



## Community news.

Doncaster East and Templestowe Village **Community Bank®** branches.

### \$3 million in community contributions!



Ian Goldsmith, Chairman.

Last month we celebrated a wonderful milestone for our two branches - \$3 million in community contributions!

This money has gone to local sporting clubs, disability services, youth support services, and assisting those in need within Manningham. The Doncaster East and Templestowe Village **Community Bank®** branches continue to grow in both customer numbers and business on the books, giving us more income to redistribute back to our local community here in Manningham. Thanks to our customers who make all of this possible!

### Doncare fleet continues to grow.

It's great to see our newest addition to the Doncare fleet of cars on the road thanks to Grants from the Doncaster East and Templestowe Village **Community Bank®** branches. Late last year this Toyota Corolla hit the streets, providing transport and mobility services to those in need in our community. As part of Doncare's holistic approach to supporting Manningham's vulnerable citizens, these vehicles will assist in getting people to medical and administrative appointments, for those who cannot access public transport. This complements the other Doncare vehicles provided by the **Community Bank®** company in recent years, including a car for staff and Doncare volunteers to assess, assist and transport clients, as well as the large furniture truck which is used by Doncare's Opportunity Shop operators.

We continue to be proud to support this wonderful organisation which does so much for those in need in Manningham.

Above right: Doncare CEO Doreen Stoves accepts grant cheques for two of the new vehicles.

Right: Doncaster East Senior Manager Paul Thompson test drives the new Doncare car.



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## Supporting local business.

With the Bendigo Bank awarded the Business Bank of the Year four years running, we continue to support local business prosperity in the Manningham area. Here's a snapshot of where we get involved with, ensuring that local business is supported and celebrated:

- We recently hosted over 150 guests at our Annual Economic Outlook Breakfast, featuring Bendigo and Adelaide Bank's Head of Financial Markets David Robertson



(pictured). David is one of Australia's leading Financial Commentators and provided an informative (and amusing) overview of our current economic climate.

- Our branches are the major sponsor of the Manningham Business Network, a networking group who focus on peer support and relationship development. MBN runs 11 open meetings each year with expert speakers providing business education. They also run member forums where local businesses have the opportunity to share their business expertise with their peers. If you are interested in learning more check out their website at [www.mbn.asn.au](http://www.mbn.asn.au)
- We are also a Major sponsor of the "Women Inspiring Business" luncheon which attracted 300 local business women and in 2017 featured the charismatic and inspirational Chyka Keebaugh.



- We are a Major sponsor of the Manningham Business Excellence Awards, which showcases over 50 local businesses and celebrates their achievements. Through the mentoring processes, small business operators are given valuable opportunities to analyse their business processes and further improve their business capability.
- Major Sponsors of the "Buy Local" campaign, encouraging and rewarding shoppers for supporting small business in many of our fantastic shopping strips and squares throughout Manningham.



## The Kevin Heinz Organisation – continuing to GROW...

The Kevin Heinz GROW Organisation has had a strong presence in Manningham for the past 35 years, providing programs using the well-known health benefits of nature, gardens and social inclusion. In recent years they have had an increasing demand for services and programs for young people with Autism Spectrum Disorder.



Above: Lisa Jones from the Doncaster East branch presents the team at Kevin Heinz GROW with a cheque to enhance their training spaces.

The Doncaster East and Templestowe Village **Community Bank®** branches were keen to support the Kevin Heinze centre in their endeavours, and provided a grant for \$12,000 to update their training facilities including the purchase of new desks, chairs, meeting tables, electronic whiteboard, printer and computers. Given that those with ASD respond really well to technology based programs, this contribution will truly support the tremendous efforts of the wonderful team at Kevin Heinze GROW.

## EFL Sponsorship – supporting grass roots football.

This past footy season we have continued to support grass roots football with our Naming Rights sponsorship of the Eastern Football League this season. Whilst the AFL is rolling in cash, this is not the case for our local football clubs and that's one of the many places that the **Community Bank®** model continues to invest. Local sport is an important part of fostering community spirit and keeping people active!

This is in addition to our support of many local clubs including the Doncaster Sharks Football Club, the Manningham Cobras Football club, Doncaster Junior Football club and the Beverley Hills Junior Football club.

Right: Claude Bernardo accepts a cheque from Doncaster East team member Maria for sponsorship of the Beverley Hills Junior Football club.



## Onemda Mobile Café hits the streets of Manningham.

For many years we have supported Onemda's Café Ability project. They provide important barista, hospitality and customer service skills to Onemda participants. It only made sense that we would get on Board and support the next step in this journey with the launch of the Onemda Mobile Training Café being a great success. Serving coffees at local community events has been a great experience for those involved, so keep an eye out for the team at an event in Manningham soon.



Right: Onemda's Hannah George accepts grant cheques for the mobile training café and a new therapeutic chair.

