



# 2022

# Community Impact Report

Mt Eliza Community  
Enterprise Limited

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We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Bunurong / BoonWurrung people, the traditional custodians of the land on which we operate.

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# About us

## Support categories

Our support categories align with those used by Bendigo Bank in their national impact reporting.



Emergency and community support



Sport and recreation



Environment and animal welfare



Arts, culture and heritage



Health and wellbeing



Education and research



Facilities & infrastructure

Mt Eliza Community Enterprise works with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank to manage Community Bank Mt Eliza. The branch gives most of its profit back to the community through sponsorships and grants to not-for-profit community organisations. Decisions are made by a local board of directors.

## Vision

To be the bank of choice in Mt Eliza.

## Purpose

To feed into the prosperity of our customers and community, not off it.

## Mission

To work with Bendigo Bank and our staff to deliver an exceptional Community Bank experience and to share the benefits for the wellbeing and resilience of our community.

# Introduction

I am proud to present this Community Impact Report for 2021–22. It is the first report of its kind that we've published and is dedicated to highlighting the work we've done and the impact we've had in the community..

It's been good to reflect on the scale and scope of our contributions during another pandemic-disrupted year.

The strategy we took throughout the pandemic was to keep our support flowing to the many community groups, clubs and initiatives that make our region such a great place to live, work and play.

We wanted to ensure these groups would be there to serve you and the community as we emerged from the disruptions.

If you're a customer of Community Bank Mt Eliza your banking has had a big local impact this year. Because of you we've been able to return more than \$55,000 to the groups highlighted on the following pages (plus others).

We simply can't make these great things happen without you. So thank you to our existing customers, shareholders and partners.



We want our Community Bank branch be the bank of choice in Mt Eliza, and our purpose is to feed into the prosperity of our customers and community, not off it.

So why not join us? It's never been easier to make the move to Bendigo Bank. You'll find the local branch and customer service exceptional.

Make your appointment with our Mt Eliza team on 9787 1224 today, or contact Mobile Banker, Amey Duffy on 0448 450 765.

**Reagan Barry**  
Chair

# Emergency and community support



Community safety, services and support are important to all of us. With pressures increasing, we're helping local responders and organisations assist those in need.

Supported in 2021-22

Mt Eliza Fire Brigade / CFA

Peninsula Transport Assist

Local defibs

Rotary Mt Eliza



Our funding enabled the Mt Eliza Fire Brigade and CFA subscribe to software so they can mobilise their local volunteers quickly in the event of an emergency. They now work to an incredible three minute local response time.



We've been a long-term supporter of Peninsula Transport Assist, and this year we helped them to advertise on social media to expand their community transport services.



We have provided, and help maintain, defibrillators at a number of venues and clubs around Mt Eliza.



Again this year we helped the Rotary club bring free community events like the Australia Day BBQ to the village. Our team volunteer to help on the day.

# Sport and recreation



Our region is home to many sporting clubs and recreational services. We're proud to support many of them. Clubs provide health and wellbeing benefits to their members and bring people together for fitness, fun and competition.



It was another fantastic summer season for the Mornington Life Saving Club with Nippers programs, competitions and fun at Mills Beach. Congratulations to all the members and families who make a contribution to this organisation.



Our funding this year helped the Mt Eliza Bowling Club deal with some damage and associated costs caused by the earthquake in September 2021.



In 2022 our region's Bendigo Bank branches celebrated ten years of support for the Mornington Peninsula Cricket Association.



Our 2021-22 sponsorship funding has helped Baden Powell Cricket Club update hundreds of uniforms with their new branding.

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### Supported in 2021-22

Baxter Cricket Club

Baden Powell Cricket Club

Mornington Life Saving Club

Equestrian Victoria

Mt Eliza Junior Football Club

Peninsula Flyers Swim Club

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Daveys Bay Yacht Club

Mt Eliza Netball Club

Frankston Dolphins

Mt Eliza Bowling Club

South East Football Netball League

Mornington Peninsula Cricket Assoc.

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We're delighted to sponsor the Mt Eliza Junior Football Club. The club's families do a fantastic job getting the young players onto the field each week. They are one of the region's biggest and most competitive junior clubs.



Our 2021-22 sponsorship helped Mt Eliza Netball Club support their 22 teams and 210 players with recognition activities. This club encourages their players to progress into coaching and umpiring, giving them leadership experience and confidence.



Meet some of the members of the Peninsula Flyers Swim Team. They're in the pool early for training, then head off to school. We are proud to support them and wish them all the best in their competitions.



