



Summer  
2025-26

# Newsletter

Community Bank · Monbulk & District



## Welcome to our Summer newsletter



As we step into the warmer months, it's a great time to reflect on what a busy and rewarding six months it has been for our community and our Branch. It's been a period filled with connection, support and celebration – all made possible by the wonderful people who call Monbulk home.

We're proud to continue supporting the local events and initiatives that bring people together and create opportunities for all ages. One of our recent highlights was the support we have been able to provide to the Monbulk Cricket Club with their Monbulk Mini Bash cricket programme. Giving children aged 3-8 the chance to learn new skills, stay active and build confidence in a fun and supportive environment is heartwarming and exciting to watch as we help foster the next generation of little cricket stars.

Our monthly sausage sizzles have continued to be a simple but meaningful way to bring people together. Offering a free snag out the front of the Branch, on the last Thursday of every month has sparked countless conversations and smiles, and we are grateful to everyone that stops by to say hello. Behind the scenes, our commitment to supporting locals that need a helping hand has also remained strong. Our regular weekly deliveries of fresh fruit and vegetables from Carter Bros in Silvan, to the Open-Door Community Pantry help ensure that both families and individuals have access to healthy, nutritious, high-quality produce. This partnership has played an important role in our community for nearly five years.

Looking ahead, we're excited to be part of the upcoming Merry Monbulk Street Party, on Friday 5 December. It promises to be a fantastic evening filled with festive cheer, market stalls, great food and family activities – a perfect way to celebrate the season and the spirit of our town. Look out for our marquee in front of the Branch, where we will be offering free face painting for the kids as well as the chance to win bank account vouchers if you're a winner of our colouring in competitions.

As we reflect on some of these achievements, I would like to take the opportunity to share and remind you all that Monbulk & District Community Enterprises Limited, the owner of the franchise for Community Bank Monbulk & District, is a certified social enterprise, a recognition that highlights our purpose driven model and our commitment to giving back. Being nationally recognised as a sustainable, community-built business reinforces the importance of what we do: reinvesting profits locally, supporting programs that strengthen wellbeing, and helping build long term prosperity for everyone who lives, works and volunteers in our Monbulk & District Community. This recognition is a testament to the collective effort of our customers, partners and community members.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for being part of everything we have achieved together so far this year. Please pop in and say hello next time you're in town, our team would love the opportunity to meet with you and assist with all your banking needs. We look forward to an enjoyable summer and many more opportunities to connect with our customers and our community.

**Bec Turpin**  
Branch Operations Manager

# The Community Bank Model

For more than 13 years Community Bank Monbulk & District has continued to resonate with customers and our community.

We deliver so much more than just quality banking services:

- Jobs for local people
- Investment opportunities for local shareholders
- Profits for the community; and
- Funding and assistance for important community projects.

Community Bank Monbulk & District, owned by the community, putting back into local projects.

## Community contributions

**\$1.5 million - That's how much has been invested back into Monbulk & District.**

**Local funds | Local decisions | Local investment | Local impact**



**Monbulk & District Community Enterprises Limited**



## We are a Certified Social Enterprise

We've contributed over \$1.5 million to the Monbulk & District community through grants, donations, and sponsorships.

We fund programs within our community that benefit Monbulk & District residents and workers. We're focused on supporting programs and initiatives that serve those in the community that need it the most.

Certification was an important step for us to gain recognition as a social enterprise, connect with social enterprises across Australia, and access further opportunities to strengthen our community impact.

If you would like to talk to us about our Social Enterprise Certification contact us on 9752 1130.

## An exciting update from Hannah

As many of you may know, I am having a baby! I am so excited to start this new chapter of my life, building my own little family with my partner, Matt.

Our baby is due at the end of February 2026, boy or girl... It'll be a wonderful surprise!

It has been so lovely to share the news with our customers here in the branch and to have received such wholesome reactions and support. I feel blessed to be a part of such a fantastic community.

Some very exciting times lay ahead, you'll have to tell me if you think the baby will be a boy or a girl if you see me in the branch, I would love to know!





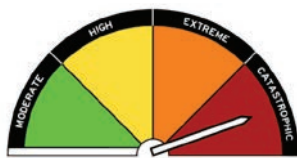
## Fire Policy

With the warmer weather approaching, a reminder to our community of our branch Bushfire Plan.

For the safety of our staff and customers **we will be closed on:**



**An Extreme Fire Danger day in conjunction with a Total Fire Ban**



**or a Catastrophic Fire Danger day.**

Further information on creating your own family's Bushfire Plan can be found by visiting [cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au) or by speaking with one of our local CFA brigades.

