



Winter
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Newsletter

Community Bank · Monbulk & District



Welcome!

As the chill of Winter sets in, we're reminded that true warmth comes from the people around us. At Community Bank Monbulk & District, we're proud to be part of a community that shows up, supports one another, and makes every season special.

Over the past six months, we have had the opportunity to engage with many members of our community at several outstanding local events. These included supporting the St Paul's Primary School Fete through a day of enjoyable activities and fundraising, as well as contributing to the commemoration of Anzac Day by assisting with breakfast service following the Dawn service. We have also attended events such as the Repower Festival, which focused on sustainability and environmental issues, and the Men's Shed Wellness Forum, which addressed men's health and social connections.

We are still buzzing from the excitement of our annual Awards Night, held in early June where we celebrated our successful Tokens of Appreciation program. How lucky we were to have representatives from nearly 50 local groups, clubs and schools who joined us to celebrate. Everyone spent the night networking and coming together to recognise the impact we all have in our community. The night culminated with our grand announcement that we have been able to reinvest \$1.45 million dollars back into the community, in the form of sponsorships, grants and contributions. Moments like these remind us why we do what we do – because our community is at the heart of everything.

You may have recently noticed some new additions to our branch staff. We are pleased to welcome Sam who joined us in February as our full time Customer Relationship Manager. Sam has come to us from another Community Bank branch, but his time spent here at Monbulk has really embedded his understanding of the importance of

community and how positively we can make a change! More recently we have welcomed Shannon as our Customer Service Officer who is new to banking but has an extensive customer service background in hospitality. She is excited to learn all there is to know about our products and services and to have the chance to meet and assist all our regular customers.

As we move into the second half of the year, we're excited to continue building on this momentum. There's a clear sense of energy and purpose among the team, and we're eager to keep collaborating with our partners and delivering great customer outcomes.

If you are looking to move your banking to Community Bank Monbulk & District please pop in and say hello and introduce yourselves to us when you are next in town. Alternatively feel free to call us directly on 9752 1130 to make an appointment, as we would love to meet you and have a chance to share our point of difference.

We're proud to be part of a community that looks out for each other – not just in Winter, but all year round.

Stay warm, stay safe

Charlene Peters
Branch Manager

Bec Turpin
Branch Operations Manager



Bec and Charlene

Community Night



Community Bank Monbulk & District recently held their annual Community Awards Night. The event was attended by volunteer members from over 50 local clubs and organisations, Federal MP Aaron Violi, State MP Daniela De Martino and representatives from Yarra Ranges Council.

The evening celebrated funding to local clubs through the 'in branch' Tokens of Appreciation program and recent successful grant & sponsorship recipients from across the district. The evening was accompanied by live music from local artist Kieran Galloway and guest speakers Belinda Young from Mums of the Hills, Clare Pritchard from Yarra Ranges Yoga & Jeremy McLeod, award winning Australian Architect. Joost Bakker presented the branch's first ever Community Recognition Award to Ray Yates for his decades of service to the local community, Joost had some wonderful stories to share about Ray.

The evening focused on working together to support our town. Announcements included ongoing funding from Community Bank Monbulk & District to support the local L2P Program in partnership with Yarra Ranges Council and TAC. This program allows a car to be based in Monbulk, helping young people reach their P plates. Funding towards a local Trauma Yoga Support Program in partnership with MADCOW, created and run by Yarra Ranges Yoga, and the purchase of a further 5 defib machines to be based in the town, in support of Monbulk being a heart smart town and the Good Sam initiative.



Community Company Manager Aimee te Boekhorst said, "As an accredited social enterprise Monbulk & District Community Enterprises Limited are focused on finding opportunities to enhance our community impact. Since 2012, Monbulk & District Community Enterprises Limited has reinvested profits from their Community Bank partnership with Bendigo Bank into the local community

through revenue from loans and deposits. Our commitment is to support community organisations that serve those in our community and to back grassroots, community led initiatives that promote meaningful change at a local level. We aim to create a purposeful impact in our community and contribute to the overall prosperity of our town".

At the event it was announced by Branch Manager Charlene Peters that since opening 13 years ago, Community Bank Monbulk & District has contributed over \$1.45 million to the local community through grants, donations and sponsorships. Funding programs within the community, including community wellbeing and mental health support. Charlene said, "This is a fantastic milestone which would not have been possible without the support of Community Bank Monbulk & District's customers, shareholders, branch staff and volunteer Board of Directors. Our staff are passionate and put the customer at the heart of everything we do. It is a privilege to work everyday in the Monbulk community".

