



Autumn  
2022

# Newsletter

Community Bank · Ballan & District



## Partnering with VicSwim

When Bendigo Bank signed up as the official partner of the Summer Kidz Program for 2022, the Board of your Community Bank decided to take this one step further. By connecting with VicSwim and the Moorabool Shire Council your Community Bank organised to pay the lot!

VICSWIM CEO Kathy Parton told the Moorabool News, "Ballan is the first and only Bendigo Community Bank branch to cover the full costs of the Program. We're very grateful for that."

Community Bank Ballan & District spent just under \$3,000 supporting this year's program, and has invested over \$1.22 million back into the community in its 10-year history of operation.

Ensuring our children are safe!

While banking is our business, community is our purpose.

To read the full story in The Moorabool News edition 15 February 2022 simply [click here](#)



Swimmers (L-R) Sophie, Daniel and Lilly participated in the VicSwim program sponsored by Community Bank Ballan & District. Photo: Helen Tatchell.



**\$3,000**

Full cost covered by Community Bank Ballan & Districts for local children participating in VicSwim Program



# Community Investment program

Our Board is keen to fund professional master plans for recreation reserves and other community organisations. A master plan that is adopted by the stakeholders including the local shire is a great way to maximise the funds we can grant to a project and attract other funds from other levels of government.

A master plan is a long-term plan that provides a vision and framework for how an area can grow and develop. When a master plan is being developed there is a great deal of community consultation to ensure the facilities provide services to the broader community, encouraging the committee of management to explore new opportunities to be held at their venue. These plans provide certainty for both the group committee and its community members about what change is expected in an area. The consultation assists them to respond to matters including but not limited to; the recreational uses for ovals, playgrounds, walking/bike tracks, BBQ areas with shelters, skateparks etc and to plan the development of parking spaces, building designs, heritage/character and other open spaces. A number of our local football clubs have worked with their ground's recreation reserve committees to come up with some great plans. Currently the Ballan Recreation Reserve Committee of Management is working with all user groups to renovate and reinvigorate their area.

Our Community Investment Program has invested \$1.22 million back into your community groups from November 2011 to 31 December 2021.



**\$1.22 million**

Reinvested from  
November 2011 to  
31 December 2021



**75**

75 groups supported  
from 2011-2021



**2,037**

Local customers  
at 30 June 2021



## Looking to the future

### Message from the Chair and Volunteer Board Moorabool Community Enterprises Limited

2022 looked like it was starting the same way 2021 ended. With 2022 being the third year of the pandemic, rather than choosing to look backward at the past two years of disruption and uncertainty, we look forward to the future. As leaders we will explore ways to provide support for the communities of Myrning, Ballan, Gordon, Mt Egerton, Springbank, Dunnstown, Bungaree, Wallace, and the surrounding areas.

Having celebrated our 10 year milestone late last year and reaching \$1.09 million at 30 June 2021 in support of local community projects, we look forward to what we can do for the future of the region. With a profitable and robust business and the practical support of Bendigo Bank and the many customers, businesses and community groups who support us in turn by banking with us. We thank you all.

We have had some recent changes in the branch, with Luke Calder moving on to another role within Bendigo Bank, and Amanda Embling being successfully appointed to the vacancy left by Luke of Branch Manager. Amanda and the team in the branch are there for you, please drop by and say hello. They will be only too happy to discuss your banking needs.

We have an exciting year ahead, with awarding of Grants, Donations, Sponsorships and Scholarships, so if your community group has a project in the pipeline, please feel free to get in touch so we can discuss it.

## Making good things happen

When you bank with us, profits pour into the community. Here's who we've helped lately:

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Ballan Shire Historical Society

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Moorabool Catchment Landcare Group

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Ballan Fire Brigade

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Wallace Recreation Reserve

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Dunnstown Football Netball Club

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Ballan Community House

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Gordon Recreation Reserve

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Bungaree Football Netball Club

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Wombat Regional Arts

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Gordon Public Park

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Ballan Golf Club

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St Patrick's Primary School

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The Gordon New Cemetery

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Dunnstown Community Centre

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Bungaree Cemetery Trust

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St Brendan's Primary School

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Bungaree Primary School

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# Community Bank · Ballan & District branch staff news

## Congratulations Amanda Embling!



We congratulate and welcome Amanda Embling to the Branch Manager role. Amanda joined our Community Bank in June bringing with her extensive banking experience. Amanda is busy introducing herself around town and we look forward to the exciting time ahead for us all. Come in and say hello!

