



Summer
2022-23

Newsletter

Community Bank · Monbulk & District



Management team update

This is always a busy and exciting time of year as we all eagerly await the arrival of nice warm sunny days.

We hope the weather will be kind to help with the successful running of the upcoming Community events we are proud to attend and support. These will include the Monbulk Cricket Club 125 Year Celebration, Monbulk Primary School Fair, the Monbulk Pony Club Dressage Show, and the Merry Monbulk Street Party, just to name a few! As staff, we always look forward to catching up with everyone and having a bit of fun at these events.

On 28 November we held our AGM. We are proud to report our total business is more than \$200 million and we have more than 3,300 customers – a figure that continues to grow every week.

Together with your support we continue to achieve impressive outcomes for over forty-six local clubs, groups, and schools in the Monbulk community. Our Community Night, held in June at the Monbulk Recreation Reserve, was a remarkable success.

Through these partnerships we have contributed more than \$706,000 into the Monbulk & District area. Remember to ask in branch about our Tokens of Appreciation Wall and how this contributes to our local community. We also offer a range of other ways to support local groups. We sell books and calendars for the Monbulk Historical Society, jams for the CWA Lady Nighthawks, provide a collection point for various club publications and take non-perishable donations for the Monbulk Care Network Food Pantry.

Coming up to Christmas we will be taking donations for the Giving Tree to support the Open-Door Community Church. This group looks after over 70 families every year at Christmas. Come in and grab a tag to buy a present or just bring in a gift for a child of any age, and we will put it under our tree from 21 November. Please do not wrap the gift.



You may have noticed changes to our branch staff recently. Sarah and Ella went on maternity leave earlier in the year. After becoming first time Mums to their beautiful baby girls, we are so happy to have them back on board! Tania sadly left us a few months ago to embark upon a sea change and was lucky enough to secure a job with Bendigo Bank in coastal Gippsland. And finally, we welcome Mel who recently joined us as a full-time Customer Service Officer and are delighted to have her on board.

We are an enthusiastic team who hold customer service at the heart of everything we do. Come into the branch to introduce yourself to us and our team. If you are looking to move your banking to Community Bank Monbulk & District, pop in and make an appointment or call us directly on 9752 1130. We love to meet new people and to get to know your story.

From your Management Team,

Aimee te Boekhorst – Senior Branch Manager

Rebecca Meyer – Assistant Branch Manager

From our Lenders

Community Bank Monbulk & District has experienced local lenders who are eager to assist with your financial needs. You can discuss your enquiries face-to-face or online. Our Business Development Manager Margaret also has the ability to visit you in your preferred location outside of working office hours if more convenient. Our lending staff Ellie and Fiona are located here in Monbulk and will be your personal point of contact. You can contact us via telephone, in branch or via email.

We hope to develop a continued long-term relationship with all of our customers assisting you along your financial journey.

The Community Bank Model

The Community Bank model is a grassroots social enterprise business model that aims to feed into the prosperity of communities, where revenue is generated by the banks customers and invested back into the community through grants, scholarships, sponsorships and partnerships.

Proudly supporting Monbulk & District for 10 years

Over the last 10 years we have taken the dream of a locally owned and operated bank and turned it into a reality, financially supporting hundreds of community initiatives in the process.

Thanks to the support of our shareholders, branch staff, company Board and customers we have been able to grow to be one of the biggest sources of Community funding in Monbulk, giving back over \$706,000 to date.



Twilight lending Q&A

A night for any potential buyers to speak to a Lender regarding home loans, personal loans, equipment finance and business loans.

Wednesday 22 February, 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Community Bank Monbulk & District, 70 Main Road, Monbulk

Community Campaigns



Tokens – Support your local club, group or school by earning tokens through your banking. Ask us in branch for further details.

Open Door Pantry – As a collection point for the Open Door Pantry customers can drop in non-perishable donations to be distributed to the pantry.

CWA – Purchase CWA jams, pickles, sauces in addition to handmade aprons, shopping bags and cookbooks from the display table in branch.

Monbulk Cricket Club – Purchase your copy of the Monbulk Cricket Club historical book '125 not out' from the display table in branch.

Monbulk Historical Society – You can purchase Monbulk Historical Society books and calendars in branch.

Refinance, renovate or just re-evaluate

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

Enquire online at [bendigobank.com.au/healthcheck](https://www.bendigobank.com.au/healthcheck) or call your nearest branch on 9752 1130.

