



# Community update

Community Bank · Doncaster East & Templestowe Village

## Making an impact

The Doncaster East and Templestowe Village Community Bank Grants Program continues to be in high demand, with many new projects and initiatives funded in the Manningham community over recent months. Made possible through the many customers who choose to bank with the local Bendigo Bank branches, over \$4.5 million has been distributed to community initiatives since the Doncaster East branch opened 18 years ago.

Projects have included a grant of over \$30,000 to build a disabled toilet facility in the Kevin Heinze Grow precinct on Wetherby Road. The facility supports hundreds of participants each week through their horticultural therapy programs for individuals with disabilities. Their *Grow on the Go* program, has led to employment pathways for many of the participants – including Shannon and Victor – who are now both working part-time providing gardening services to

private clients. Victor says that the program taught him many skills including how to use the gardening equipment, how to be safe in the workplace and how to prepare quotes for customers. He says he learnt many things which he can now put into practice with his new job – his favourite tasks are mowing and whipper-snipping. The Community Bank donated the *Grow on the Go* van in 2018 and have enjoyed seeing it buzzing around Manningham with keen gardeners.

## 2021 Sponsorships: apply now

Sponsorships for the 2021–22 summer season are now open. Our branches proudly support a huge range of sporting clubs across tennis, bowls, cricket, hockey, basketball, as well as schools and kindergartens.

To apply email [carly.kluge@mcel.net.au](mailto:carly.kluge@mcel.net.au) for an application form or drop into one of our branches to discuss with our team. Applications close 30 September 2021.



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## Connecting seniors through IT

Throughout the past 18 months many seniors in Manningham have struggled with the isolation and disconnection from their community. Many haven't had access to digital communication, so services such as Zoom, Skype and telehealth consultations were all out of reach.

In response, Doncare has developed a program to reduce isolation by increasing the knowledge and usability of IT by our seniors.

Funded by the Community Bank, the *Connecting Seniors Through IT* project will see a team of local volunteers trained to assist seniors develop their IT skills and confidence.

The program also provides access to loan digital devices. The group of volunteers will then train the next lot of volunteers through a 'train the trainer model' ensuring the service can continue for many years to come.

If you are interested in volunteering for Doncare please contact them on 9856 1500 or email [doncare@doncare.org.au](mailto:doncare@doncare.org.au).



## Welcome Sugi: our new mobile banker

We are very excited to welcome Suganthi Ramalingam (Sugi) to our team as a mobile Business Relationship Manager, working from both our Doncaster East and Templestowe Village branches. Sugi (pictured above) is a highly experienced lender, with over 12 years experience across both Bendigo Bank and NAB.

To book an appointment with Sugi at a time and place convenient to you, call 0425 460 425 or email [suganthi.ramalingam@bendigoadelaide.com.au](mailto:suganthi.ramalingam@bendigoadelaide.com.au)

## Manningham United Partnership

One of our newest partnerships is a major sponsorship of the Manningham United Football Club. With teams across senior men and women, junior girls and boys, they are now the largest community club in Manningham. Branch Manager Lilian went out to see the new kits at their Timber Ridge (pictured below). The club also use Parve Avenue Reserve, Wilsons Reserve and Rieschiecks Reserve.

This brings the overall contribution of the Community Bank Doncaster East and Templestowe Village in grants and sponsorships to over \$4.5 million.

## Business Excellence Awards Manningham 2021

Many Manningham businesses have excelled during the COVID-19 pandemic and throughout successive lockdowns and we want to celebrate those business successes. Manningham Business is seeking nominations for the Business Excellence Awards Manningham 2021, with winners announced each month.

To nominate a business go to:  
<https://forms.gle/p9mosHgCXvJnf7Me9>



## Vale Doreen Stoves AM PSM JP

The Manningham community was deeply saddened by the loss of our great friend Doreen Stoves AM PSM JP. Doreen was a tireless worker for the most vulnerable people in our community, and in her role as CEO of Doncare she ensured that the health and wellbeing of all in Manningham was a priority.

Doreen was the proud recipient of the Ray Lord Community Award in 2020, which we presented to her in our Doncaster East branch last year.



## How you can support your community

The Community Bank model is simple and provides much-needed support to so many across Manningham. There's never been a better time to consider banking locally. Community Bank branches are local, provide exceptional customer service, and offer Bendigo Bank's full range of competitive products and services.

Pop in or phone Paul at Doncaster East or Lilian at Templestowe Village and find out more about the Better Big Bank.

## Supporting local business

Never before has it been so important to support local business. Community Bank Templestowe Village has free oversized jute shopper bags (see below) available for locals to collect.

We are fortunate to have such a great range of retail stores, fresh produce, cafes, restaurants in our local area – and these new shopper bags celebrate it.

To get yours, simply drop into our branch at 128 James Street, Templestowe Village and ask a member of the team.



## Talk to us today



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