

November  
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# Newsletter

**\$1.2 million**

COMMUNITY  
INVESTMENT

## Community Bank · Mt Gambier & District

### A message from our Chair

Throughout the year, your banking has continued to play a role in the *growth and prosperity of our community*.

Not only through a strong year in financial result, but also through grants, sponsorships and grants totalling **\$1.2 million** to date, we've been able to invest in over 25 events and initiatives.

Our lending team has helped small business owners and homeowners to access the resources they need to succeed, while our scholarship program has provided two students with financial assistance to attend university.

Our strong performance is due to the leadership of our Branch Manager, Emma Horrigan, and the dedicated and skilled work of her team, who are part of our community and provide exemplary customer service. Thank you to all of the team for your work this year, which has led to outstanding results.

We appreciate your continued trust and look forward to creating a better future for everyone.

**Helen Strickland, Chair**

### Servicing Millicent!

We are very excited to announce we are now able to visit our Millicent customers and community.

We are taking appointments on **Thursdays in the 5280 Business Centre** located at 78 George Street, Millicent.

We can help you with a wide range of services, including account openings, everyday non cash banking, lending, refinancing, home loan reviews plus more.

Call us on 8726 3200 to make a time to discuss your lending and account needs.



It's a win-win when you bank with us.

Your better banking has helped support the clubs, projects and organisations at the heart of our local community.

Where else can great banking create such a positive impact -

**\$1.2 million and counting!**

## Here's who benefited:

26 total projects funded

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Establishment of a community garden at Nangwarry Primary School

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Sponsorship of South East National Dancing Association's Southern States Championship

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Continued major sponsorship of Western Border Football Netball League

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Sponsorship of SA Country Swimming Championships

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Providing funding for medical students to receive Tertiary Health Scholarships

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Sponsorship of Mount Gambier Motorcycle Club's 2023 racing season

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Continued sponsorship of SA Rostrum's Voice of Youth public speaking competition for local students

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Funding for junior development programs for Mount Gambier Baseball League and Tigers Baseball Club

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Funding for Save A Life driver education program for young drivers

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Funding for Mount Gambier Breast Cancer Awareness Group's annual fundraiser

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Sponsorship of Mount Gambier Cycling Club's annual 100 Mile Classic and Junior Classic

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Sponsorship of Mount Gambier RSL & District Bowling Club tournaments

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Provided funding for two first aid boxes for Tarpeena Progress Association

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Funding for upgrade of uniform for Limestone Coast Football Referees Association

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Sponsorship of Mount Gambier Showjumping Club's Junior/Young Riders Carnival

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Major sponsor for Limestone Coast Football Association

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Continued sponsorship of WINTV's Biggest Golf Day fundraiser for local cancer charities

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## Our scholarship program

We have been providing our scholarship program for over a decade. It is a huge help to regional students facing an additional cost burden as they must often move away from the family home to study.

Our 2023 recipient of the Community Bank Mt Gambier & District Scholarship is Jessica Tresidder. Jess is undertaking a double degree of Bachelor of Cognitive Neuropsychology and Business at the University of South Australia. Congratulations Jess!

We are excited to announce we are offering **two separate scholarships for our 2024 program** - one for school leavers and an open age scholarship. Applications open 1st October 2023 and close 31 January 2024 - find out more at [www.bendigobank.com.au/scholarships](http://www.bendigobank.com.au/scholarships).



## Branch Renovations

You may have noticed some changes to the branch this year! We have upgraded the exterior building to give it a new fresh look.

We will be closed from **12pm Friday 1 December** to renovate the inside of the branch - reopening on **Thursday 7 December**. We can't wait to show you the new look branch!





# 2023 Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will be held on Wednesday 15 November 2023, at the Wulanda Complex on Margaret Street, Mount Gambier, commencing at 6.30pm.

We welcome all shareholders, sponsorship recipients and community members. We'd love to see you there!



## Your better banking, big impact:



**Investing in our youth** with our sponsorship of Rostrum Voice of Youth public speaking competition.



Supporting **the arts** with our major sponsorship of the South East Art Society's annual Open Art Awards.

## Recent real stories



**Providing sponsorship** for local SE Nations netball team to compete in Adelaide carnival.



**Providing sponsorship** to Blue Lake Obedience Dog Club for their 2023 Trials.

## Community Investment Grants Program - Now Held Quarterly!

	Open	Close
Round 1	1 January	30 March
Round 2	1 April	30 June
Round 3	1 July	30 September
Round 4	1 October	31 December

The better banking of Community Bank customers, returns profits to the people and communities it serves, so that great local initiatives like yours gets the funding it deserves.

To find out more or to access the application form, please visit [www.bendigobank.com.au/mtgambier](http://www.bendigobank.com.au/mtgambier)

# Welcome to the team Tracey!

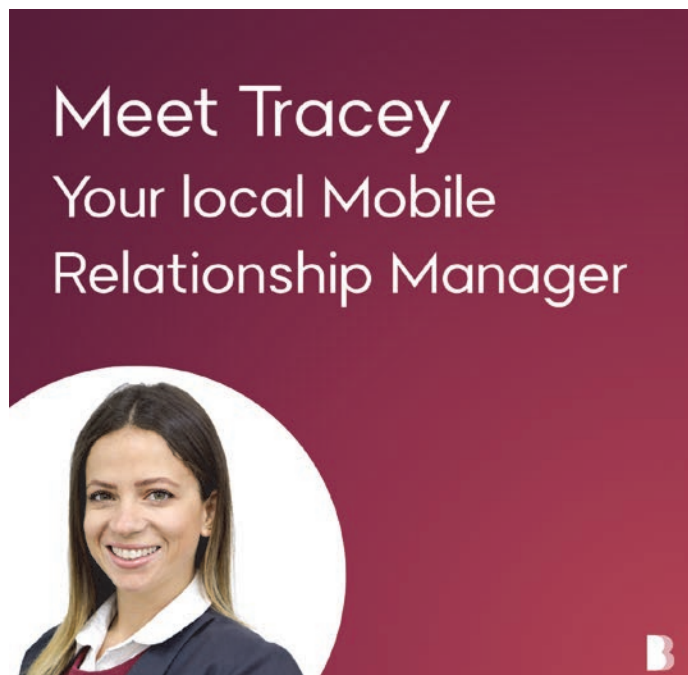
We are very excited to announce Tracey Bainger is our new Community Bank Mt Gambier & District **Mobile Relationship Manager**!

Tracey can come direct to you to discuss all of your lending needs and requirements.

As a mobile relationship manager, Tracey is happy to work around your busy schedule to ensure your banking is taken care of. Whether it's at your home, office, or your local café – whatever works for you.

With experience as a mortgage lender specialising in home lending, investment properties, refinancing, and first home buyers, Tracey is ready to help with a broad range of your finance and banking needs.

You can get in touch with Tracey via email at [tracey.bainger@bendigoadelaide.com.au](mailto:tracey.bainger@bendigoadelaide.com.au) or simply call us at the branch on 8726 3200 and we can help organise an appointment.



## Talk to us today


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### We're open:

9.30am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday

### Directors

Helen Strickland (Chair), Anne Eitzen, Mark Fullford,  
Josh Heaver, John Millhouse, Barb Winifred Munt,  
Rodney Summers, Simonette Thompson, Frank Wilcox

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