## Summer sponsorships 2017/18.

We are pleased to provide the following organisations with sponsorship for Summer 2017/18:

- Doncaster & Templestowe Badminton Association
- Breast Cancer Network Australia Templestowe Bikeride Team
- Templestowe Park Tennis Club
- Doncaster Rovers Soccer Club
- Doncaster Bowling Club
- Donvale Bowling Club
- Doncaster Tennis Club
- East Doncaster Cricket Club
- Doncaster Dragons Baseball Club
- Templestowe Bowling Club
- Templestowe Cricket Club
- Blackburn North Bowling Club
- Mitcham Bowling Club
- Rotary Club of Templestowe Family Day at Finns
- Doncaster Cricket Club
- Greythorn Bowling Club
- Templestowe College Basketball Development Squad

If you are involved with a local organisation that might be interested in seeking sponsorship from our branches, please go in and speak to our friendly staff or download an application form from our website at [www.bendigobank.com.au/doncastereast](http://www.bendigobank.com.au/doncastereast). To keep informed about dates and updates on the sponsorship and grants program it's a good idea to like us on Facebook. Go to [www.facebook.com/DoncasterEastTemplestoweVillage](http://www.facebook.com/DoncasterEastTemplestoweVillage)



Above: Mitcham Bowling Club is one of the many clubs we are sponsoring for the 2017/18 summer season.

Sponsorship application cut-off dates are 31 August and 28 February of each year.

## Swim for Life.

Once again we are funding a program run by the Doncaster Dolphins Swim club, for adults to improve their stroke technique. Over four weeks, experienced coaches will provide practical tips and a personalised video to assist swimmers. The program kicks off on 12 November at Doncaster Aquarena. If you are interested in participating, download an application form from the club website on [www.doncasterdolphins.com.au](http://www.doncasterdolphins.com.au)



## Brownny's Community Chest.

Do you listen to Nova FM? If that's a yes you would have heard our recent campaign to promote the unique **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> model to the broader community. **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches across metropolitan Melbourne pooled resources to run the campaign where football identity and radio presenter Jonathon Brown gave almost \$50,000 to community groups. This was then followed with visits from the Nova Casanova's to local sporting games to throw some more support their way.

The major winner of the campaign was Sally Ritter for Victorian Backpacks for Kids, providing children in out-of-home care with essential school supplies prior to starting school. What a great cause!



Sally Ritter from Victorian Backpacks for Kids was the overall prize winner taking home \$10,000 for their charity group.

## Young Changemakers class of 2017.

We have recently been working with some fabulous students at Templestowe College, East Doncaster Secondary College and Doncaster Secondary College, to bring about some positive change within their communities.

Students have learned about philanthropy and their capacity to make change and have come up with some brilliant projects.

One group of motivated young people have created a "Templestowe College Breakfast Club", and plan to offer students, teachers and families breakfast once a week. Their rationale? To ensure kids aren't going to class hungry and unable to concentrate. The Club also builds a stronger sense of community with a communal breakfast. The students will create a roster to run the breakfast, gaining skills in food handling, staffing, set up and pack up, and also human resources.



Above: Students brainstormed issues within their community and explored the services that provide support.

## Introducing Ming Fu.

We are pleased to welcome Ming Fu to our team as a Business Development Manager. With more than 10 years of experience in finance and investment services in China, Ming has rich experience in personal loans, corporate loans and property investment. Ming can speak fluent Mandarin, Cantonese and Hainanese. He will provide thoughtful and efficient local banking services to customers and contribute to our



multicultural community. For an appointment with Ming to discuss your banking needs call 0422 606 929 or email [ming.fu@bendigoadelaide.com.au](mailto:ming.fu@bendigoadelaide.com.au)

### Ming Fu

We are pleased to welcome Ming Fu to our team in Doncaster East and Templestowe Village.

## “Skills to Apply for Work”.

Pines Learning encourages, empowers and enriches the community by providing important learning opportunities in a supportive environment. One of these programs that we proudly support assists the long-term unemployed with vital skills to get them back in the workforce. “Skills to Apply for Work” is a 5-week course covering job-seeking skills, identifying and matching skills, culminating in the preparation of a professional resume, covering letter and interview skills. Thanks to the grants received from our local **Community Bank**® company, Pines Learning offers this course free of charge three times per year. For more information contact the centre on 9842 6726.



The **Community Bank**® company funds three “Skills to Apply for Work” courses at Pines Learning each year.

## Excellence in Manningham recognised.

Our two branches were stars of the show at a recent Bendigo Bank Excellence Awards celebration. Doncaster East **Community Bank**® Branch took out the award for ‘Highest Deposit Growth in the Northern Region’, with Templestowe Village **Community Bank**® Branch recognised for the ‘Highest Lending Growth in the Northern Region’. Congratulations to our outstanding team who work so hard to offer the highest level of customer service.



Our two branches were recognised at a recent Bendigo Bank Awards Night.

## Be the Change.

Our latest Campaign, ‘Be the Change’, thanks our customers who choose to bank with us, and shows them the change their banking has made to their community. They are inspiring to watch so jump online and google ‘Be the Change’ to view some of these heartfelt stories.

## Doncaster East and Templestowe Village Community Bank® branches

### Doncaster East

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### Templestowe Village

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Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm

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