

January
2021

Newsletter

Community Bank · Ballan & District

Chair's update

Well, Well, Well! Just as well we do not know what is ahead of us, remembering the things that happened to us all in 2020. None of us could have imagined that at the start of the year, many of us would be locked in our homes for weeks on end, deprived from seeing family and friends, working from home or worse having your business closed. Not being able to travel interstate or overseas, not being able to attend funerals and having weddings cancelled. The loneliness of not having community sport, school children not seeing their friends, churches closed, and the list goes on. A lot of us have suffered this year.

This Christmas it is important that we get around to our families, friends and neighbours and show that we care. On the bright side I think 2020 has made us appreciate the simpler things in life and it is wonderful that we can celebrate Christmas pretty well close to normal.

Fortunately, our Community Bank has come through these COVID-19 restrictions in good order and we are excited about the 2021 year ahead. A big thankyou to all our volunteer Board, Luke and the team, customers, shareholders and all our stakeholders who have shown faith in us, knuckled down and helped us get through the year.

Please everyone, have a Merry Christmas and a prosperous Happy New Year.

Darren Rix
Chair

Bushfire aid

Our Director Helen Mahar and husband Maurice are great examples of what our Community Bank stands for.

In February they travelled to east of Albury-Wodonga, near the upper reaches of the Murray River and close to the New South Wales border to a bushfire recovery camp.

The photo above is with farmer Pete and shows the devastation of the countryside.

They recently returned to assist again as there are still many fences to be rebuilt. They were rewarded with the sight of the winter re growth.



To see where the raised bushfire appeal monies are being distributed go to:

www.bendigobank.com.au/community/community-funding/disaster-recovery/

www.bendigobank.com.au/community/community-funding/disaster-recovery/farming/more-camps-for-volunteers/

Community Bank Ballan & District Scholarships 2021

Applications are now being accepted for the Community Bank Ballan & District Scholarship for Bachelor's degree studies. [Click here](#) to view the details of the program.

Applications close at midnight (AEDT) on 27 January 2021.

We are pleased to announce that we will also be offering TAFE Scholarships.

Applications are now being accepted for the Community Bank Ballan & District Scholarship for TAFE studies.

[Click here](#) to view the details of the program. Applications close at midnight (AEDT) on 27 January 2021.

What's happening...

New Branding for Bendigo Bank

You might have noticed our fresh new branding both on the Triton and the footpath notice board. New signs are appearing around town.



Bungaree ATM is back up and running



AGM wrap up

We held our Virtual AGM on Wednesday 18 November 2020 with a number of shareholders and interested parties joining in. We had all our presenting Directors gathered together but unfortunately due to state government restrictions we could not have any shareholders or make our presentations to our community groups.

If you would like to view the video for the short presentation shown on the night it can be found here: <https://youtu.be/OUfUX9cMY8A>

We missed having the Community Grants and Sponsorships celebrations after the AGM but we hope to hold an event in early 2021 to celebrate with both the May and August 2020 recipients of the Community Investment Program.



APPLY NOW

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Need help with uni or TAFE costs?

Applications are invited from eligible students in the local district attending university or TAFE for the first time in 2021.

Applications are now open.

bendigobank.com.au/scholarships

Bendigo Bank

Community Enterprise Foundation™

Making good things happen



When you bank with us, profits pour into the community. **\$746,000** so far.

Here's who we've helped lately:

Ballan Shire Historical Society

Ballan Men's Shed

Friends of Paddock Creek

Gordon Farmgate

Gordon Recreation Reserve

Springbank Football Netball Club

Ballan District Vintage Machinery & Vehicle Club

Wallace Recreation Reserve

Ballan & District Community House

Gordon Public Park & Recreation Reserve

Greendale Country Pub Australia Day Wood Chop fundraiser for Greendale CFA

Dunnstown Recreation Reserve & Community Centre

Find out more. Call 5368 1133 or search Bendigo Bank Ballan.



2019/20 Financial year highlights



↑ 13.8%
 \$177.2 million Total footings
 \$21.5 million Footings growth



1,861 Total customers



\$281,960
 Community contribution



↑ 28.5%
 \$1.340 million Revenue



\$587,386
 Profit before tax and contributions



\$45,127
 Shareholder distribution
 December 2019: 6 cents fully franked per share



Community Bank Ballan & District staff

L-R: Melanie Tudball, Sharren Mullane, Shannen Lacey, Luke Calder, Rachel Kraljik, Drew Elliot.
 Absent: Shannon Bailey (Parental leave).



Above: COVID-19 safe in the branch.

