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2025

# A busy start to 2025!



## Message from Paul Prior, Chair of the Community Bank Goodwood

Hello, Community Members,  
My name is Paul Prior, and I have the privilege of serving as the Chair of our Community Bank in Goodwood.

My wife and I have called Millswood home for over 30 years, raising our three sons and actively participating in schools and local community projects. It has been an honour to contribute to our vibrant community and now lead the Community Bank as we approach our 20th Birthday celebrations this August.

As this is my first update in our newsletter, I want to share some of the incredible work our team has achieved over the past 12–18 months. Our staff are the heartbeat of the bank—the friendly faces and supportive voices you encounter when visiting the branch or calling for assistance.

Shane Chamings, our Branch Manager, along with his dedicated team, has worked tirelessly to grow the bank into the strong position we hold today. With footings now exceeding \$180 million and continually growing, the team's commitment to excellent customer service and fostering relationships with local businesses and clients is at the heart of our success. They remain focused on exploring new opportunities for growth across deposits, lending, and the suite of services we offer at our branch on Goodwood Road

Meanwhile, your board has been equally committed to building sustainable partnerships with local sporting organisations and the council. Together, we have developed a robust three-year strategic plan, crafted collaboratively by the board and staff. This plan, stretching to 2027, provides a clear direction for achieving financial strength, enhancing leadership, and supporting meaningful community initiatives.

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It's a win-win when you bank with **Community Bank Goodwood**. Your better banking has helped support the clubs, schools, events and organisations at the heart of our local community. Where else can great banking create such a positive impact -

**Over \$500,000 and counting!**

**Who do we support?**

Over **80 projects funded**

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Almost \$300,000 donated to **local sporting organisations and clubs**

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Almost \$85,000 donated to **community organisations**

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Supported our **local schools and learning institutions with over \$20,000 in sponsorship**

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Helping the **community stay mobile** with sponsorship of the Unley Community Car

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Proud **major sponsors of local events** such as Unley Evening Under the Stars, Unley Business Awards, Adelaide Independent Film Festival, Capri Theatre Fundraiser

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## **Community Connections and Exciting Plans for 2025**

Sporting clubs are the backbone of any community, and we are delighted to have fostered long-term relationships with wonderful organisations such as the Goodwood Baseball Club, Millswood Bowling Club, and Cumberland United Soccer Club, to name just a few. These partnerships help keep families, players, and supporters active and engaged in our local community.

We are continually exploring new ways to share funding, and we are excited to announce that more community opportunities will be revealed in the coming months.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to announce an upcoming partnership with an organisation dedicated to empowering the youth in our community by building their confidence and independence. This initiative promises to make a significant and positive impact, and we're certain it will be warmly embraced by all.

### **So, what lies ahead for us in 2025?**

August 2025 marks a monumental milestone for us—our **20th Anniversary!** We have some exciting plans in store to celebrate our journey. These will include bringing together former staff, board members, shareholders, and local businesses that have supported our bank, all to commemorate this outstanding achievement. Stay tuned for details in our next newsletter and on our social media channels, where we'll share the dates, location, and more.

As we continue to grow, we're always on the lookout for new opportunities and ways to "Tell Our Story" to the wider community.

If you'd like to learn more about how our Community Bank operates or how you can be part of our growth and success, we warmly invite you to visit our branch and speak with Shane and his dedicated team.

I am incredibly proud of the ongoing efforts of both our staff and board as we look to the future. The work we do aims to serve you better and ensure the Community Bank remains a cornerstone of Goodwood for many years to come. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to celebrating our 20th Birthday with you all this August.

Warm regards,  
Paul Prior  
Chair, Community Bank Goodwood



Our Community Bank model has been empowering Australian communities for over

26

years (SINCE 1998)

OVER

\$366 million

+ COUNTING—

that's how much has been invested back into local economies from community banking

THE NETWORK IS

308

branches strong run by 1550 directors from 220 Community Bank companies

Today Community Banks have nearly

one million CUSTOMERS

Across the country, Community Banks employ more than  
1660 PEOPLE

Revenue is shared  
50/50

BETWEEN BENDIGO BANK AND THE COMMUNITY

70,000+

local shareholders have shown their faith in the model by investing in their local Community Bank

35

Community Bank companies are now certified social enterprises—



with a bold goal of

80%

CERTIFICATION ACROSS THE NETWORK BY 2028



## Talk to Arif!

**Our Mobile Relationship Manager Arif** has over 13 years experience in finance and lending, and is passionate about helping our clients fulfil their financial goals and live their dreams!

From residential lending to general banking and insurance services, he will happily help you with any enquiry. Have commercial banking enquiries? He'll guide you where to go there too! He's your port of call for all your banking, at a time and place that suits YOU.

Contact Arif by phone: 0411 431 672 or Email: [haj@bendigoadelaide.com.au](mailto:haj@bendigoadelaide.com.au)

## Cumberland UFC

At the start of autumn Shane and several of our committee members attended the Cumberland United Football Club season launch. A fantastic family club day with wins across the board and a great start to the season.

We're proud to sponsor such a great club with a strong focus on a positive community and football experience environment. **Go Foxes!**



# Time for a home loan health check!

With the current cost of living, there's never been a better time to review your home loan.

We'll look at your rate, term, repayments, and equity, giving your loan a full check-up to make sure it's still right for you and your current needs.

Enquire online at [bendigobank.com.au/healthcheck](https://bendigobank.com.au/healthcheck) or visit your nearest branch.

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## Community Corner

We're dedicated to our community. Since our opening in 2005 (20 years ago this August!), we've been committed to donating up to 80% of our profits back into community organisations.

Our new in-branch community corner celebrates these organisations and clubs we're proud to support, and gives them a place to display memorabilia and special memories for the public to see.

Currently on display are treasures from the **Millswood Lawn Tennis Club**, who we've been proud to support since 2007. Pop in and have a look.