A New Chapter for Over 55s Housing in Monbulk!

Sylvan Glades Inc, the community-owned retirement village on Anderson Road that was built by and for our community, is thrilled to announce an exciting new housing project! Supported by Community Bank Monbulk & District & MADCOW, this initiative aims to bring much-needed accessible housing to our beloved town.

For too long, we've watched our grandparents, our history, and our dedicated volunteers leave Monbulk due to a lack of suitable housing. Sylvan Glades Inc, a not-for-profit charity dedicated to local housing solutions, is addressing this challenge head-on.

This new housing development will be an extension of the current Sylvan Glades facility, designed to keep housing costs as low as possible, making them accessible to more over-55s in our community.

We're incredibly proud to be working with an amazing team of locals who are committed to making this project as environmentally conscious and of the highest quality build possible. We're talking about local connections like Joost Bakker, Jeremy McLeod, and Andy Fergus, all generously donating their time and expertise to support our community.

Every aspect of this project is driven by a desire to benefit the people of Monbulk, with absolutely no personal gain involved. This is 100% for our community.

Stay tuned for more updates on this vital project!

If you would like further details please reach out to Sylvan Glades Inc on community@sylvanglades.com.au

Upcoming events



14 September	Hilltop Music Festival
24 November	Monbulk & District Community Enterprises Limited AGM
5 December	Merry Monbulk

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

How can banking with a Community Bank can make a difference to your town?

It strengthens the community

It redistributes profits locally

It empowers people to shape their community

It supports the local economy

Community Funding

Community Bank Monbulk & District holds Community Funding rounds twice per year in April and September. Community Groups are invited to apply for funding for their events, projects and initiatives.

Tokens of appreciation

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 and schools.

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



Supporting communities

To date the Community Bank network of branches has returned over \$366 million to Australian communities, over 1.45 million of that right here in our local community. Community Bank branches are owned by local people and operated in partnership with Bendigo Bank—one of Australia's biggest banks and most trusted brands. Feel good about who you bank with, talk to our team today.



About us

Monbulk & District Community Enterprises Limited, the owner of the franchise of Community Bank Monbulk & District is run by a Board of Volunteer Directors. These directors are locals and a great representation of the people in our community. Many are parents or grandparents and have many years of

business and professional experience. These Directors get to make the decision on how our funds are spent and really make a difference in Monbulk.

Monbulk & District Community Enterprises Limited is a certified social enterprise through Social Traders with a focus on strengthening community, contributing to community prosperity by reinvesting and funding to make a foundational difference to Monbulk & District.



Business for good

Attention shareholders

Did you know our share register is accessible online?

You can easily log into your account to:

- Check your shareholding balance.
- Update your address details.
- Advise your banking details for direct payment of dividends.
- Provide your country of residency and your Tax File Number/ABN or Exemption Number
- Access your dividend distribution summaries and holding statements.

To access the online system and receive all the benefits as detailed above, it is important for you to register and log on.

Contact AFS on afs@afsbendigo.com.au P 03 5443 0344 and switch to our online share register today.

Community groups supported

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



Free community sausage sizzle!

Our community sausage sizzles have been highly successful in recent months, attracting numerous locals who come by for a free sausage and a chat. Whether it be about the weather, your banking, or the local footy we've got you covered.

Drop down and see us on the last Thursday of every month between 12pm and 2pm.

Welcome to the team Shannon and Sam

My name is Shannon and I have recently joined the team at Community Bank Monbulk & District. This is my first time working in banking, after 12 years in hospitality and I am really enjoying it. The team has been so welcoming and nice, and I have really loved getting to know them and the locals in the community.

When I'm not at work, I am a busy mum of three beautiful boys and enjoy spending time with my family. If I have not met you already, I look forward to meeting you soon, whether it be in the branch or out in the community.

My name is Sam. I'm the Customer Relationship Manager at Community Bank Monbulk & District and I joined the team in February this year. I love working for Bendigo Bank, after 18 years working for another financial institution. I have two daughters and normally spend my weekends running around with them. I love my sport and play cricket for a local team. I'm looking forward to meeting all of our community members and helping our customers with their home loan needs.



Talk to us today



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Sam knows banking

If you need help with yours, you need to meet Sam.

Sam shares his knowledge of banking so you can achieve what you want from life.

And, he can meet you when and where it suits you; at the branch, over the phone, or via video call.

If you need help with your banking, call Sam Geeganage, Home Lending Specialist on 0493 431 259 or search Bendigo Bank Monbulk & District.

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