



Community update

Community Bank Doncaster East & Templestowe Village



\$6 million in community contributions milestone reached

Community Bank Doncaster East & Templestowe Village reached a proud milestone in 2025, surpassing \$6 million in community contributions through our grants and sponsorship programs. These funds have supported a wide range of charitable organisations, sporting clubs, community groups, schools, kindergartens and local student scholarships across Manningham.

The milestone was celebrated at a gala dinner attended by Federal Member for Menzies Gabriel Ng, State Member Matthew Guy, Mayor Deirdre Diamante, and Manningham Councillors Carli Lange, Andrew Conlon, Jim Grivas, Anna Chen and Isabella Eltaha.

The evening showcased some of the extraordinary organisations supported throughout Manningham, including Doncare, MannaCare, CareNet and the Manningham SES. It also provided a valuable opportunity for community groups to connect, share ideas, and explore future partnerships and collaborations.

We are incredibly proud to support the clubs, schools and community groups that make Manningham such a vibrant and connected place to live — and we thank our customers, who make this possible simply by choosing to bank with us.

This milestone reflects our ongoing commitment to strengthening our community and supporting the people and organisations that help Manningham thrive.



The Community Bank team with grant recipients.

We're bigger for our community.

Defibrillators in Manningham

Our commitment to community safety continues, with ongoing support to ensure public spaces and sporting clubs are equipped with life-saving defibrillators.

Branch Manager Tina was pleased to present a defibrillator to the 3rd Templestowe Scout Group at Finn's Reserve, while the Melbourne Chinese Soccer Association also received a unit to support their competition.



Presenting a defibrillator to the Melbourne Chinese Soccer Association. The 3rd Templestowe Scout Group at Finn's Reserve also received a unit.

A new van for Doncare's Op Shops

Doncare's network of op shops provides a vital and ongoing revenue stream to support their critical programs across Manningham.

We were delighted to join the Doncare team at the opening of their new Macedon Square op shop and to present the keys to a new van, which will play an essential role in supporting their logistics.



A new van for Doncare, presented at the opening of their new Macedon Square Op Shop.

Congratulations Liang Dimitroff

A huge congratulations to Liang Dimitroff, deserving recipient of the 2025 Ray Lord Community Award.

Liang is the founder of the Manningham Walking Group for Carers, a peer support group for unpaid carers of young adults with disability from multicultural backgrounds. The group delivers a range of activities, including a weekly practical English program, swimming sessions and social outings, creating connection and support for carers in our community.

To connect with this inspiring group of volunteers, contact: info@manninghamwalkinggroup.com.au



Liang Dimitroff receiving the Ray Lord Community Award from Jean Lord.

Manningham Business Network turns 21

The Manningham Business Network (MBN) is a thriving local network that creates connections and opportunities for businesses across our region. As proud long-term supporters, we were delighted to celebrate MBN's 21st anniversary.

MBN hosts monthly breakfast events featuring keynote speakers and networking opportunities.

To learn more, visit manninghambusinessnetwork.au



Celebrating Manningham Business Network's 21st birthday.

\$6 million reinvested locally.

All Abilities Disco

We are thrilled to support the Rotary Club of Manningham City in delivering the All Abilities Disco series — events filled with music, movement, and joy, where the dance floor is always buzzing.



Mayor Deirdre Diamante with Community Bank Chairman Ian Goldsmith and Max and Kristy from the All Abilities crew

New shirts for Templestowe Bowling Club

Check out the new playing shirts designed by the Templestowe Bowling Club and proudly funded by Community Bank Doncaster East & Templestowe Village. This is just one of the many local clubs we support through our sponsorship program.



Templestowe Bowling Club playing shirts.

Supporting the Box Hill Hospital Stroke Unit

Community Bank Doncaster East & Templestowe Village proudly supported Eastern Health's campaign to raise funds for a Biplane Angiography Suite at Box Hill Hospital.

Once complete, the Box Hill Hospital Stroke Unit will be one of only six public hospitals in Victoria with Endovascular Clot Retrieval capabilities — helping ensure patients and families affected by stroke receive the best possible healthcare outcomes.



Max Chapman and Chris Cahir present Dr Phillip Choi, Deputy Director of Neuroscience and Imran Karim, Head of Philanthropy at Eastern Health with a grant of \$10,000 for their angiography suite.

Supporting student theatre

Branch Manager Tina recently presented sponsorship funds to the Arts Captains and lead performers from Templestowe Valley Primary School to support their whole-school production of Moana Jr.

Every student at the school participates in the production, which is brought to life through the dedication of drama teacher Lauren McCormack.



Tina Doran presenting sponsorship to Templestowe Valley Primary School students for their production of Moana Jr.

How you can support your community

Community Banks return the profits they make directly back to the community by supporting countless local organisations.

Our Doncaster East and Templestowe Village branches are deeply embedded in the community. They offer exceptional customer service, alongside Bendigo Bank's competitive products, technology and security. Visit or call your local Community Bank team today and experience a more personal way to bank.



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Community Grants Program 2026

Do you have a great idea or a community project that needs funding to bring it to life? Applications are now open for our 2026 Community Grants Program. To find out more, contact Carly Kluge at carly.kluge@mcel.net.au

Don't miss this opportunity to make a positive impact in our community.



Community Sponsorships 2026

Our commitment to grassroots sport and community organisations continues, with over 50 local groups receiving sponsorships last year. We offer two sponsorship rounds annually, with applications closing on 28 February and 31 August. We support a diverse range of clubs, schools, kindergartens and community groups across Manningham. For more info email carly.kluge@mcel.net.au

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