## Retiring Director - Sarah Tebbutt



Sarah's time on the Monbulk & District Community Enterprises Limited Board has been characterised by her enthusiasm for our progress as a profitable and community focused organisation. She has played an important role in supporting our growth, enabling investment in a range of impactful community initiatives that make a real difference to our town.

The Board sincerely thanks Sarah for her valuable contributions and wishes her all the very best in her future endeavours.

## Monthly free community sausage sizzle

Our monthly sausage sizzles have been a hit with locals. It's been so good to see so many of our customers, shareholders and community members as they drop by for a chat and something to eat.

Held on the last Thursday of the month from February till November, from 12 noon till 2pm, the sausage sizzles have proven to be a great way to connect our community. People have taken the chance to learn more about our community funding program, local events and the great work being done in our local area.

A big thank you to everyone who drops by and makes our BBQ's a success and of course to our staff who have perfected the art of a delicious sausage in bread topped with onions and sauce.



## Merry Monbulk

We're proud to be the major supporter of the Merry Monbulk Christmas Street Party.

This special community event brings people together to celebrate the festive season, enjoy local entertainment, shop local and share in the true spirit of community.

Supporting events like this is at the heart of what we do - helping create moments that connect people, strengthen local pride, and make our community a wonderful place to live.

We can't wait to see everyone come together and celebrate!



## Groups supported in 2025


*Open Door Community Care
*Monbulk Cricket Club
*Monbulk Primary School
*Monbulk Recreation Reserve
*Sylvan Glades Inc
*Monbulk Rangers Soccer Club
*Monbulk CFA
*MADCOW - Monbulk & District Community Opportunities Working Group
*Monbulk Senior Football Netball Club
Monbulk Fire & Rescue (CFA)
Monbulk Junior Football Club
Emerald Monbulk Wildlife Shelter
Monbulk Rangers Soccer Club
Monbulk Senior Football Club
Tribe Youth Monbulk
Open Door Community Care Op Shop
Monbulk College
Kallista-The Patch Fire Brigade
St Paul's Primary School
Monbulk & District Men's Shed
Open Door Community Care Food Pantry
Monbulk Primary School
Sherbrooke Lyrebird Study Group
Monbulk Emergency Relief Fund (MERF)
Monbulk Cricket Club
The Patch Primary School
CWA Monbulk
1st Kallista Scouts
Monbulk Pony Club
Monbulk Landcare
MADCOW
Monbulk Marlins Swimming Club
1st Monbulk Scouts
Monbulk Bowling Club
Dandenong Ranges Music Council
Mums of the Hills (MoTH's)
Monbuk RSL Sub-Branch
Monbulk Pre-school
Rescue Logs
Sylvan Glades Retirement Village
Trek Learning Centre
Monbulk Girl Guides
Monbulk Christmas Decorations Group
Kallista Village Inc
Kindred Kindness
Monbulk Historical Society
Monbulk Netball Club
Monbulk Produce Market
Rotary Club of Monbulk & District
CWA Lady Nighthawks Monbulk
Monbulk Table Tennis Club
Monbulk Tennis Club
Kallista Primary School

**\* September 2025 Funding Recipients**

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### We're open:

9.30am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday

### Directors

Leo Koelewyn, Raymond Yates, Peter D'Abico,  
Jennifer Nash, Stephen McDonald, Sarah Tebbutt,  
Kellie Clay, Rita Hughes, Simon Yates

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## Valé Ray Yates



Our community is mourning the loss of a great man, Ray Yates.

Ray was a pillar of the Monbulk Community, among so many of his volunteer roles, Ray was a Director of our Community Bank board, joining Monbulk & District Community Enterprises Limited in 2012.

Ray was known for his wisdom, kindness, his belief in community impact and in people. Over the years Ray quoted and referenced some incredible and powerful minds, the one that stands out for us is from Margaret Mead noting 'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has'.

Ray envisioned that having a Community Bank in our town would generate opportunities for the entire community and was instrumental in shaping the legacy that promotes who we are today.

Ray touched so many people in our community with his warmth, kindness, and gentle nature. He had a special talent for making everyone feel valued.

The board of Monbulk & District Community Enterprises Limited and the staff of Community Bank Monbulk & District extend their heartfelt condolences to Ray's family and friends.

Ray will be missed, and we are grateful for the positive impact he made as a member of our organisation.

