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# Community update

## Community Bank Doncaster East & Templestowe Village

### Welcome back Chris!

We are delighted to announce the return of Chris Cahir to Community Bank Doncaster East & Templestowe Village. Chris, who previously served as Branch Manager at Templestowe Village, brings a wealth of experience from his five years as a Regional Manager with Bendigo Bank. He is excited to reconnect with our customers and community and will be primarily based at Doncaster East. Chris takes the reins from Lisa Jones, who will transition into a Senior Lending role at the Templestowe Village branch. Lisa's remarkable 22 years of dedicated service with the bank is a milestone worth celebrating—proof that the Community Bank is a special place to build a career.



Chris Cahir and Lisa Jones.

### Community contributions in 2024

In 2024, our Community Investment Program reached new heights, contributing an impressive \$537,928 to charitable organisations, sporting clubs, community groups, schools, kindergartens, and student scholarships. We distributed \$185,350 in sponsorships, empowering local groups and clubs to allocate funds where they're

needed most. Whether it's purchasing equipment, supporting coaching, upgrading infrastructure, or simply covering essential expenses, our goal is to ensure these funds make a real difference for members and volunteers.

We are proud to back the incredible clubs, schools, and community groups that make Manningham such a vibrant and connected community. In addition to grants and sponsorships, we provided life-saving defibrillators to Manningham Netball and Beverley Hills JFC, co-funded an electronic scoreboard at Zerbes Reserve, and awarded scholarships to two outstanding local first-year university students.

This program reflects our ongoing commitment to strengthening our community and supporting the people and groups who make Manningham thrive.



Some of our funding recipients for 2024.

# Better banking, with a big impact



Chris hands over the keys to Doncare CEO Kylie Scoullar.

## A new van for Doncare

Community Bank Doncaster East & Templestowe Village is delighted to donate a brand-new 11-seater Hyundai Staria van to support Doncare's Seniors Program. This vital program provides social activities for senior residents of Manningham, fostering connections between socially isolated older individuals and dedicated volunteers to build meaningful friendships.

The program plays a crucial role in improving the quality of life and enhancing the psychological and emotional well-being of participants. With this new vehicle, more seniors will have access to the program, particularly those who are unable to drive. Additionally, it will ease the burden on our incredible volunteers, many of whom have been using their own vehicles.

We are proud to contribute to such a meaningful initiative that brings joy, connection, and support to our senior community members.

## Positive Parenting in the YJFL

We are proud to support the development and implementation of the Yarra Junior Football League's Positive Parenting in Sport program. Created by SALT – Sport and Life Training, this innovative program aims to foster a positive culture both on and off the field by supporting players, parents, coaches, umpires, and administrators alike.

With over 12,000 boys and girls participating in the league each year, the program equips parents with valuable tools to help their children grow into strong, caring, capable, and successful adults. By promoting respect, resilience, and teamwork, Positive Parenting in Sport is shaping a brighter future for young athletes and their families.

The program is open to all clubs across all codes to adopt. If you are interested in running this for your club or association contact Chris Crowe from SALT, email [chris.crowe@sportandlifetraining.com.au](mailto:chris.crowe@sportandlifetraining.com.au).

## Road Safety at kinder

Twin Hills Preschool in Lower Templestowe received a grant to develop an engaging, interactive space designed to teach children the essentials of road safety. At the heart of this initiative is a custom-built interactive car play frame, complete with four wheels, two steering wheels, and the added bonus of functioning as a climbing frame.

Surrounding this centerpiece, the preschool is creating a fully equipped road safety awareness area, featuring a zebra crossing, a full set of road safety signs, and two working traffic lights with pedestrian crossing signals. This innovative project combines play and learning, helping children develop important safety skills in a fun and interactive environment.



Road safety awareness for the children at Twin Hills Preschool.

## Congratulations Leon Moore

Congratulations to local legend Leon Moore, the deserving recipient of the 2024 Ray Lord Community Award.

Leon is the visionary founder of the Laughing All Abilities Really Friendly Singers (LAARFS), a group that has brought joy, connection, and music to the community for 15 years.