This year we were proud to announce our support of Frankston Dolphins Football Netball Club. The club aims to support their players with a strong focus on personal development in a positive and inclusive environment.

# Environment and animal welfare



We love our Mornington Peninsula environment and want to protect it, and we're becoming more aware of how we manage our waste. Our pets provide companionship and joy for so many of us.

Supported in 2021-22

Angel Lodge Equine Guardians

Mornington Obedience Dog Club

Upparel



We provided support to the volunteers at Angel Lodge Equine Guardians in Somerville. They help rescued horses recover from neglect, get fit and healthy and find new homes. The volunteers love their horses and give them a new start in life.



We joined our colleagues from around the Bendigo Bank network and sent around 75kgs of old staff uniforms to Upparel for textile recycling. Over 6,000kg of Australian clothing is dumped into landfill every 10 minutes. We don't want our local staff uniforms to be part of the problem.



The Mornington Obedience Dog Club helps people and their dogs learn new skills and stay healthy, active and engaged. They bring their members together for events and competitions, and provide advice and guidance to local dog owners.



# Arts, culture and heritage



It's been a tough few years for the arts. We're proud to have kept our support flowing to local organisations and initiatives that provide opportunities to local artists.

Supported in 2021-22

Mt Eliza Sculpture Trail

Peninsula Arts Society

RPP FM



As part of the regional Drift Arts Festival we were delighted to be part of the Mt Eliza Sculpture Trail which supported local artists. We teamed up with the Chamber of Commerce, Manyung Gallery and village retailers to present a trail of sculptures in shop windows around the village.

Community banking is based on a 'profit-with-purpose' model, which means our profits are returned directly to the community that has generated them.



We've had a long relationship with RPP FM. Along with our regional branch colleagues, we've helped RPP tell local stories and news, cover local sport and highlight local talent. Tune in on 98.7 FM.



Based at Overport Park, Peninsula Arts Society encourages artistic talents and promotes art in the community. They run artist demonstrations, workshops, classes and field trips.

# Health and wellbeing



Health and wellbeing has been foremost in our mind during the pandemic. We've continued to support local organisations who focus on it.

**Supported in 2021-22**

Mornington Peninsula Legacy

Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House

Peninsula Home Hospice

Mt Eliza Farmers' Market



Peninsula Home Hospice provides comprehensive palliative care to hundreds of local people every year. Their services, offered free of charge, ensure that those wanting to stay in their own home as they face a life limiting illness are able to do so.



We helped the Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House and their volunteers to serve the popular community lunches, bringing elderly and isolated locals together for a great meal and companionship.



With our help Mornington Peninsula Legacy supported 758 elderly widows of returned servicemen this year, bringing them together for social outings and events.



We help the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and Lions clubs bring the Mt Eliza Farmers' Market to the village every month. The market provides fresh, healthy produce and supports Victorian farmers and producers.

# Education and research



We provide opportunities and experiences for local young people to develop capabilities and skills that set them up for success in life.

**Supported in 2021-22**

Mornington Peninsula Youth Leadership Program

VICSWIM

SALT-Sport and Life Training



With the support of Bendigo Bank branches, the VICSWIM program took place in January at over 200 venues across the state. Around 15,000 children took part in these low-cost swimming lessons, giving them the skills and experience to stay safe in the water.



In January, 35 young people gathered at Camp Manyung for the Bendigo Bank-Mornington Peninsula Youth Leadership Program run by the shire's Youth Services team. The program helps participants develop confidence, leadership skills and connections with community.



SALT-Sport and Life Training run courses on wellbeing, mental health, culture and leadership for young people through sporting clubs.

You may not think who you bank with matters. But it does. For our customers, their banking is making a real difference.

## Why choose Bendigo Bank?

Bendigo Bank's network of Community Bank branches are owned by local people and operated in partnership with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank.

Community Banks operate on a 'profit-with-purpose' model, which means our profits are returned directly to the community that has generated them.

It's one of the world's largest social enterprise-style businesses. More than \$272 million has been pumped back into Australian communities by the network of branches to date, including over \$350,000 of it here in Mt Eliza.

Bendigo Bank is one of Australia's largest banks and one of the country's most trusted brands\*. It is committed to the prosperity of local communities via Community Bank branches like ours here in Mt Eliza.

If you want to feel good about who you bank with, talk to the Mt Eliza team at 102 Mt Eliza Way, or call 9787 1224 to make your appointment.

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\* Source: Roy Morgan Risk Monitor 2020