Mt Eliza Community Enterprise Limited

Community Impact Report 2026



From the Chairman

It's my pleasure to present this 2025–26 report, showing you the impact we've had on our community this year. It's all made possible because people like you choose to bank with Bendigo Bank in Mt Eliza.

This financial year our grant and sponsorship contributions were a record-breaking $468,000. They were widely distributed, with 70 local organisations receiving funding.

In addition, we invested $100,000 in our Bendigo Bank Community Foundation account to support future grants.

These contributions keep money in our local economy, driving growth, supporting local people and building community cohesion.

In June 2026 we passed a milestone of returning $1.5 million to the community. Our local shareholders, and customers can be very proud to be feeding into the prosperity of our wider Mt Eliza community.

We're touching the lives of thousands of local people through our support of:

- community sport—bringing people together for healthy competition, fitness and connection
- community services—connecting people to the help and assistance they need, and
- community initiatives that support people's mental health, wellbeing and resilience.

Keeping a local bank in our town, provides everyone with easy access to a modern branch, great customer service, and the expert advice of banking professionals.

If you are considering making the switch to Bendigo Bank, you'll find the products, technology and security you expect from one of Australia's biggest banks, plus exceptional customer service from our local team.

Make your appointment today on 9787 1224, or open your account in minutes with the Bendigo Bank app and link it to Community Bank Mt Eliza.

Reagan H. Barry

Chairman,
Mt Eliza Community Enterprise Limited

Our local volunteer Directors

Matthew Wilson, Reagan Barry (Chairman), Jo Horton, James Batty (Deputy Chairman), Robert Gauci (Secretary and Treasurer), Greg Russo and Lorena Prestia

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We've shared $1.5 million with our community

Mt Eliza Community Enterprise Limited works with Bendigo Bank to operate Community Bank Mt Eliza. We return most of the branch profit back into the area through sponsorships and grants. We are locally owned and operated and committed to our community.

$330M
Mt Eliza branch business under management

$1.5M
Contributions to the community to date

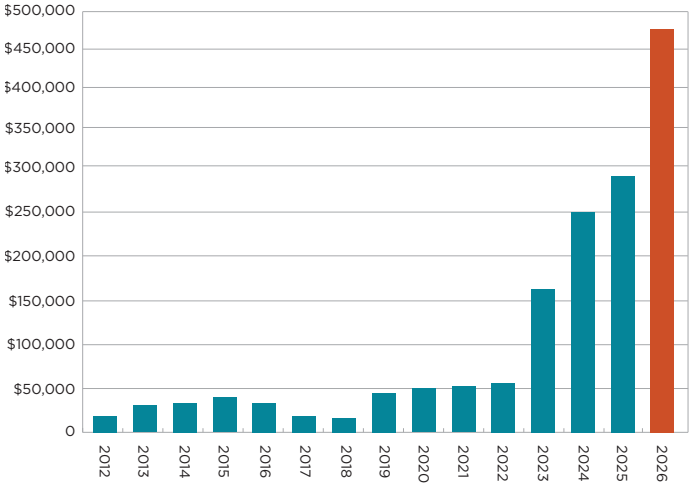
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Years providing a community banking service

195
Locally connected shareholders

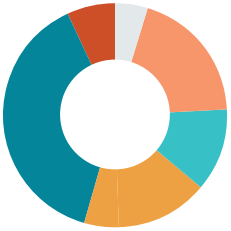
The numbers

This financial year our grant and sponsorship contributions were a record-breaking $468,000 bringing our local contributions since 2010 to now over $1.5 million.

Mt Eliza Community Enterprise Limited contributions by financial year ($)



Contributions by category in 2025–26



- Arts and culture 5%
- Community development 19%
- Education 12%
- Health and human services 18%
- Sport and Recreation 39%
- Other 7%

$1.5M
Contributions to the community to date

$468K
Contributions to the community in FY26

$140K
Grants

$328K
Sponsorships

70
Local organisations supported in FY26

In addition, we invested **$100,000** in our Bendigo Bank Community Foundation account to support future grants.



Volunteers and committee members of Peninsula Transport Assist

Community development

Our funding helped community support organisations and their volunteers provide essential assistance to locals who needed it.

Supported this year
Baxter Fire Brigade CFA
Mt Eliza Fire Brigade CFA
Peninsula Transport Assist

There's a new bus port at Peninsula Transport Assist's depot in Baxter (pictured above), helping to protect their minibuses, and saving their volunteers hours washing the vehicles.