Community investment 2011 - 2020

Investments in Ballan & District since opening in November 2011 to June 2020



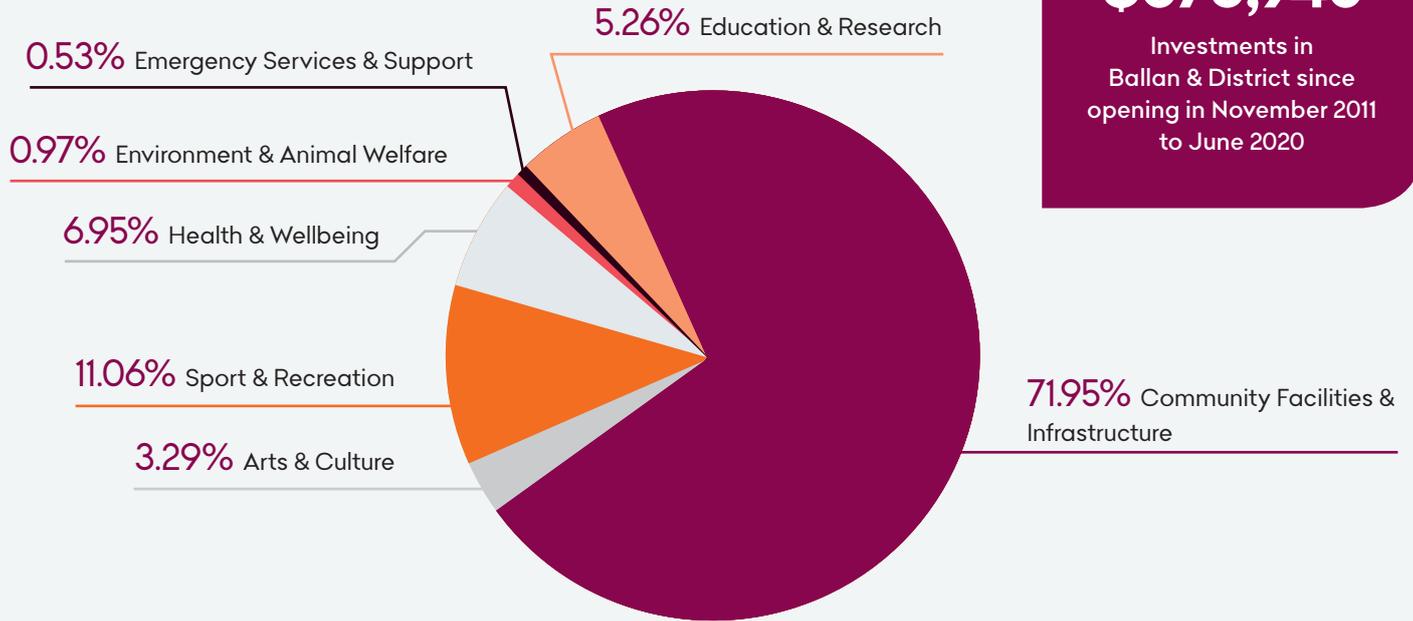
Community contributions 2019/20

Community Bank Ballan & District Community Investment Program

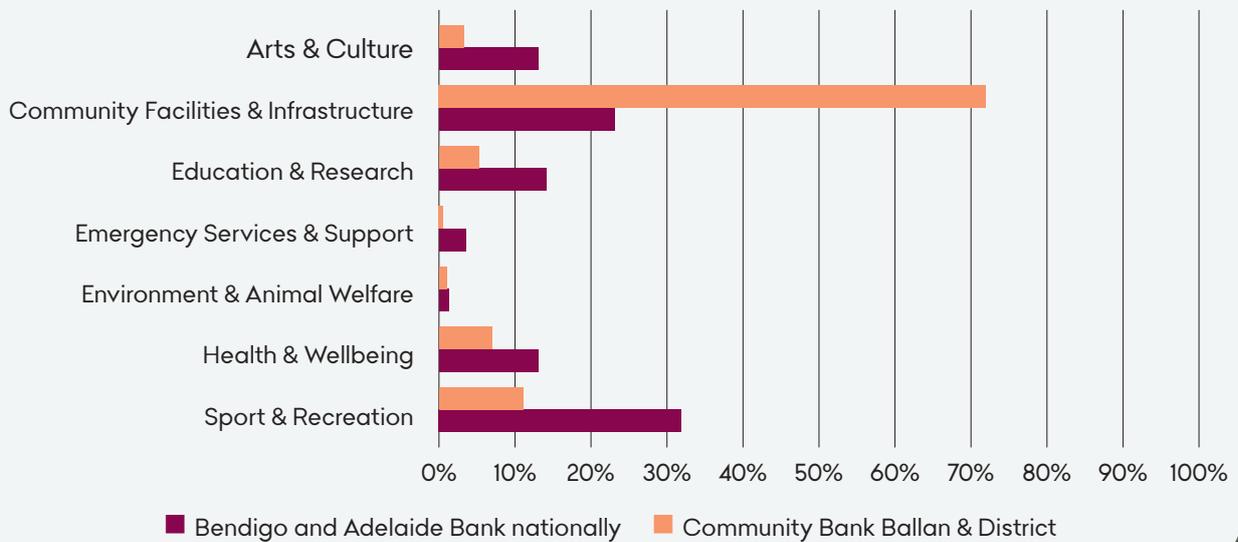
Community Investment Program

\$673,945

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Bendigo and Adelaide Bank / Ballan & District comparison



Community Grants and Sponsorships

We are pleased to announce that for this round of Sponsorships and Grants we have committed just over \$72,000.

This brings our grand total from November 2011 to 30 September 2020 to over \$746,000 being invested back into our local community through Grants and Sponsorships.

We thank all our shareholders and customers for believing in our Community Bank. Without you this would not be possible.

While banking is our business, community is our purpose.

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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Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute



In a Community Bank collaboration, Community Bank Ballan & District, along with Buninyong, Creswick and Beaufort branches have donated a combined total of \$110,000 for the expansion of its tissue bank for what is now called 'The Bendigo Bank Tissue Bank' at the Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute (FECRI).

The Bendigo Bank Tissue Bank houses nearly 4,500 patient samples—many from cancer patients as well as healthy samples that are vital to researchers work. This has seen significant growth in recent years with the development of the research program and profile of the Ballarat laboratory. In the last year biobank samples have increased by 52% on the previous year.

FECRI is located in Ballarat and is a community funded program and the only cancer research institute in regional Australia.

Key projects being undertaken at the Institute include:

- Ovarian cancer
- Breast cancer
- Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia
- Histiocytic disorders
- Bowel cancer
- Renal cancer
- Immune studies into the biology of various cancer and leukaemia's.

