

September  
2023

Thanks  
to you

A shared  
return

# Newsletter

Community Bank · Upwey, Belgrave and Cockatoo-Gembrook

## Message from the Chair

Another year has passed and we look forward to meeting the challenges that life and business presents to us. The past year has been a great success with all three of our branches showing positive results.

### Farewell and Welcome

We said goodbye to several staff since our last newsletter and have been fortunate enough to appoint some new people to some key positions within the organisation.

Cheryl Gaston, who commences in late September, replaces Teresa Spruhan as Manager for Upwey and Belgrave sites.

Andrew Gardner will come on board in early October as our Business Development Manager, replacing Mick Spruhan who retired in May.

Both Cheryl and Andrew have a wealth of experience and have both been with Bendigo Bank for many years. We welcome them both to our organisation.

All of our staff, including some new faces are keen to continue providing the great service that our customers expect and deserve.

### 25 Years in Upwey!

October 19, 2023 marks our 25th anniversary and we are excited to celebrate this milestone. We will be holding a celebration on Friday 20 October and shareholders are invited to attend.

We are planning several presentations at the birthday function along with an exciting announcement which will assist our community groups greatly. Please join us if you are able.

## 25th Anniversary

Join us to celebrate 25 years of  
Community Bank Upwey!

**Friday October 20, 2023**

Finger food and drinks

**6PM-8PM**

Upwey-Tecoma Community Recreational and  
Sporting Hub, Chosen Av, Upwey.

**RSVP: [admin@drcbg.com.au](mailto:admin@drcbg.com.au) by 13/10/2023**

## Upwey Branch Mural

Earlier this year we undertook a refresh of our Upwey branch internally. We chose an historic photograph of our Main Street to have on the wall behind the counter. This has started many conversations with locals who remember when Upwey was this way.

We recently had a visit from Marnie Baker, Managing Director and CEO of Bendigo Adelaide Bank, who posed with staff in front of the mural. We think it looks great!



Pictured L to R: Josie, Marnie, Courtnei, Susan and Lisa

## Talk to us today

**Community Bank  
Upwey**

**Community Bank  
Belgrave**

**Community Bank  
Cockatoo-Gembrook**

**Emerald Agency**

**Marysville Agency**

### Directors

Deb Weber, Shane Miller, John Faull, Les Stevenson,  
Walter Berger, Ian Snell

Dandenong Ranges Community Finance Limited  
9754 1200

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## Upwey Tecoma Bowls Club

The Upwey Tecoma Bowls Club were subjected to a fraud incident earlier this year that resulted in a loss of \$118,000. Our Board reached out to the club to assist with a donation of \$10,000.

Club President, Mr Andrew Walters said, "we are delighted to have received this incredible donation from Community Bank Upwey. This contribution will play a crucial role in our efforts to recover the stolen funds. The consistent support from the local Bank over time has been invaluable, and with this kind of support, we can continue to play our role within the local community. I can only emphasize the warnings; it is crucial to be vigilant when transferring funds online. There are many criminals out there prepared to take advantage of us all," Mr Walters said.

Once again, we sincerely thank you for supporting your local Community Bank. Without your support, we couldn't do the great work that we so proudly do within our community.

**Deb Weber  
Chair**

## Share Information and Dividends

Dividend notices will be sent out at the start of December along with our 2024 Calendar.

Share enquiries and contact detail updates should be directed to our Executive Officer, [admin@drdbg.com.au](mailto:admin@drdbg.com.au) or phone 9754 6540.

	As at 30 June 2022	As at 30 June 2023
<b>Deposits</b>	\$372,697,000	\$373,140,000
<b>Loans</b>	\$184,787,000	\$177,621,000
<b>Total portfolio</b>	\$559,646,000	\$550,761,000
<b>Number of accounts</b>	20,018	20,622
<b>Community contributions</b>	\$6 Million	\$6.2 Million

## AGM

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 20 November at 3.00 p.m. at the Rob Hunt Business Centre, 30 Main Street, Upwey. Notification will be sent to all shareholders in October.