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Newsletter

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Message from our Chairperson

The first half of 2021 has been an interesting one. Just as we thought we were back to our new normal, another shutdown. Through all of these challenges our fantastic staff have continued to provide exceptional support to our customers. Thank you to Hannah and the team for their continued hard work. We encourage you to go into the branch to meet the staff and discuss your banking needs.

Our Board has functioned well, successfully meeting all compliance obligations and for our new Board members meeting face-to-face in January 2021 was a new experience.

This year we celebrated 12 years of operations. Over this time, we have seen 25 Directors volunteer their time to enable the success of the business. Thank you to all who have been involved. Your current Board of Directors are Lily Reinert (Chairperson), Kylie-Anne Clayton (Deputy Chairperson), Paul

Madden (Treasurer), Bronwyn Shearer (Company Secretary) and Directors; Bob Reinert, Dennis More, Todd Hubers van Assenraad, Craig Savige, and Ramona Browne. If you are interested in being part of the team, please contact Bronwyn on bendigoleopold@gmail.com or 0418 348 562 to discuss what it all involves.

As we all move into the later part of 2021, we will all continue to work together to continue to support our branch staff and strive hard to ensure the financial success of the branch which will benefit you, the shareholder and more broadly our wonderful community of Leopold.

Remember the more you and your friends support Community Bank Leopold, the more we can support you, the shareholder, and our community.

Lily Reinert
Chairperson

Save the date – Annual General Meeting

A date has been set for our Annual General Meeting – Monday 8 November at Leopold Sportsman's Club (Function Room) and commence at 7.00pm. So please put this in your calendar and come along, celebrate our achievements, meet the staff, Board, representatives of the amazing community groups we support and our 2021/22 grant recipients.

SAVE THE DATE
**Monday
8 November**
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Meet the Directors

Continuing our series on meeting the Directors we introduce Kylie Clayton, Craig Savige and Ramona Browne. If you are interested in being part of our Board and giving back to our growing community, please contact Bronwyn on 0418 348 562 or at bendigoleopold@gmail.com

Kylie Clayton



Kylie was born in Melbourne and moved to Leopold in 1998, where she is now raising her two primary aged children. She is

involved in many sporting activities with her children; and enjoys home improvement/renovating as well as travelling whenever time permits. Professionally, Kylie is a Certified Chartered Occupational Health & Safety Professional and Principal Auditor and comes from a strong background in leadership and executive coaching, with 20 years' experience working with and leading teams across operations and corporate support roles. She joined the Board in 2020 and took on the Deputy Chair role in 2021.

Craig Savige



Craig was born in Warragul but his parents came to Geelong when he was a teenager where he was educated and

attended Deakin University to qualify as an electrical engineer. He worked as an electrical engineer with the State Electricity Commission of Victoria for several years before moving into teaching work, including with TAFE and other private providers. He then served as a RAAF Officer before joining the APS with the Department of Defence as a logistics manager in major projects. Craig has lived in Leopold since 2006 and is married with one daughter. He enjoys community work with churches and working in film making. Craig joined the Board in 2020 and is involved in the Finance Committee.

Ramona Browne



Ramona is a Leopold local of 18 years, married and a mum of two local Primary School aged boys. She has a love for

our beautiful community and its people and supporting all things local. She has held many Executive roles in community organisations. Ramona's professional background is in Contract Management (International Trade), Human Resources and now working in Curriculum, Teaching & Learning, Tertiary sector. When not working, studying or driving kids to sporting and social activities, she loves Netflix, gardening, Bookclub/ Wineclub, dancing and dining with family/friends. Ramona joined the Board in 2020 and looks forward to contributing to the community's future direction.

Part of the team

Leopold Community Enterprises Limited is a franchisee of Bendigo Bank and operates the locally owned Community Bank Leopold.

Expressions of interest are now being accepted for the voluntary position of Director.

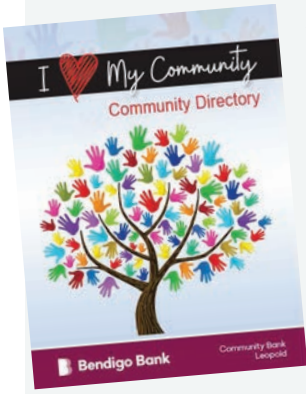
As a director you will be motivated, well organised, self-directed and community orientated. You'll support and drive the company's strategic direction, goals and objectives to have a real say in the future direction of the branch and community.

