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# Hello Highett

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INVESTMENT  
\$3.55 million

## Rotary Club of North Brighton

On Thursday 8 February 2024, Community Bank Highett had the opportunity to join the Rotary Club of North Brighton as guests at one of their club dinners to recognise our support over the last year.

Held at the Royal Brighton Yacht Club, one of our Board Directors, Isobel Santos, had the opportunity to present to the Rotary Club an overview of Community Bank Highett.

Isobel provided the history of how Community Bank Highett was established, as well as the bank's vision and purpose. She also explained how Community Bank Highett only makes a profit from bank accounts and loans that are directly opened with the branch. And more importantly how these profits are then reinvested back into the local Bayside community initiatives.

There were many questions raised throughout the night about changes in banking, the impact of current higher interest rates and why the industry was phasing out cheques and cash and the implications these have on everyday people.

When asked how the Rotary Club can help the Community Bank Highett, the answer was simple:

*"If you, your family, friends or colleagues ever have a need for banking services - please pop into our branch on Highett Road. Because it is only through accounts opened directly with us, that profits from these accounts can be used to help the local community."*

Community Bank Highett has been a proud supporter of the work of the Rotary Club of North Brighton, including as a key sponsor of the 2024 Recycle Regatta.





## Brighton Recycle Regatta: Where Creativity Sets Sail!

Ahoy, mates! Community Bank Highett once again hoisted its sails as a proud sponsor of this year's Recycle Regatta, a buoyant extravaganza held on 17 March at the Brighton Yacht Club. Imagine teams of intrepid sailors, armed not with traditional vessels but with cardboard and plastic bottles, setting forth to conquer Middle Brighton Harbour. It was a sight to behold!

From fantastic creations to makeshift marvels, the designs on display ranged from the sublime to the delightfully absurd, some defying even the most basic principles of maritime engineering! While the goal was to navigate the waters without a watery demise, those who met an untimely end did so with flair, earning accolades for their spectacular sinking prowess.

Amidst the laughter and camaraderie, awards were bestowed aplenty, with the coveted Titanic Award stealing the spotlight, celebrating not the victors, but the most spectacularly sunken vessels.

Underneath the warm rays of the sun, spectators lined the beach and pier, drawn by the promise of a sausage sizzle and the thrilling spectacle unfolding on the waves. It was a heartening sight to witness the community rallying around this fantastic event.

At the heart of the action, Community Bank Highett proudly anchored its stall, manned by none other than our esteemed Directors - Paul Reid, Frank Warner, and Isobel Santos. Though banking may have been the last thing on attendees' minds, our presence underscored our unwavering support for a cause close to our hearts.

Organised by the Rotary Club of North Brighton, the Recycle Regatta set sail with a noble mission - to raise funds for TEEN Mental Health First Aid Programs in local secondary schools. And raise funds it did, to the tune of \$4,722, a testament to the power of community coming together for a worthy cause.

So, until the next voyage, fair winds and following seas to all who dared to dream, build, and sail at the Brighton Recycle Regatta!

## A call out to shareholders

To ensure our share registry has the most up to date information, we encourage our shareholders to provide us with your email address to ensure we are able to supply the latest information about our company.

In addition, we are also holding undistributed dividends as it appears some of your bank account details have yet to be updated.

We will be sending out more information on how Community Bank Highett will continue to benefit both our shareholders and our community, so it would be great if we have your details to keep you fully informed. Also, we don't want you to miss out on attending future events being planned.

Please contact our Share Registrar, AFS & Associates Pty Ltd on 03 5443 0344, at your earliest convenience.



  
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## Meet Bianca



Customer Service Officer, Bianca is a seasoned banking professional with expertise in e-banking and everyday needs banking. With extensive industry experience she has an in depth understanding of digital banking solutions, empowering customers to manage their finances efficiently and securely online.

Bianca is committed to providing personalised and convenient banking experiences, ensuring that our customers' everyday financial needs are met with ease and simplicity.

Outside of work, Bianca finds joy in indulging her love of shopping, whether its exploring online marketplaces or visiting bustling shopping centres. On sunny summer days you'll often spot Bianca unwinding and soaking up the sun on the beaches.

When she is not basking in the warmth she can be found engrossed in true crime books, delving into fascinating tales of mystery and intrigue. Bali holds a special place in Bianca's heart as it is her favourite holiday destination, and she also has a passionate love of animals.

Once upon a time, Bianca sported beach blonde straight hair! She truly is Community Bank Highett's chameleon.

# 2023-24 Grant and Sponsorship Recipients

Community Bank Highett is once again delighted to unveil this year's grant and sponsorship recipients, taking our total community investment to \$3.55 million. We continue to cover a vast array of community causes, ranging from the arts, sports, education and of course those in need additional support, all to the benefit of our community.

The selected recipients reflect the banks ongoing commitment to promoting positive change within the community as we highlight the impact of the projects that we support. Community Bank Highett remains dedicated to the transformation of the local area and the enrichment of the lives that our grant and sponsorship recipients will impact.



1st 3rd Cheltenham Scouts Group
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Bayside Community Care
Bayside Community Information and Support Service
Bayside Toy Library
Bentleigh Calisthenics
Brighton Art Society
Cheltenham Amateur Swimming Club
Hampton Football Club
Highett Football Club
McKinnon Basketball Association
Moorabbin Kangaroos Football Club
St David's Church Moorabbin
St Peters Netball Club East Bentleigh
White Star Dandenong FC
Windana Youth Hub



To find our more about of Community Funding program, please email us at: [hello@highettcommunity.com.au](mailto:hello@highettcommunity.com.au)

## Making good things happen

When you bank with us, profits pour into the community. \$3,550,000 so far.

A bank giving back sounds unusual. For us, it's business as usual.

**Find out more. Call us on or search Bendigo Bank Highett.**

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All over Australia, homeowners are saving money with a free home loan health check.

**How much could you save?**

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\*Amount saved was annual payments reduction on an owner-occupier home loan when repayments dropped by \$481 a month from lower interest rate and loan restructure. Actual savings will depend on individual circumstances. All loans are subject to the bank's normal lending criteria. Fees, charges, terms and conditions apply and are subject to change. Credit provided by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited ABN 11 068 049 178 Australian Credit Licence 237879. A1963170 OUT\_36943211, 24/04/2024

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### We're open:

9.30am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday

### Directors

Paul Reid (Chair), Brad Price (Deputy Chair),  
Susan Smith (Company Secretary), Frank Warner (Treasurer),  
Joe McFadries, Isobel Santos

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## How much could a home loan health check save you?

All over Australia, homeowners are saving money with a free Bendigo Bank home loan health check.

Whether you're looking to refinance, invest in a new property, or lower your repayments, a home loan health check could be just what you need to get ahead and realise your goals.

Let us give your loan a full check-up to make sure it's still right for you and your current needs.

Then if we can add value to what you already have, we'll talk you through:

- how adding an offset account could save you interest
- how your LVR (loan to value ratio) could help lower your interest rate
- how equity could help you to invest in property

### Everyone's welcome

Whether you're an existing customer or you're new to Bendigo Bank, we're here to help you get the most out of your home loan.

### In need of a Home Loan Health Check?

Meet Gunjan at the branch, 322-324 Highett Road, Highett or to make an appointment:

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