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COMMUNITY $2 million INVESTMENT

20 Years and $2 million back into the Fleurieu

Welcome to the latest edition of the Community Bank Fleurieu newsletter.

This edition is a particularly historic one for us, as we celebrate two monumental milestones: 20 years of community banking and $2 million officially reinvested back into communities across the Fleurieu Peninsula.

The story of our community is written by the people who choose to support it, and these achievements are only possible because of you. We want to extend our deepest gratitude to:

- **Our customers and shareholders –** who choose to bank with purpose. Every single customer who banks with us has directly contributed to this $2 million milestone.
- **Our community partners and volunteers –** who dedicate their time to drive vital local initiatives forward.
- **Our directors and staff –** whose unwavering dedication keeps our branches running and our community thriving.

In this edition, you will see exactly how that local investment comes to life, from young drivers learning to stay safe on our roads, to volunteers supporting local families, and the grassroots clubs, festivals, and businesses that bring our towns together.

Thank you for continuing to bank locally. Together, we are building a stronger, more prosperous Fleurieu, and we look forward to writing the next chapter of making good things happen across our region!

Alison Burr
Company Manager









RYDA Program, Fleurieu Peninsula

Keeping our young drivers safe on the Fleurieu

The Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) Program brought Year 10 and 11 students from right across the Fleurieu Peninsula together for two days of essential, hands-on road safety education, made possible with our community investment funding.

Real education for real-world driving

For most of these students, the program lands at the exact moment they are preparing to get their L's and P's. Rather than just reading from a textbook, the students experienced:

- **Real-world physics:** seeing stopping distances measured out live on the road.
- **Honest conversations**: discussing the real causes of crashes, including fatigue and distraction.
- **Practical knowledge:** getting a first-hand look at the safety features of the cars they will soon be driving.

A massive community effort

The Rotary Club of Encounter Bay has been running RYDA on the Fleurieu for several years now, working alongside the Rotary Clubs of Yankalilla, Strathalbyn, Victor Harbor and Goolwa.

Thanks to their dedication, this life-saving program is delivered to every local school completely free of charge. This is only possible because of the passionate volunteers who donate their time, and the local businesses that get behind it.

We are absolutely thrilled to help provide the funding that makes days like this possible.



Students learning about vehicle safety features



Helping those who help others

Emily, our Customer Service Officer, had the absolute pleasure of meeting Victoria, an incredible volunteer of more than five years at the Christian Care & Support Centre Inc., to present a $500 donation towards their vital work.

Located at the Aldinga Beach Community Centre, this amazing team of volunteers has made a massive difference, helping more than 927 adults and 492 children in need during the last financial year alone.

Community Bank Fleurieu's ability to give back is entirely powered by local customers. The more the community banks locally, the more profit is generated to fund the community.

The Centre relies on community support to keep going and is currently accepting donations of non-perishable items. If you can spare a little extra during your next grocery shop, let's come together and support those who support our community. Every little bit helps.

Drop-off location: Aldinga Beach Community Centre, 7 Stewart Avenue, Aldinga Beach.





Partnering for the future: Business Victor Harbor

We are thrilled to share that Community Bank Fleurieu has renewed its Platinum Partnership with Business Victor Harbor (BVH) for the 2026/27 year. As part of this renewed commitment, we are proud to hold naming rights for the Community Bank Fleurieu Future Workforce Awards.

Empowering the next generation

The Future Workforce Awards sit at the heart of BVH's Workforce Brokerage Program, an initiative connecting local schools, employers and training providers to create apprenticeship and traineeship pathways across the Fleurieu.

- **Celebrating local talent:** providing a platform to showcase the outstanding achievements of local apprentices and trainees.
- **Backing local business:** recognising forward-thinking businesses that invest in developing skills within our community.
- **Creating pathways:** linking emerging regional talent directly with sustainable career opportunities.

> "Supporting the Future Workforce Awards allows us to invest directly in the next generation of local talent. As a community bank, we return up to 80% of our profits to the communities we serve, and initiatives like this are exactly why."
>
> **Alison Burr, Company Manager, Community Bank Fleurieu**

> "Together we are excited to celebrate apprentices and trainees across the Fleurieu, connecting local talent with local opportunity and helping our businesses grow the workforce they need."
>
> **Reese Adams, General Manager, Business Victor Harbor**

Celebrating Innovation: The Hills & Coast Business Grant



We were proud to join Regional Development Australia Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island (RDA AHFKI) at their RDA YAY celebration to honour the outstanding recipients of the Hills & Coast Business Grant.

Our support of the Hills & Coast Business Grant helped double the funding pool, allowing $90,000 to be awarded to six local businesses. We are proud to play our part in sustainable regional economic growth across the Fleurieu.



Congratulations to the recipients:

- Cape Calamari
- Melba's Chocolates
- Dent Engineering
- Kangaroo Island Ligurian Bee Company
- Woodside Cheese Wrights
- Little Acre Foods

Celebrating our local sporting champions

At Community Bank Fleurieu, nothing makes us prouder than seeing our community thrive, especially out on the sporting fields and courts across the Fleurieu Peninsula.

As the winter sports season drew to a close, we extended our warmest congratulations to all the incredible players, umpires, coaches and volunteers celebrated at the Great Southern Football League (GSFL) Medal Count and the Great Southern Netball Association (GSNA) Junior and Senior Presentations.