This year we were also able to provide a grant to PTA for the purchase of a new mini bus, enabling government support for a second.

It's all helping transport-challenged local people get to appointments and services. We're proud to support the team and volunteers at Peninsula Transport Assist.



Peninsula Flyers Swim Team

Sport and recreation

Sponsorship of around 40 local clubs and organisations was our largest support category this year, receiving 39% of our funding.

Sport brings people together for health and fitness, plus life lessons in teamwork, sportsmanship and resilience. Clubs also support community wellbeing—as connection hubs for busy families.

All our local clubs have a focus on the mental health and wellbeing of members, the diversity of their teams and providing family-friendly environments where everyone feels welcome.

Supported this year

1st Ranelagh Scout Group
Baden Powell Cricket Club
Baxter Cricket Club
Baxter Soccer Club
Bruce Park Netball Club
Daveys Bay Yacht Club
Delacombe Park Cricket Club
Frankston Athletics Club
Frankston Bombers Football Netball Club
Frankston Croquet Club

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Frankston District Tigersharks
Frankston Dolphins Football Netball Club
Frankston Dolphins Junior Football Club
Frankston Football Club
Frankston Little Athletics Club
Heatherhill Cricket Club
Mornington Life Saving Club
Mornington Peninsula Hockey Association
Mornington Soccer Club
Mt Eliza Bowling Club
Mt Eliza Cricket Club
Mt Eliza Football Netball Club
Mt Eliza Junior Football Club
Mt Eliza Meteors
Mt Eliza Netball Club
Mt Eliza Soccer Club
Mt Eliza Swim Classic
Mt Eliza Tennis Club
Old Peninsula Football Club
Overport Park Tennis Club
Peninsula Aero Club, Tyabb Air Show 2026
Peninsula Flyers Swim Club
Peninsula Strikers Junior Soccer Club
Ranelagh Club
Somerville Junior Football Club
The Village Baxter Bowls Club
Yamala Park Bowling Club

We supported Mt Eliza Bowling Club with two of their big annual initiatives this year: the Community Bowls Challenge and the Bendigo Bank Cup invitational event. Yamala Park Bowling Club is another great partner. Both clubs host popular Barefoot Bowls nights for people of all ages.

Our investments in sport and recreation help keep people of all ages active and healthy.



Mt Eliza Football Netball Club



Frankston District Tigersharks © Craig Barret


Mornington Peninsula Hockey Association


Mt Eliza Bowling Club



Baxter Cricket Club



Somerville Junior Football Club



Baden Powell Cricket Club © Paul Churcher



Mt Eliza Soccer Club



Our support helped Mt Eliza Tennis Club with their garden upgrades



Mt Eliza Junior Football Club



Peninsula Strikers Junior Soccer Club



Mt Eliza Cricket Club



Mt Eliza Swim Classic



Mt Eliza Meteors



Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House

Health and human services

Our funding is contributing to the health and wellbeing of everyone in our community, keeping people connected and supported.

Supported this year

Mornington Community Support Centre
Mornington Peninsula Legacy
Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House
Probus Club of Mt Eliza Inc.
Probus Club of Mt Eliza Central Inc.
The Business of Smiles
Women's Spirit Project
Rotary Mt Eliza

The Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House's popular community lunches continued to bring people together this year. The Women's Spirit Project helped local women turn their lives around, and the Business of Smiles brought good local men together to connect, laugh and look out for each other.

We backed all of these and other local activities to foster connections, and a sense of belonging. As always, we applaud the many volunteers who make such positive contributions to all these activities.



Mornington Community Support Centre



The Business of Smiles



Probus Club of Mt Eliza



Women's Spirit Project



Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House's Christmas community lunch



Inform & Empower at Kunyung Primary School

Education

We're helping pre schools, primary schools and colleges give students extra curricular support in areas of mental health and wellbeing.

Supported this year
Derinya Primary School
Kunyung Primary School
Kunyung Pre School
Mt Eliza North Primary School
Mt Eliza Primary School
Mt Eliza Secondary College
Paratea Pre School
Walkers Road Pre School

We're now 12 months into a three-year plan to invest $250,000 in the health and wellbeing of local students. We've had nine participating schools and are reaching hundreds of students with the help of two key partners: Speak & Share and Inform & Empower.

Speak & Share delivered their mental health education program to local primary schools and secondary colleges, while Inform & Empower are teaching primary school students how to navigate the digital world, keeping themselves safe online, and happy in the process.



