



Mooroolbark Community Bank® Branch newsletter.

From the Branch Manager.



I am very excited to announce that we are currently running a special home loan campaign “Own Your Happy Place”. This campaign offers a very competitive interest rate, reduction of fees and 150,000 Bendigo Rewards points with a Platinum Rewards Mastercard. Please refer to the advert below or contact myself at the branch for further details.

It is always very gratifying and humbling to witness first hand the fantastic work of our local community groups and the benefits they bring to many of us. It is difficult to assess the real impact on people who have been able to receive support. Whether they are directly or indirectly involved the impact can be very significant and uplifting to all.

We hope you gain just that little more understanding.

Rowan Alexander
Branch Manager

In this edition we bring you some insight into what the support from our Mooroolbark **Community Bank®** Branch means to a couple of organisations in our area.

Own your happy place.

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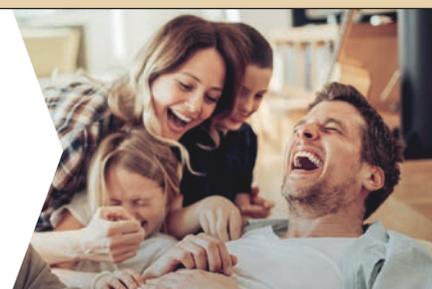
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Caladenia Dementia Care.

Look what happens when you have a **Community Bank**[®] branch that supports a small community-based charity supplying dementia specific services to their local community.

The community wins – big time!

Caladenia Dementia Care, Mooroolbark, is the only dementia specific support service in our area. Caladenia was established in 1983 and currently offers respite services to over 60 people diagnosed with Dementia between the ages of 53 and 94. Caladenia also provides valuable support services and education for their carers.

Caladenia's Manager, Sarah Yeates said "Our services have been enhanced and expanded due to the generous support of Mooroolbark **Community Bank**[®] Branch.

Our first grant came in 2014 when we were able to replace our sad, tired and well-worn chairs. Club members were involved in the selection of colours and fabrics and we had lots of fun trying out various styles."

In 2016, Caladenia received a grant of \$55,000 from Mooroolbark **Community Bank**[®] Branch to enable the acquisition of a second Toyota minibus, affectionately known as 'The Bendigo Bus'. The purchase of this bus has enabled Caladenia to expand its services, providing social opportunities, exploration of the wider community and stimulating new challenges for our club members.

Members were involved in many discussions regarding the pros and cons of the old bus as well as a wish list for features in a new bus. One member, Helen, was especially vocal about the need for air-conditioning! Another member has commented that she would be unable to participate in the wider community with the group if not for the Bendigo Bus.

Music Competition.

We are very pleased to announce that Radio Eastern 98.1FM, along with sponsorship from Mooroolbark **Community Bank**[®] Branch and other local **Community Bank**[®] branches, is running a Music Competition open to all.

Whether you are a soloist, group of singers, or member of a band, you can enter the competition and be eligible for prize money. With up to \$6,000 up for grabs we encourage all to enter.

Known as the 'New Talent Music Hour', the first show was aired on Radio Eastern 98.1FM on Saturday 5 May at 6.00pm and continues every Saturday.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for up and coming artists to be heard on radio and we are very excited to have the opportunity presented to us by local **Community Bank**[®] branches," said Ric Robison, Radio Eastern Presenter and Sponsorship Manager. "We very much look forward to promoting local up and comers in the music industry."

In 2017 our beautiful modern carpet arrived. Members were again included in discussions about the options available for the various carpet colours



and styles. Member Denise has said that she had been very concerned about the worn condition of the old carpet and the tripping risks it presented.

When the final decision was made, club members said they were very excited about returning from the Christmas break to see the new carpet in place.

Involving our members/volunteers and staff in the various discussions about these acquisitions has added to our sense of community. Members have stated that it has enhanced their feelings of belonging and being valued.

In summarising our support, Sarah went on to comment, "Caladenia is a community within the broader community. The many contributions of Mooroolbark **Community Bank**[®] Branch have benefited those living with dementia as well as their carers and families. The support of the **Community Bank**[®] branch is not confined to these specific grants, it extends to selling tickets for our various raffles, promoting Caladenia events and actively participating in other fundraising ventures. We are continually grateful for the generous support of the Mooroolbark **Community Bank**[®] Branch."

Each month those voted most popular will be awarded a prize of \$500!

If you have a musical talent we urge you to enter this competition – via the website or if you know of someone who is a budding musical talent, please spread the word and let them know. The competition is now open to all entrants.

Registration and entry via:
radioeasternfm.awardsplatform.com

Record a vote or keep up to date on all the latest through:
www.radioeasternfm.com.au

Remember this is a popular vote awarded each month, so get ready to listen and then vote for your favourite.

Good Luck!

Spectrum Journeys.

We have supported Spectrum Journeys through grants and other contributions. Most significantly this has enabled Spectrum Journeys to open up a much needed hub in Lilydale. Spectrum Journeys supports carers of children with autism to learn how to be incredible advocates.

Kate Johnson of Spectrum Journeys says, “We do this through education, groups and our Blessing Bag Project. In our newly released book we interviewed 10 women on their advocacy Journeys.”

Kate continues, “In it, we met ‘Paige’ who has a child on the Spectrum, who experienced what no child should go through. At a local school, over the course of three

months, Paige’s child was locked in a storage cupboard because a teacher felt he couldn’t be part of her class. There is so much more to do as this just shouldn’t be happening.”

“With the wonderful support from Mooroolbark **Community Bank**® Branch we have been able to extend our services and therefore expose, and more importantly redress, stories such as Paige’s. There is so much to do in this space and we really appreciate the support we have received to date which has been a much-needed fillip for us and those impacted.”



Mooroolbark Festival.

This year we again supported and participated in the Mooroolbark Festival. There was much anticipation and excitement through the town following extensive publicity and a significant response from local traders, organisations and businesses responding to the call.

The parade was great to see, with many different groups from bands, schools, historic vehicles, a dragon, arts

groups and many more. The crowd was treated to some terrific eye catching participants and warmly displayed their appreciation.

With rain always threatening, it was great to have the parade completed without incident. Next up was the concert and unfortunately mother nature was not so kind! It poured down, but to their credit it did not dampen the enthusiasm of the artists. The timing of the rain could not have been worse as it had not rained for almost 50 days – yet just when the concert started, down it came! In buckets!

The crowd was impacted, it soon became apparent to all that the rain was sending people away.

It was disappointing for all the stall holders, the organisers and of course the expectant crowd who had rolled up to what would have been possibly their biggest Festival yet. Once again, our thanks and appreciation goes to the organisers.



Rotary Golf Day.

The annual Croydon Rotary Golf Day was recently held on 8 March at Croydon Golf Club. Tony Wright, Croydon Rotary Director said, "On behalf of the Club I take this opportunity to thank all participants and special congratulations to the winners. Participants on the day contributed generously to the spinning wheel, auction and the betting hole which raised approximately \$2,000. This, combined with sponsorship, monetary donations and player payments, has raised an amount of almost \$13,500."

"The club anticipates that after expenses, it will make a net profit in excess of \$10,000, which is a very good result and provides the club with the funds to support its many charitable projects."



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