### Our informal Bio from Amanda

Final meal if she was on Death Row: Lasagne, garlic bread, salad and then tiramisu

Holiday destination: Japan

Favourite animal: Sloth

Favourite drink: Champagne

AFL team: Collingwood

Favourite movie: An Affair to Remember

Favourite artist: Coldplay

What would you do if you weren't a banker: Actress or Police Officer

Nickname: Eggy, Egghead, Eggbert

What game show would you host: Family Feud.

## Luke Calder – a farewell

On 15 October, after eight years, our Branch Manager, Luke Calder has moved on. He remains in the Bank as the Rural Customer Manager based in Ballarat. During his tenure at Ballan he achieved great things for our branch hitting \$200 million in footings and exceeding the \$1 million through our Community Investment Program in community contributions for our local Community. We cannot thank him enough.

We wish Luke, Charleen and Chet all the best in their future endeavours.

## Drew Elliot celebrates promotion

We congratulate Drew on his promotion to Customer Relationship Manager. This fills the vacated position left by Amanda. Drew has gone from strength to strength, and we look forward to working with him towards his future goals.



### Our informal Bio from Drew

Final meal if he was on Death Row: Zinger box

Holiday destination: New York

Favourite animal: Cat

Favourite drink: Coffee

AFL team: Richmond

Favourite movie: Rocky 3

Favourite artist: Robbie Williams

What would you do if you weren't a banker: Financial planner

Nickname: Drewbie

What game show would you host: Deal or no deal.

## Shannen Slater walks down the aisle



Shannen Lacey and Brayden Slater have finally made it down the aisle after many setbacks due to COVID-19. We congratulate them and welcome Shannen Slater back to work.

On 6 January Ballan was smashed in a quick and fierce summer storm. The gutters filled quickly out the front of the branch trapping cars. Shannen kindly offered to move both cars for some very grateful people. One of the cars had a dog

in the back and the owners were beside themselves.

What fantastic customer service!

### Our informal Bio from Shannen

Final meal if she was on Death Row: Chicken Parm and Chips followed by Pavlova

Holiday destination: Hawaii

Favourite animal: Elephant

Favourite drink: Pink Gin

AFL team: Bulldogs

Favourite movie: The Greatest Showman

Favourite artist: Keith Urban

What would you do if you weren't a banker: Open a Dog Kennel

Nickname: Bug, Bugrat or Rat

What game show would you host: Wheel of Fortune (but the lady spinning the letters).



Moving stranded cars all in a days work for Shannen.





With COVID-19 impacting on goods and services, the Board accept this is out of community groups control and we are now starting to get in some exciting acquittals.

## Gordon Farmgate

Gordon Farmgate received a grant for a new fridge and EFTPOS equipment back in October 2020. They are finally up and running from The Chapel, 66A Main Street, Gordon 3345 (pictured above). They are open Saturday's 9am – 2pm. You can pre-order by visiting their website or just drop by. The local produce is sourced from within 60kms.

## Talk to us today

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### We're open:

9.30am - 4.00pm Monday to Thursday

9.30am - 5.00pm Friday

### Directors

Darren Rix (Chair), Dominic Hanrahan (Deputy Chair),  
Jennifer Hudson (Company Secretary),  
Roger Lowery (Treasurer), Helen Mahar (Share Liaison  
Officer), Robert Eskdale, Helen Tatchell, Barry Sims,  
Kellee Frazer

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## Wallace Recreation Reserve

Wallace Recreation Reserve is the home of the Springbank Football Netball Club. In March 2020 the Reserve received grants to upgrade the netball rooms and for new goal posts and post padding. It will be great for the five SFNC football teams to start this new season with straight and safe goal posts.



## Bungaree Cemetery Trust

Bungaree Cemetery Trust received a grant in March 2021 towards a new mower. The mower was a long time arriving and is now here delivered the second week in February 2022. This will certainly make the volunteer job of keeping the Cemetery looking great.



Ken Labbett Chairperson and Judy Wainwright Secretary/Treasurer of the Bungaree Cemetery Trust.