Kunyung Pre School



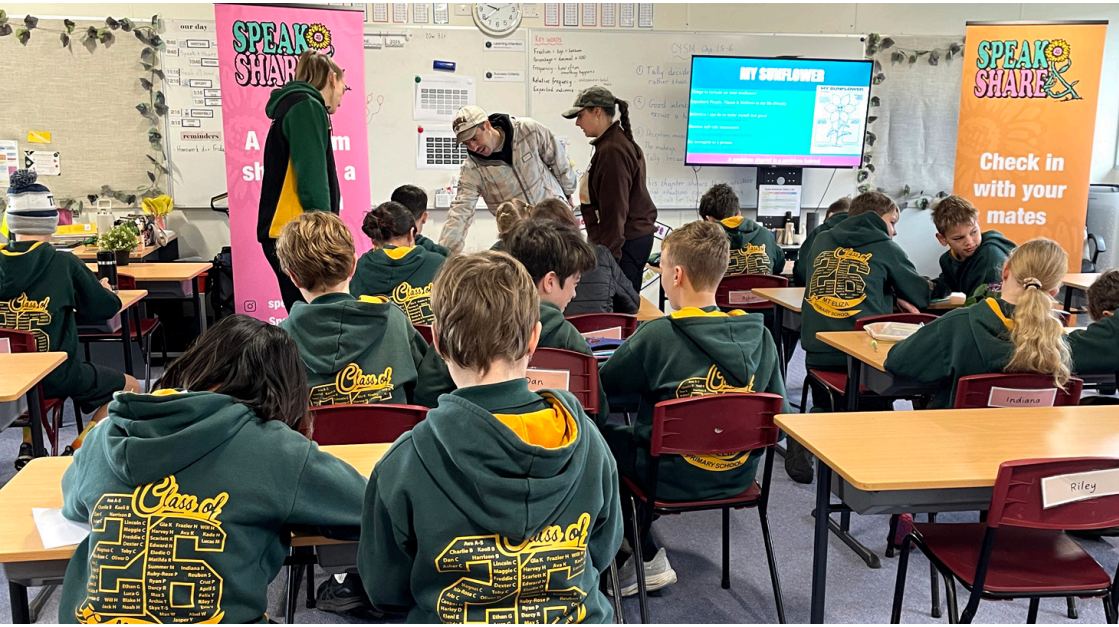
Carly and Marty from Inform & Empower



Speak & Share's Wellbeing Journal for kids



Speak & Share at Mt Eliza North Primary School



Speak & Share at Mt Eliza Primary School



PLOS production, We Will Rock You, at the Frankston Arts Centre

Arts and culture

We've supported our local arts and culture scene with investments that provide opportunities, talent development, and entertainment.

Supported this year
Australian Welsh Male Choir
Derinya Arts & Craft Exhibition
Mt Eliza Art & Design Show
Peninsula Arts Society
Peninsula Music Society
PLOS Musical Productions
RPP FM

PLOS Musical Productions bring musical theatre shows to the Frankston Arts Centre and are one of Victoria's largest non-professional musical theatre companies. PLOS produced two magnificent shows with our help this year.

Our local community broadcaster, RPP FM, covered local sport and news and shared the stories that matter here on the Peninsula.

Whether it's music or art, local people have organisations to help foster their talents and interests.



At the Frankston Business Festival

Other organisations

Investment highlights this year included the Frankston Business Festival—bringing the business community together, as well as the always popular Mt Eliza Farmers' Market.

Supported this year
Frankston Business Collective
Frankston Business Festival
Mt Eliza Chamber of Commerce
Mt Eliza Farmers' Market
Mornington Obedience Dog Club
Peninsula Cat Rescue

This year we helped businesses connect and drive activity through local networking and events run by the Frankston Business Collective and the Mt Eliza Chamber of Commerce.

Victorian farmers' continue to have the opportunity to sell their produce direct to the public at our much-loved Mt Eliza Farmers' Market.

And we continued to support our local obedience dog club and helped local volunteers find homes for cats and kittens.

Bendigo Bank's Community Bank branches are owned by local people and operated in partnership with the bank.

Community Banks operate on a profit-with-purpose basis, which means that most of the profit from the Mt Eliza branch is returned directly to our community.

Since 1998, over $467 million has been pumped back into Australian communities by this network of Bendigo Bank branches—over $1.5 million of it right here in the Mt Eliza–South Frankston area.

Bendigo Bank is committed to the prosperity of Australian communities.

So if you want to feel good about who you bank with, talk to the team at Community Bank Mt Eliza.

Call 9787 1224 to make your appointment or open an account in minutes with the Bendigo Bank app.

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