

Summer  
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# Newsletter

Community Bank · Elmore, Lockington and Rochester

## Update from our Branch Team & Board

Hello and welcome to Community Bank Elmore, Lockington and Rochester's Summer 2022 Newsletter.

We'd like to start off by sharing some very exciting news; Community Bank Elmore, Lockington and Rochester have now officially returned over \$2 million to our community! This is a huge milestone and one that was made possible by our amazing customers and shareholders. Our contributions are made in a variety of ways including grants, sponsorships & shareholder dividends.

A lot has happened since we provided our last update in the Spring 2021 Newsletter.

In September we were thrilled to hear the news that our lovely Customer Service Officer, Lily, had got engaged to her partner, Stephen.

In October we celebrated our Rochester branch's 10th Birthday by providing 10 Random Acts of Kindness in the community. We also held our AGM, where it was announced that a shareholder dividend of 4.5 cents fully franked would be paid in December 2021.



In November we launched two initiatives to help return much-needed funds to our communities; The Elmore Field Days Sustainability Grant Program and an open Community Sponsorship Program.

In sadder news, we said goodbye to our Director - Anna Trewick, our Assistant Branch Manager - Alison Cooper and Branch Manager - Alex Rosaia. All will be greatly missed!

We'd like to thank our customers and shareholders for their ongoing support and look forward to a great year ahead.

## Our Recent Community Contributions

It's been a particularly tough few years for our community with the pandemic impacting the viability of many local community organisations. To help our towns get back on track, Community Bank Elmore, Lockington and Rochester recently put in place two initiatives to help return much needed funds to the community groups that needed it most.

### Elmore Field Days Sustainability Grants Program



The Elmore Field Days is a huge event for our community, so its cancellation in 2020 & 2021 had an enormous impact.

Running the Field Days requires a tremendous amount of effort from volunteers - whether it be setting up, parking cars, helping out with catering and plenty more. The volunteer effort is assisted by local community organisations, and for many, the income they generate from this helps keep their business afloat.

We provided 17 of these organisations with a grant equal to their average Elmore Field Days income from 2018 & 2019. This saw us return a total of \$27,150 to community groups as part of this program.

We hope to see the Elmore Field Days back in 2022, bigger and better than ever.

"Running two simultaneous funding programs in late 2021 was new for us, and it was a great success. It helped us to not only reach a larger number of community organisations, but also assist those that needed it for their ongoing viability after the impacts of COVID-19."

- Brad Drust, Chair - Lockmore Financial Services Ltd

### November 2021 Community Sponsorship Program

Lockington Golf Club - \$4,750 towards new carpet for their clubrooms

Lockington Bush Nursing Centre - \$6,000 towards their Community Car Program for the next 3 years (\$2,000 per year)

Community Bank Rochester Netball Invitational - \$6,000 towards their tournament for the next 3 years (\$2,000 per year)

Rochester Lawn Tennis Club - contribution towards their outdoor seating project (\$ amount TBA)

Bamawm Recreation Reserve - \$500 towards their Annual Fundraising Auction

Strathallan Family Landcare - \$500 towards their nest box building project

Lockington Golf Club - \$450 towards their Mens Fourball Tournament

Elmore Bowls Club (Ladies) - \$499 towards their March 2022 tournament

Bamawm Extension Christmas Tree - \$400 towards their annual Christmas event

Calivil Bowling Club - \$400 towards their Pairs Tournament





## Our 10 Random Acts of Kindness

**Act 1** - Free coffees and cookies for our customers; thanks to Kits Kafe, Rochester Bakery, The Cafe Rochester and the Rochester Newsagency.

**Act 2** - A free 'wellbeing day' provided to each of our branch staff.

**Act 3** - A bunch of flowers for a lucky customer (provided by Blooms & Threads).

**Act 4** - A Temptation Living & Landscapes gift card for one lucky customer.

**Act 5** - A BBQ for students & staff at Lockington Consolidated School, with meat provided from Giddings Co.

**Act 6** - Free books provided to kids that visited our Rochester branch.

**Act 7** - Free pet toys for local fur babies (provided by Iddles Lane Emporium).

**Act 8** - A \$50 Rochester Business Network gift card for a lucky customer.

**Act 9** - Free coffees given to over 100 staff at REDHS, thanks to 'JR's Coffee Please' coffee van.

**Act 10** - The launch of our Elmore Field Days Sustainability Grants Program & Open Community Sponsorship Program.

## Community Bank Rochester Turns 10!

On 19 October 2021, Community Bank Rochester turned 10.

For the dream of our Community Bank in Rochester to become a reality, it took 20 months of campaigning, a steering committee of 12 tireless locals and \$680,000 of funds raised from our community. Throughout the process there were a few setbacks endured - including the unprecedented floods of 2011.

In 2011 we opened up alongside the big 4 banks, but now Community Bank Rochester is the only bank in town. Not only is it a place for locals to do their banking, it's a thriving hub that brings our community together.

10 years is a big milestone, and we were disappointed that due to COVID restrictions we weren't able to throw a party to celebrate. Instead, we completed 10 random acts of kindness within the Rochester community which was a great way to support our local businesses while putting a smile on the face of many locals!





## Register for Digital Shareholder Access Now

We are excited to share that Lockmore FSL now offers digital access to our shareholders. This system allows shareholders to view and manage their details at any time. Contact Lauren Ross at [lross@lockmore.com.au](mailto:lross@lockmore.com.au) for more information or to register.

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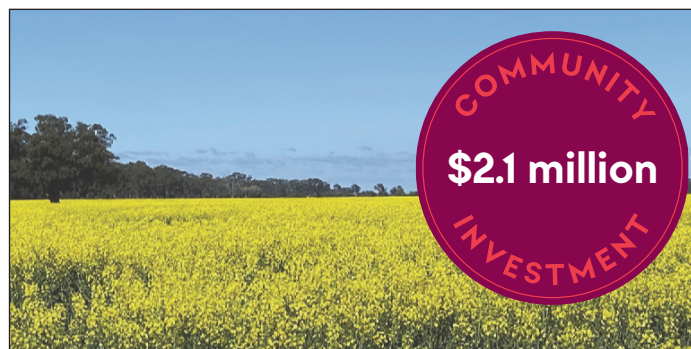
#### We're open:

9.00am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday  
9.00am - 12 noon Saturday

#### Directors

Brad Drust, Jo Holloway, Julianne Hand,  
Lea Holmberg, James Hodgens, Ian Maddison

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## Shares available now

Shares are now available in Lockmore Financial Services Limited, the company operating the locally owned Community Banks of Elmore, Lockington and Rochester.

Thanks to the support of our shareholders and customers, our community company has contributed over \$2.1 m to the local community.

If you'd like to find out more about becoming a shareholder, go to [bendigobank.com.au/community-bank-elmore](http://bendigobank.com.au/community-bank-elmore) and select 'Trading Shares (LVM)'.

**To register your interest in becoming a shareholder, contact Lauren Ross on 0413 417 055 or email [admin@lockmore.com.au](mailto:admin@lockmore.com.au).**

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