the case worker and experiencing first hand the sheer joy of the lovely lady who so deservedly took ownership of the car.

Recipient: A local lady with young children who has just fled a severe domestic violence situation and is now in a place of safety.

From Anne\* "The car will open up so many possibilities for me and my children's future, from finding a job for me, to having more flexibility with where we live. Thank you, thank you, thank you for helping me move forward with my life. I still can't believe someone has done this for us."

## Successful Gift Appeal

Thank you to our wonderful community who gave so generously to our Christmas Giving tree and Re-Gift January donation appeals. You donated a colossal 450 gifts to be distributed by two of our most trusted charity partners: Project Kindness and Caring Kids Charity. Thank you.



Up to 80% of our profits are given to our community via our grant and sponsorship programs. All local NFPs in the Clovelly and surrounding area are eligible and invited to apply for our community funding.

Applications for sponsorships and grants are assessed twice a year by the Board. If your local community group is in need of funding, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact our Community Partnership Manager, Nicola Powell on [nicola.powell@bendigoadelaide.com.au](mailto:nicola.powell@bendigoadelaide.com.au)

## Who do we support?

1. Autism Swim Dippers
2. Bayside Women's Shelter
3. Beaches Outreach Project
4. Caretakers Cottage Inc.
5. Clovelly Crocodiles RLJFC
6. Coogee Dolphins RLJFC
7. Coogee Netball
8. Coogee Seahorses RUJFC
9. Clovelly Surf Lifesaving Club
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11. Fighting Chance (Avenue)
12. Jewish House
13. Keith's Closet
14. Randwick Petersham Cricket Club
15. Randwick Rugby Union FC
16. South Coogee Public School P&C
17. South Maroubra SLSC
18. Technical Aid to the Disabled
19. The Clovelly Eagles RUJFC
20. The Minhi's Netball Club
21. The Purple Hearts
22. Weave Youth and Community Services

## Ongoing support of Autism Swim's Dippers Program

Last year, we were very proud to support the wonderful Autism Swim Dippers programs at Coogee and Bondi.

This year we renewed our support of Dippers allowing for yet another Eastern Suburbs location to be added to the program with the new Bronte Dippers program.



## Promoting Inclusion

Dippers is a modified nippers and surf education program run in collaboration with the volunteers from the local Coogee, Bronte and Bondi Surf Lifesaving Clubs. The program provides vital water skills to those who may otherwise not have the opportunity.

Each participant is supported in a 3:1 capacity and has the opportunity to work towards their individual goals. Whether that's putting their face in the water, riding a board, learning when to go over or under a wave, or for some, the ability to interact socially with others.

Some Dippers spend all year talking about the season ahead. For some, they may not have the verbal skills to communicate this through words, but their smiles say it all.

Everyone has the right to survive and thrive in the water and often those with other abilities are excluded due to the lack of suitable and affordable options and more generally a lack of awareness and training tailored to these children's needs.

Support from Community Bank Clovelly ensures that the Coogee, Bronte and Bondi Dippers programs are entirely free for the children and their families.



## Technical Aids for the Disabled

The Clovelly TAD volunteers were given a financial boost from our annual grants program that allowed them to continue their vital work and deliver unique solutions to people living with disabilities so that they can achieve their goals in life.

This grant allowed a number of bicycles to be specifically adapted to allow local children living with disabilities to ride a bike alongside their families.



## Keith's Closet

We recently awarded a grant to our community partner Keith's Closet to contribute to the cost of setting up a store room for clothing and other item storage, an essential backbone for the charity.

This is a continuation of our ongoing donation drive at the bank collecting good condition, clean and quality clothing to help those in our community suffering poor mental health and women fleeing domestic violence.

Current requested donations for Keith's Closet: New ladies and gent's underwear, socks, PJs and toiletries.



## Supporting Youth Homelessness with The Ted Noff's Foundation

Ted Noff's mission is to create opportunities for marginalised young people through educational, entrepreneurial, social and clinical programs and connect them back to society in an advantageous way.

Our recent grants program, a program enabled through the support of our customers banking, allowed us to assist young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Over the year around 200 young people were helped by this important local service who supported them to gain access to or maintain independent accommodation, provided them with skills to maintain their tenancies and engaged them in education, training and employment.



## Our Grant and Sponsorship Programs

Our grants program is open annually and the sponsorship program is open twice a year:

	Open	Close
<b>Grants and Sponsorships</b>	March 1	31 March
<b>Sponsorships</b>	Sept 1	30 Sept

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## South Maroubra SLSC now powered by sunshine!

We recently co-funded one of the largest new solar power systems in the area (38kW) with significant social, environmental and financial benefits.

Saving the club around \$10,000 annually, this installation enabled the club to reinvest funds into operating and improving community facilities and educational activities for the benefit of volunteers, patrons, members and the wider community.

The environmental impact is also huge saving 40 tonnes of carbon emissions annually, equivalent to taking 14 cars off the road each year.

It also normalises this clean energy solution in the community helping to inspire similar action by neighbouring businesses, residents and clubs.

Club President Paul Fownes, our Community Partnership Manager Nicola Powell and Michael Daley Member for Maroubra celebrate the launch of the new co-funded solar panels installed at the South Maroubra SLSC.



## Talk to us today

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#### We're open:

9:00am - 5:00pm Monday to Friday

9:00am - 12 noon Saturday

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#### Directors

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## Clovelly: Going strong in our 20th year

Our story: In 1999 a group of local Clovelly shopkeepers and residents, fearing the established banks would withdraw services, got together to discuss the provision of banking services in the local area. Once that fear became a reality, the group approached Bendigo Bank about opening a profit-for-purpose Community Bank. If a new bank was needed why not let it be one that benefitted the local community instead of a big corporation. Under the Community Bank model, our branch is owned by local shareholders. Up to 80 per cent of the profits are invested in the local community by way of sponsorships and grants. These local residents and business owners raised sufficient capital and making these investors the now successful founding shareholders of Community Bank Clovelly. Key dates in our history:

- July 2002 Branch opened with a Manager and four staff.
- 2004 1,800 accounts opened.
- 2007 Branch became profitable, commenced its community sponsorship and grants program and paid its first fully franked dividend to local investors.
- 2022 Community Bank Clovelly now manages \$360 million in customer funds and loans!
- Its voluntary Board of ten local Directors provides professional expertise across a wide range of industries and disciplines.



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