

Winter
2021

Newsletter

Community Bank · Highett



Supporting our community for 20 years!



Hello and welcome to the Winter newsletter.

While we have been bringing you Community Newsletters for the past few years, this is our new look newsletter that shares community stories and features many of our partner organisations. We look forward to letting you know what we have been up to in and around our local community. We hope you find it informative and fun!

With the new financial year upon us, we are looking forward to a successful one, where we continue to provide great customer service and support our community funding grants, sponsorships and donations. It is something we are very proud of and can only continue to do, because our community banks with us, so thank you.

It is hard to believe we are halfway through the year. With the setbacks and challenges we have all faced, lockdowns and restrictions, the year has flown by very quickly. Whilst it has been a challenging year for our local organisations and many small businesses, we continue to be here for you.



Top: Moorabbin Bowls Club mural. Above left: Scarborough Playground, Bluff Road. Above right: Our 20th Birthday Mural at Community Bank Highett.

Our doors have remained open during the past 12 months and our lovely branch team of Glenn, Michelle, Mandy and Jane are there for you on the phone or in branch, for all your banking needs.

We love being able to support our local community, clubs and organisations during such challenging times and we can continue to support each other by sharing updates, events and community stories on Facebook and Instagram with each other's networks. That's what is so great about the Community Bank model, collaboration, support, connection and community.

Making great things happen

When you choose to bank with us, profits pour into the community and you have great local impact. We return local branch profits to local clubs, schools, community groups and initiatives.

In total we have invested \$2.8 million back into our local community and we are still going. During 2020/21 we supported many groups with grants and sponsorships through our Community Investment Program. Check out who was on the list:

Bayside Community Information and Support Service

Bayside Community Emergency Relief

Bayside Cricket Club

Bentleigh Junior Football Club

Bentmoor Community Men's Shed

Brighton Philatelic Society

Cheltenham Park Cricket Club

Hampton Hammers Football Club

Hampton Central Cricket Club

Helen Paul Kindergarten

Highett Bowls Club

Highett Football Club Juniors

Highett Neighbourhood Community House

Highett Youth Club

Highett West Cricket Club

Kimekai Karate

McKinnon Basketball Association

Moorabbin Primary School

Moorabbin District Tennis Association

Moorabbin Kangaroos Football Club

Moorabbin Little Athletics Club

Order of Australia

Sandringham Athletic Club

St Agnes Primary School

St Catherine's Arrowsmith Program

St Vincent's de Paul

St David's Church

St Pauls Primary School

5th Sandringham Scout Group



Success for Moorabbin Bowls Club

We are a proud partner of the Moorabbin Bowls Club and have supported them through a range of projects, including their most recent mural project. We also congratulate them on their recent win of Vic Sport Club of the Year at the recent Bowls Victoria Awards held in May. After nearly disbanding seven years ago, Moorabbin Bowls has come a long way in a short time, with great success on and off the green. This includes the construction of a new grass green with surrounding deck under lights and 3,000 social bowlers each summer.

If you are considering joining a local club, check out the Moorabbin Bowls Club for great people, great fun and a great community.



Boss Brain Project – Supporting our Youth with mental health



Community Bank Highett collaborated with other Bayside Bendigo branches to support Connect Health's Boss Brain Project. This fantastic initiative focuses on training students at local schools in Youth Mental Health First Aid Training. Well done to all involved! We are super excited to see this project roll out and support young people in our local communities. This vital project is delivered in partnership with Headspace Elsternwick/Bentleigh Branch, Bayside City Council Youth Services, Glen Eira Council and BGKLLN and funded by Bendigo Bank Highett, Sandringham, Murrumbena, Elwood, Caulfield Park, Parkdale, Beaumaris and Aspendale Gardens.

Community Investment Grants Program 2021-22

Applications open Monday 16 August, 9am

Talk to us and find out more

COMING SOON



St Pauls Primary School – STEM Genius Hour Project

We love supporting our local community schools and we recently sponsored St Pauls Primary School for their STEM Genius Hour Project. It's fantastic seeing the impact of our funding and the smiles on kids faces as they proudly showcased the cubby they designed and built as a result of the project.



Bayside Community Emergency Relief

Established in 2020 initially to help with the bushfire crisis, Bayside Community Emergency Relief (BCER) went on to become a registered charity to continue the amazing collaboration of the community in helping others in times of crisis. Community Bank Highett are a proud community partner of BCER.

Community Bank Highett was proud to support BCER with their first grant which went toward 538 COVID-19 comfort packs to residents in Bayside's not-for-profit aged care homes and will continue to work together with BCER on a range on initiatives to support our community.



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During National Volunteer Week BCER hosted a thank you morning tea in conjunction with Community Bank Highett and Highett Neighbourhood Community House to thank community volunteers who have offered support for the 2020 bushfires, COVID-19 and beyond.

St David's Church community café and thrift shop

Last month, St David's Anglican Church in Moorabbin opened their community café and thrift shop. We loved supporting such a great community initiative providing a welcome place to drop in for a coffee, have a chat or browse the thrift shop. Located at 4 Redholme Street, Moorabbin, they are open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am – 2.30pm.



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Scarborough Playground, Bluff Road Estate

We were proud to attend the opening of the Scarborough Playground at the Bluff Road Estate this month. The playground was redeveloped into a vibrant communal space designed to contribute to the health, happiness and wellbeing

of the community. This project was made possible by community fundraising contributions and a collaborative community effort. Lead by Connect Health & Community and community partners Bayside City Council, St Leonard's Secondary College, Castlefield Community Centre and the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (Cheltenham), and donations from Community Bank Highett and the Royal Melbourne Golf Club.



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Welcome Jane

We would like to introduce you to our newest member Jane Turner.

Jane has worked for Bendigo Bank for 15 years in branches and as a member of the State Support Regional team. Having grown up and lived in Bayside for most of her life, Jane has a strong connection with the local area. With a passion for community she is excited to be back in a customer facing role. Outside of work Jane enjoys spending time with family and friends, holidays, the beach, reading and watching a good series.