From grassroots junior players to senior players competing for premiership glory, your passion and dedication inspire our entire region. A special shout-out to:

- Hayden Sampson (Myponga-Sellicks Football Club), Winner, GSFL A Grade Best and Fairest
- Klaus Simmons (Mount Compass Football Club), Runner-Up, GSFL A Grade Best and Fairest
- GSNA Junior and Senior award recipients: well done to every netballer recognised for their skill, teamwork, leadership and sportsmanship.
- The volunteers and officials: thank you to the dedicated committee members, scorers, timekeepers, coaches and umpires who make local sport possible week after week.

Through our Community Investment Program, every time our customers choose to bank with us, a portion of the profits goes straight back into supporting local clubs, leagues and grassroots initiatives like the GSFL and GSNA. When you bank locally with Community Bank Fleurieu, you are directly investing in our community's future champions.



Fleurieu Sun 2026 Team of the Year: Maggie Richards, Brooke Jeffs, Lenise Barnwell, Brittany Bugg and Millie Basedow (Yankalilla), Ruby Erbsland and Kirsten Schumacher (Strathalbyn), Coach Sarah Baker (Encounter Bay)



L to R: Klaus Simmons (Mount Compass Football Club), Runner-Up A Grade Best and Fairest, Hayden Sampson (Myponga-Sellicks Football Club), Winner A Grade Best and Fairest, Grant Levy, President, GSFL



GSNA Best and Fairest Sophie Killick (Goolwa) and Joint Runner-Up Kirriley Wagner (Encounter Bay) with Debbie Constable, Director, and Alison Burr, Company Manager. Absent: Joint Runner-Up Annelise Jansen (Mount Compass)



Connecting over coffee with the Aldinga Bay Men's Group

Emily and Alison had the wonderful opportunity to join the Aldinga Bay Men's Group at their weekly meeting to talk all things Community Bank Fleurieu.

We loved the chance to chat with everyone and share what we do. The group even ran a raffle, and while our team sadly missed out on a prize, a big congratulations to Trevor for taking home the win.

Thank you so much to the Aldinga Bay Men's Group for having us. It was a fantastic afternoon connecting with our local community.





Spring has landed on the Fleurieu

The canola is out and the grass is green. These few weeks set up the whole year for our farmers: feed in the ground, crop in flower, calves in the paddock.

Agribusiness isn't a side industry here. From dairy and beef through Myponga and Mount Compass to vines at McLaren Vale and Langhorne Creek, farms employ local people, keep local businesses going and sponsor the local footy team.

That's why our agribusiness team spend their time out on farm, gate open and boots in the dirt, talking through the season with the people living it.



Natalie Stevenson, Local Engagement Officer, Community Bank Fleurieu, on air at Fleurieu FM

Tuning in with Fleurieu FM

If you have your dial turned to Fleurieu FM, you might have heard a very familiar voice. As proud partners of the station, we love using our regular radio slots to highlight the heart of what we do, and our team members frequently jump on air to share our story.

Our Local Engagement Officer, Natalie Stevenson, joined the station to talk about exactly what makes community banking so special, and how choosing to bank locally directly fuels community investment and keeps our towns thriving.



Proud Partner of the 2027 SA Wooden Boat Festival

We are exceptionally proud that Community Bank Fleurieu has joined the iconic 2027 South Australian Wooden Boat Festival as a Major Partner and the Official Festival Poster Partner.

Returning to the historic Goolwa Wharf Precinct on 24–25 April 2027, the festival is one of South Australia's premier regional celebrations of river, maritime and boatbuilding heritage.

As part of our partnership, we presented the official 2027 Poster Art Competition, inviting local artists, designers, photographers and creative minds from across the Fleurieu and South Australia to help shape the festival's visual identity.

The official festival poster is much more than marketing. It is a cherished piece of history and a sought-after keepsake that documents the spirit of the River Murray and our waterways. The winning artist receives a $500 cash prize, with their artwork featured as the centrepiece across all official 2027 festival posters, merchandise and promotional campaigns.

See you at the Goolwa Wharf in April. Find out more at: sawoodenboatfestival.com.au



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Local event highlights

Bold ideas start 'At the Edge'



We were thrilled to be a community supporter of the TEDxVictor Harbor Open Mic Night held at Ekhidna Kitchen & Wines. With the TEDxVictor Harbor theme being 'At the Edge', stepping up to the open mic was exactly the kind of bold, boundary-pushing moment we love to support, as our community came together to share stories and showcase local talent.

Find our more about TEDx Victor Harbor: tedxvictorharbor.com

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Victor Harbor Rock 'n' Roll Festival



We were incredibly proud to be a major supporter of the Victor Harbor Rock 'n' Roll Festival again this year. What a spectacular weekend, as the festival completely took over the foreshore, filling our town with incredible music, classic style and absolute joy.

The esplanade was lined with stunning hot rods for the Show 'n' Shine and the market stalls were bustling. Thousands of visitors flocked to our region, staying in our accommodation, eating at our cafes and shopping in our local stores. It is a perfect example of what we can achieve when we support local initiatives.

A day of music on the Goolwa Wharf



The Australian National Busking Championships Goolwa Heat filled the historic wharf precinct with guitars, keys, harmonica and some seriously impressive voices. From seasoned performers to young talent just starting out, it was wonderful to see so many locals and visitors stopping to listen, cheer and drop a token in the bucket for their favourites.

A huge thank you to the organisers, volunteers and every performer who shared their talent with our community, and best of luck to the finalists heading on to the national stage.

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