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We're here to stay

Community Bank · Doncaster East & Templestowe Village

Community Bank Doncaster East is about to undergo a spectacular transformation with a full refurbishment of its marquee branch on Doncaster Road at Jackson Court. The branch will be overhauled with a fresh new look and design to become a 'Branch of the future', so the team can better serve the needs of customers, the wider community and local businesses. The new, contemporary design will improve its functionality and the overall customer experience.

Ian Goldsmith, Chair of Manningham Community Enterprises Ltd, said the investment in the new branch is an exciting development for the branch and its customers, highlighting to the local community that the Community Bank is here to stay.

"While many other bank branches are closing their doors permanently here in Manningham, we are doing the opposite – investing in our branch and letting our customers know that we are committed to them and the wider community", he said.

"Our branches remain an important part of our customer service delivery, keeping us close and connected with them and the community."

"However, we recognise we must evolve the size, look and feel of our branches over time, so we can continue to meet our customers' needs while also exploring the development of new, innovative ways of working."

To complete the refurbishment quickly and efficiently, the Doncaster East branch will close temporarily from Friday 14 October to Tuesday 13 December.

During the renovation period the team will work from the Templestowe Village branch. If you have any questions please call us on 9846 1455.



Pics courtesy of Total Fitouts.



Left and above: Bendigo Bank's branch in Mitchell Street, Bendigo, which our Doncaster East fit-out has been inspired by.

Cover pic (top): Our Templestowe Village branch team in front of the new walkway mural painted by local artist, Robert Young.

Making an impact

In 2022 we distributed \$464,686 in grants and sponsorships. Here is a snapshot of the diverse range of clubs, groups and charitable organisations supported here in Manningham.



Sport and recreation

We currently sponsor 45 sporting clubs across Manningham, assisting with operational costs, funding of new equipment and supporting coaching and development of volunteers. Some recent contributions have included the following examples.



▲ Doncaster Bowling Club recently received funds to upgrade their scoreboards and install a state-of-the-art AV speaker system.



▲ Chairman Ian Goldsmith and Vice Chair Geoff Roberts were thrilled to join Kookaburra's player Josh Simmonds and the Doncaster Hockey Club for their season launch and the unveiling of the Community Bank-funded electronic scoreboard.



Bulleen Boomers Basketball Club spans both the Big V senior teams and the junior club which has in excess of 1400 junior players. Our sponsorship supports the development of junior coaches and the promotion of the sport. As part of that we've helped them to distribute 1200 junior basketballs to kids in Manningham Primary Schools. The initiative is to encourage kids to get active and try basketball. Our Templestowe Village team were keen supporters of the program. ▲



▲ Doncaster Athletic Club received a grant of \$15,000 to upgrade of their high jump facilities. Michelle from our Templestowe Village branch presented Pete Rowland and Darryl Kilmartin from the club with the cheque. The club now has great facilities in Manningham, with the Tom Kelly Track recently upgraded with lights to run twilight competitions.





▲ After two years of pandemic-interruptions, 2022 has been a big season of junior football. We proudly support the Bulleen Templestowe JFC, Doncaster JFC and Beverley Hills JFC. These clubs have boys and girls teams competing in the Yarra Junior Football League.



You may not think who you bank with matters. But it does. For our customers, their banking is making a real difference.

Community services



▲ Onemda is a centre for learning and therapeutic development for people with a disability, supporting over 360 participants. We are a big supporter, funding a range of initiatives including a vehicle (below) for their mobile therapy team. Now Onemda clients can receive a range of therapy treatments at home.



▲ We are thrilled to see the re-launch of the All-Abilities Soccer program, a great partnership between Onemda and the Manningham United Blues Football Club. It gives participants the opportunity to improve their fitness, develop their soccer skills and join a great local sporting club. This all helps to promote greater inclusion in the Manningham community.



▲ With many locals in our community facing difficult times, Living and Learning at Ajani's food pantry was struggling to keep up with demand. Our Chairman Ian Goldsmith recently presented Kalli Taifalos with a grant of \$18,240 to fully stock their food pantry, ensuring they can continue to provide emergency food relief for all who need it.

New village mural

We were lucky to have local artist Robert Young paint a mural of the walkway adjacent to our Templestowe Village branch (see cover picture). The mural, titled *Together We Rise*, represents the rejuvenation of new life, with the totems depicted the spiritual protectors of gathering and community.

How you can support the community

Community banking is based on a 'profit-with-purpose' model, which means the profits are returned directly to the community that generated them.

The Community Bank branches at Doncaster East and Templestowe Village are locally managed, provide much-needed support to many organisations across Manningham and are part of Bendigo Bank, one of Australia's largest banks and most trusted brands (Roy Morgan Risk Monitor 2022).

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The Jim Christie Scholarship Program

In February 2022 we launched the Jim Christie Scholarship Program. It provides financial support to local community-minded students during their tertiary or TAFE studies. The program is named in honour of our past Chairman Jim Christie, pictured at the launch with Ian Goldsmith and Deirdre Diamante.



In 2022 the scholarship was awarded to Eryn Saunders of Bulleen. Applications for 2023 open in November 2022. For information contact your nearest branch.



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