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# Community update

## Community Bank · Doncaster East & Templestowe Village

### Over \$5 million in community contributions

Community Bank Doncaster East & Templestowe Village recently hosted their 2023 Community Partners Night at the Doncaster Bowling Club, distributing a staggering \$582,490 to local community groups. This brings the overall contribution of the two branches to \$5.27 million since first opening the doors in Jackson Court 22 years ago. Grant recipients included MannaCare, Pines Learning, Women's Friendship Group, Koonung Cottage, CareNet, Doncare, Onemda and the Manningham SES.

It was a wonderful night that gathered many of Manningham's committed volunteers under the one roof. Sporting clubs, charitable organisations and service groups were all well-represented, along with Manningham councillors and Members of Parliament including Keith Wolahan MP and Nicole Werner MP.

The event showcased some of Manningham's exceptional female athletes with a panel comprising Olympic basketballer Michele Timms, Olympic athlete Georgia Griffith and Giulia Massimini, MUBFC Premiership Soccer player. The panel shared stories on the opportunities provided to them locally, and discussed some of the barriers still facing elite female athletes today. Their stories and individual accolades were inspirational.

### New vehicle for SES

Manningham SES have received a grant of \$140,000 for the purchase of a new rescue vehicle at the event. Earlier in the year we were approached by volunteers from the Manningham SES asking for support as they were about to lose two rescue vehicles from their fleet. These vehicles are essential for the high level of community support the SES provide.

Thanks to a collaboration with Manningham Council, we have been able to facilitate the purchase of one of these vehicles. We appreciate council's willingness to support the community in such a meaningful way.



Female athletes Michelle Timms, Georgia Griffith and Giulia Massimini



Vincent from Manningham SES collects a cheque



# Having a big impact in our community



Keith Wolahan MP, Rod Davitt, Ian Goldsmith and Nicole Werner MP



The team from the East Doncaster Cricket Club received a grant for their No Boundaries All Abilities Cricket program

## Youth counselling support

One of the initiatives funded in 2023 included a grant for \$60,000 for Doncare to support their critical Youth Counselling Program.

The program supports young people to get the mental health support they need. Sadly, demand for counsellors has increased dramatically since COVID, and it is wonderful that these services can be accessed here in Manningham.

A further grant of \$30,000 was provided to Doncare to continue to fund their Winter Warmth & Summer Cooling program which subsidises utility bills for those in need.

## Keeping everyone active

The number of clubs embracing all abilities programs is on the rise in Manningham, and we are proud to provide funding to them. Manningham is now home to sporting opportunities for the disabled in football, netball, soccer, cricket and basketball.

The skills and enthusiasm of all abilities players was recently on display at Manningham United Football Club – who have embraced this program with open arms. The joy shown by all players, coaches and club representatives was hard to miss as they demonstrated their expertise.

## Congratulations Jim Pahos

Local superstar volunteer Jim Pahos has been named the winner of the 2023 Ray Lord Community Award, for his outstanding commitment and service to clubs including a decade at the Beverley Hills Junior Football Club and the CA Tritons Swimming Club. Congratulations Jim!



Jim Pahos with our Senior Manager Lisa Jones



Martine and Ellen from Doncare with our Chair Ian Goldsmith



All abilities program participants at MUFC

## Timeless Tea Café

Congratulations to the team at MannaCare for the launch of their new Timeless Tea Café, offering a safe space for residents, family members and carers to enjoy a cuppa while they spend time with their loved ones.



Doncaster East Branch Manager Lisa with Ray Barrington at the Timeless Tea Café

## Diwali Festival of Lights

We were proud to support the Australian Indian Cultural Society to host the Eastern Diwali Festival of Lights at the Ajani Centre recently. Team members Sugi and Connor met hundreds of people at this stunning event.



# \$5.27 million reinvested to-date



## New CareNet van makes a big difference

In 2022 we donated a refrigerated van to local charity CareNet as part of their Food Collective Project. One year in, and CareNet report that over 23,000 kilograms of food has been saved since acquiring the van, ensuring it can be kept and transported fresh to food distribution centres across Manningham, Banyule, Nillumbik and Whitehorse councils. This has quadrupled the number of people that benefit from their service.

## More defibrillators

Ten years ago we set a target to ensure that all of our local clubs and community groups were equipped with life-saving defibrillators. This program has continued in 2023.

We recently donated a new life-saving defib to be housed at Templestowe Reserve – home to eight community groups including the Templestowe Cricket Club, Templestowe Junior and senior football clubs.



A new defib unit will be installed at Templestowe Reserve to keep local people safe

Our support for the community continues with 30 local groups receiving funding last month.



## The Jim Christie Scholarship Program

Last year we launched a scholarship program to support local Manningham students attending either university or TAFE.

The Jim Christie Scholarship aims to ease the financial pressure of postgraduate study, and rewards students who have demonstrated a commitment to their community.

To learn more or to apply go to [www.bendigobank.com.au/scholarships](http://www.bendigobank.com.au/scholarships) or speak to staff in either the Doncaster East or Templestowe Village branches.

## Welcome Kirsty and Connor



We are thrilled to welcome two new members to our team – each with loads of banking experience.

Kirsty Manson joins us a Mobile Relationship Manager and Connor O'Keefe joins the team in Doncaster East as a Customer Relationship Manager.

Kirsty and Connor have over 25 years combined banking experience and a love of community – a great fit for our Community Bank.

## Apply now



### 2024 Community Grant Program

Does your not for profit community group, school or project need support? We fund a diverse range of organisations who are making our community a better place.

We're accepting applications for our Community Grant Program now.

### 2024 Community Sponsorship Program

Our community sponsorship program opens for two rounds of applications annually. Applications close on 28 February and 31 August respectively.

So it's time to prepare your application for the February 2024 round.

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



## How you can support our community

The Community Bank model provides much-needed support to many across Manningham. There's never been a better time to consider your banking choices.

Community Bank branches are local, provide exceptional customer service and offer Bendigo Bank's full range of competitive products and services.

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.



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With interest rates on the rise, there's never been a better time to review your home loan.

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