The group provides a vital space for members facing significant challenges, including Parkinson's, lung disease, cancer, heart disease, grief, chronic loneliness, stroke, dementia, and PTSD.

We commend Leon for his commitment and genuine care for others.



Ian Goldsmith, Jean Lord and Leon Moore.



# \$5.85 million reinvested locally

## MannaCare Power Program

We are proud to continue our longstanding support of MannaCare's POWER program, a vital wellness initiative for Manningham residents affected by cancer. This transformative program, delivered at MannaCare's Doncaster premises, is led by a dedicated team of physiotherapists, occupational therapists, and allied health professionals.

Through the POWER program, participants are empowered to stay active, maintain their independence, and engage socially, fostering both physical and emotional well-being. We are honoured to support a program that makes such a meaningful difference in the lives of our community members.



Our Chair, Ian Goldsmith with the MannaCare POWER Program team.

## Supporting Thunderball

We are pleased to announce our major sponsorship of the 2025 Thunderball, a fundraiser for the SES Manningham Unit. The event will be held on Saturday 16 August 2025 at Bramleigh Estate in Warrandyte.



## PCs for Pines Learning

Pines Learning provides affordable digital skills training to some of the most disadvantaged members of our community. Their Business Administration course is designed for women returning to the workforce after significant life changes (such as family breakdown, domestic violence, or bereavement). This course has a 96% employment outcome, helping women rebuild their futures with confidence.

We were delighted to provide Pines Learning with a grant of \$52,167 to replace their fleet of 38 aging desktop computers, ensuring their classrooms are well equipped for years to come.



Brownyn Clarke and Sally Brennan from Pines Learning.

## Business Network in 2025

The Manningham Business Network (MBN) is going from strength to strength with many local businesses getting involved. They have an impressive line-up of guest speakers for their networking breakfasts over the coming months and we encourage you to get involved. We proudly support local Manningham businesses and the MBN.

[www.manninghambusinessnetwork.au](http://www.manninghambusinessnetwork.au)



The Manningham Business Network.

## All Abilities Basketball Grand Finals

Team members Ellie and Tina were delighted to attend the Grand Finals of the Doncaster All Abilities Basketball Competition recently. This inspiring competition brings together over 250 players every Thursday night at Mullum Mullum Stadium, showcasing talent, teamwork, skill and community spirit.

Congratulations to all the players, coaches, and volunteers who make this competition such a success. Your dedication and passion have a lasting impact.



At the All Abilities Basketball Grand Finals.

## Operational Excellence

Your banking is in good hands! Congratulations to our Doncaster East team who picked up the award for Operational Excellence at the Bendigo Bank Regional Awards.



Our team at the regional awards.

## Staying safe online

Visit the Bendigo Bank website for tips and information to help protect you and your family from scams.

[www.bendigobank.com.au/security](http://www.bendigobank.com.au/security)

## How you can support our community

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We can assist you in-branch, online, or at home with our mobile lenders. Contact us to find out more about our better banking experience.



## Welcome Maryam and Dom

We are thrilled to welcome two new members to our team—each with loads of banking experience. Maryam Hosseini joined us as a Mobile Relationship Manager and was joined by Dom Desmier late in 2024.

Both Maryam and Dom have extensive experience, have over 25 years combined banking experience as well as a love of community. Contact them (details below) for a home loan health check today!



## Sponsorships 2025

Our commitment to supporting grassroots sports continues, with over 50 local groups receiving sponsorship funding last year. We are dedicated to backing a diverse range of clubs, schools, kindergartens, and community groups that serve all ages and genders across our community.

We offer two rounds of sponsorship each year, with applications closing annually on 28 February and 31 August. Together, we're fostering inclusivity, connection, and opportunity for everyone in our community.

## Community Grants Program 2025

Do you have a great idea or a community project that needs financial support to bring it to life? Community Bank Doncaster East & Templestowe Village is now accepting applications for the 2025 Community Grant Program.

For information email [carly.kluge@mcel.net.au](mailto:carly.kluge@mcel.net.au) or call Carly Kluge on 0417 592 732.

## Talk to us today



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