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*Source: Roy Morgan Single Source Australia, March 2022. All loans are subject to the bank's normal lending criteria. Fees, charges, terms and conditions apply. Please consider your situation and read the Terms and Conditions, available online at www.bendigobank.com.au or upon request from any Bendigo Bank branch, before making a decision. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited ABN 11 068 049 178 AFSL 237879 (1676698-1734981) (05/22) OUT_26991990, 24/11/2022



Who do we support

- Monbulk Pre-school
- The Patch Kinder (Sparkways TRY AUS)
- The Patch Primary School
- St Paul's Primary School
- Kallista Primary School
- Monbulk Primary School
- Mountain District Christian School
- Monbulk College
- Tribe Youth Monbulk
- Trek Learning Centre
- Monbulk Ranges Soccer Club
- Monbulk Junior Football Club
- Monbulk Netball Club
- Monbulk Senior Football Club
- Monbulk Table Tennis Club
- Monbulk Cricket Club
- Monbulk Tennis Club
- 1st Kallista Scouts
- 1st Monbulk Scouts
- Monbulk Girl Guides
- Monbulk Bowling Club
- Monbulk Pony Club
- Rotary Club of Monbulk & District
- Monbulk Historical Society
- Monbulk Fire & Rescue (CFA)
- Monbulk Produce Market
- MADCOW
- Monbulk RSL
- Monbulk Clematis Adult Riding Club
- Dandenong Ranges Music Council
- Monbulk & District Men's Shed
- CWA Monbulk
- CWA Lady Nighthawks Monbulk
- Open Door Pantry
- Monbulk Care Network
- Sherbrooke Lyrebird Survey Group
- Christmas Decorations Group Monbulk
- Monbulk Emergency Relief Fund (MERF)
- Mums of the Hills (MoTH's)
- Monbulk Marlins
- Emerald Monbulk Wildlife Shelter
- Monbulk Landcare
- Sylvan Glades Retirement Village
- Kindred Kindness
- U3A
- Monbulk Car Show

How we can help your club, group or school

Community Bank Monbulk & District holds sponsorship and grants rounds twice per year, in April and September. Community groups are encouraged to apply for funding for their events, projects and initiatives.

Community Bank Monbulk & District runs a 'Tokens of Appreciation' wall within our branch where by banking with us customers can choose to allocate tokens to support local clubs, groups or schools.

All community groups and clubs within Monbulk and District are represented on the wall, and on an annual basis these tokens are collated and funds given out to the various groups.



Welcome to the team!



Mel has come to Community Bank Monbulk via her work in real estate, copywriting and various accounts roles within the micro business environment. A familiar face among the Monbulk Junior Football Club community, Mel jumped at the chance to join our team when the opportunity presented itself. Not having previously worked in the banking sector, Mel is on her L's and loving every moment of learning her Customer Service Officer role.

A new arrival for Sarah

On 24 March our whole world changed when we welcomed our little girl Leni Shae Kirby into the world, from the moment myself and Dan saw her we were absolutely smitten by her!

This gorgeous little girl has brought us so much joy and happiness! Learning to see the world through Leni's eyes has been such a special journey to be on, even something as simple as turning on the tap (which we do 50 times a day) is absolutely mind boggling to her. We have our regular activities and outings during the week to help her continue to learn new skills and have new experiences.

Watching Leni grow, learn and develop is so special and something I am so proud of her for. Each day she is learning new skills, growing more hair or pulling new faces!

Our most recent milestones include having our first teeth come through, sitting up, and beginning to learn to crawl!

This little piglet does love her food though, most of my foods I need to eat behind the couch so she can't see me or I need to share! She especially loves strawberry's, yoghurt, oats and eggs. I never understood how kids always make so much mess when they eat, but now I get it!

Leni makes every day so special, and I am so grateful for every moment I get to spend with her. I am so so proud to be her mumma, and feel incredibly blessed that I have such a gorgeous little girl to be my little bestie!



Upcoming events



2 December Merry Monbulk,
5.00pm - 9.00pm Monbulk
Main Street

22 February Twilight Lending Event, 6.00pm - 8.00pm,
Community Bank Monbulk & District

Contact us if you have an upcoming event you would like us to advertise.

Talk to us today



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We're open:

9.30am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday

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Ella's baby arrives

Being a new first time mum is very exciting, but scary at the same time – having someone depend on you all the time for their life. Juggling between work and family is hard, but having a very supportive workplace makes it a lot easier.

I never thought that I would see my heart outside of my body, nor love someone more than anyone else in the world (sorry Anthony!).

I feel lucky that I have a family who helps me to look after Elise when I'm working; my husband, my sister, mother in law and my aunt. No wonder they say it takes a village to raise a child, as it's hard to do it all by yourself.

So far it's been a roller coaster ride for us. There are times that we sleep less, and times we sleep more. Times that we cry, and times that we giggle. Times that we make mistakes, and times that we learn. And I have learnt how to take it easy and not be hard on myself, because I still have a long journey ahead.

I treasure each and every moment I spend with Elise. It's not an easy job, but the best that I could ever have.