For more information or to apply, call Bronwyn on 0418 348 562 or email bendigoleopold@gmail.com.



Leopold Community Enterprises Limited


Our community



As a result of the Community Needs Study the Leopold Community Directory was created. In June it was delivered to over 4,500 homes in Leopold and many community groups throughout the area. A special thank you to the Lions Club of Leopold for delivering the directory. It is also available on our website and further hard

copies are available in the branch. The response from the community has been very positive. It is anticipated that this will be updated annually.

Once some COVID-19 restrictions eased, our community got back into doing their wonderful work. Most of our grant recipients were able to commence the funded projects. This is what some of them had to say.



Allanvale Preschool

"The generous support of the Leopold Community Bank has made such a huge difference to Allanvale Preschool. Leopold Community Bank has provided funds to support with purchasing the everyday essentials such as books, shelving and chairs, through to funding to undertake larger scale projects such as weatherproofing our outdoor spaces and creating our new Koori garden."



1ST EASTERN PARK SCOUT GROUP

"We have received several grants from our Community Bank in recent years. We have purchased the necessary equipment to provide a safe, healthy and active program for our young people. In return, this benefits the whole community."

Thanks Community Bank Leopold.

LEOPOLD TOY LIBRARY

"Leopold Toy Library is greatly appreciative of the grant from Community Bank Leopold for purchase of wooden toys to our collection. The demand has increased and we would not be in a position to satisfy this without assistance."



LEOPOLD WAR MEMORIAL



"The generous support of the Community Bank Leopold in establishing the Leopold War Memorial cannot be overstated. Thanks to this level of support, the memorial has become a much admired iconic community asset for the benefit of the Leopold community."



FRIENDS OF THE BELLARINE RAIL TRAIL

"The grant from Community Bank Leopold has enabled us to purchase a drill and mobile spraying unit. Community Bank Leopold has supported us over many years and we thank them for this."



Leopold Kindergarten

"We would like to thank Community Bank Leopold for helping us to upgrade our outdoor space and turn it into a wonderful natural learning space for our children."

Grinter Garden



"Thank-you Community Bank Leopold.

This is great news as it will allow us to grow and expand the garden and increase our membership.

We have completed the new garden beds and planting has commenced."

How can you help?

It's simple, when you, your family and your friends choose to be a customer of Community Bank Leopold;

- You benefit from the wide range of Bendigo Bank competitive products and our outstanding service
- You benefit from the dividends paid as a result of your banking
- The community shares in the income generated by your banking.

See the change your banking can make in Leopold by calling into our branch and speaking to our friendly staff.

Our branch - farewell and welcome

We have recently had a couple of changes in the branch. After six years we said goodbye to Steve Smiljanic and after four and a half years with us, we said goodbye to Mua Alatupe. We wish them both every success in the new endeavours.



We welcomed Chris White to the branch team in June. Chris comes to Leopold after spending over four years with Bendigo Bank at South Melbourne and Melbourne Central. He currently lives in Wyndham Vale, but grew up in Geelong with much of his family living in Geelong. Outside

of work he loves to keep fit – he is always looking to go for a walk or a run and always needs to be on the move. He enjoys spending time with family, and is a very passionate supporter of the Geelong Football Club and Melbourne Storm Rugby League Club. He is a warm,

approachable person and is looking forward to assisting the community with any of their lending needs, as well as assisting Hannah with the running of Community Bank Leopold. Call into the branch and say hello to our new staff member and make him feel welcome.

Our branch staff are:

Hannah Palmer – Branch Manager

Chris White – Customer Relationship Manager

Robyn Collier – Customer Relationship Officer

Sam Allen – Senior Customer Service Officer

Tyler Stavenuiter – Trainee

Danita Eastman – Customer Service Officer (currently on maternity leave and returning in July)

Our team knows banking – If you need help with yours, call our team on 03 5250 1057 or drop into the branch.

Talk to us today

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We're open:

9.30am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday

Directors

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