



Message from Paul Prior, Chair of the Community Bank Goodwood

Hi everyone,

An update for you on what your Community Bank has been up to since our last newsletter!

This time of the year, we are busy finalising all the requirements to complete the 2024/25 financial year paperwork and meet the timelines from Bendigo in line with our agreement. Our trading year has again been solid, with good growth in deposits and lending, with our team delivering against our budget forecast for the year.

We will share more great achievements at our AGM in November this year.

We are now working hard to complete our budget for FY26, look at our goals for the business, and update our Strategic Plan to have a solid base for continued growth over the next 12 months. Our Board and staff will meet in mid-July to continue to build a plan for us all to follow and strive to achieve or even excel over the FY26 trading year.

The highlight will be our 20th Birthday celebrations on August 21st at the Capri Theatre, when we get the opportunity to showcase how far we have come as a business and what impact we have had in this period on many organisations in our community. We have invited the CEO of Bendigo Bank, Mr Richard Fennell, to attend along with other invited guests, so keep an eye out on our social pages for the night of nights in Goodwood.

In recent months, I have had the pleasure of catching up with a few original board members, Ken Bridge and Leo Amato, to share a coffee and listen to the power of the work they did, along with the wonderful supporters, to start a Community Bank in Goodwood/Highgate all those years ago. I can hear in their voices how proud they are that we are still going strong 20 years later and continuing to share our success with our community.

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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

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

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

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

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

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

Our meetings have been robust in discussions on improvements in recent months, and we have started to venture out to some of the sporting clubs we support for these meetings. We thank Millswood Bowling Club for their support in hosting our recent meeting and congratulate them on the awards they received at the Bowls SA event in late May 2025.

I thank our dedicated staff for their efforts in continuing to provide excellent service and advice to anyone visiting the branch or making a query online. Our team is happy to share some time to assist new and existing customers with their banking needs.

Warm regards,

#### **Paul Prior**

Chair, Community Bank Goodwood

# Community banking in Goodwood for 20 years



This August marks 20 years since our branch first opened its doors, a proud milestone for us and the Goodwood community.

As we reflect, the team has loved exploring the archives, uncovering old newspaper clippings, flyers, and newsletters that tell our shared story.

While much has changed over two decades, our mission remains the same: keeping profits local to benefit shareholders and support community projects. **Profit with purpose.**Banking with heart.

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 Community Bank companies are now certified social



with a bold goal of

80%

**CERTIFICATION ACROSS THE NETWORK BY 2028** 

### Mitcham Football Club

We're proud to support the Mitcham Hawks; a club built on tradition, community, and growth.

With over 75 seasons at Price Memorial Oval, the Hawks continue to thrive, highlighted by dual premierships in 2024 for both the Men's and Women's Senior teams.

Supporting Mitcham means backing strong pathways, local families, and positive role models. **Go the Hawks!** 





## Visitors big and small

Did you know we are a **dog friendly** branch?

The team love welcoming customers and their furry friends. They're some of our favourite visitors!

We recently met little Min (pictured above), and showered her with plently of pats and treats.

We're proud to welcome dogs at Community Bank Goodwood.

# For your business to grow, having the right equipment matters.

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# **Community Corner**

Since 1949, Burnside Hockey Club has grown into one of SA's top sporting clubs, producing six Olympians and winning 8 A Grade women's premierships.

As proud sponsors since 2023, we're thrilled to support a club that blends elite success with community spirit. Don't miss their array of memorabilia celebrating 75 years, on display in the Community Corner this winter. **Go the Mighty Bulldogs!**