

# Community Impact Report 2023

Mt Eliza Community  
Enterprise Limited



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Community Bank  
Mt Eliza



**Mt Eliza Community Enterprise Ltd**

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We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Bunurong people, the traditional custodians of the land on which we live, work and play. We pay our respects to their elders past and present.

# 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



Facilities and infrastructure



Education and research

We work with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank to operate 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 our local board of directors.

## Vision

To be the bank of choice in Mt Eliza.

## Purpose

To feed into customer and community prosperity, 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

It is my pleasure to present this Community Impact Report for 2022–23. Our purpose is to feed into the prosperity of our community, not off it. This report explains how we did that in the 2022–23 financial year.

Interest rate rises and the hard work of our staff have seen our profit grow this year. That's given us scope to increase our local distributions considerably. These contributions keep the local economy strong and robust, making our wider Mt Eliza community a great place to live, work and play.

If you're a customer of Community Bank Mt Eliza, thank you. Your banking has had a big local impact this year. Because of you, we've been able to return more than \$165,000 to the organisations featured on the following pages (and others). These organisations are doing great work and we are proud to support them.

This year we also invested \$105,000 with the Community Enterprise Foundation to provide for future community contributions.

We simply can't make these things happen without our customers, local shareholders and our community partners.

We've consolidated our relationships with many organisations, helping them deliver valuable local programs, run activities and maintain infrastructure.



It's all part of the mutually beneficial relationship that comes with a community bank.

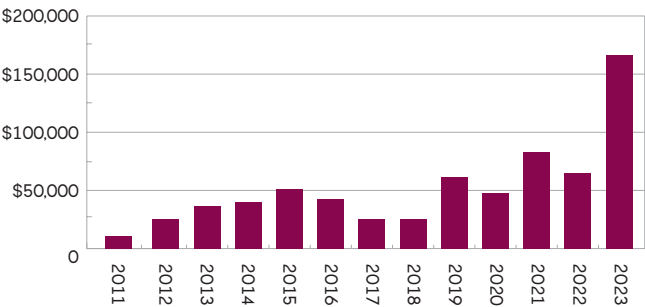
We want Community Bank Mt Eliza to be the bank of choice for local people and it's never been easier to switch to Bendigo Bank. You'll find the local branch and customer service exceptional, and Bendigo Bank has all the products and technology you'd expect from one of Australia's largest and most trusted banks.

Make your appointment with our Mt Eliza team on 9787 1224 today, or contact our mobile home lending specialist Amey Duffy on 0448 450 765.

**Reagan H. Barry**  
Chairman

# Overview: 2022–23

## Mt Eliza Community Enterprise Ltd Historical contributions by financial year (\$)



## Historical contributions to the community

2012	\$18,232
2013	\$28,250
2014	\$31,031
2015	\$40,693
2016	\$31,817
2017	\$18,448
2018	\$15,451
2019	\$43,805
2020	\$50,623
2021	\$51,414
2022	\$55,367
2023	\$165,536
	<b>\$550,668</b>

## Contributions by category



**\$550K**

Contributions  
to the community  
to date

**\$165K**

Contributions  
to the community  
in 2023

**55**

Organisations  
supported  
in 2023

**195**

Local  
shareholders

**13**

Years providing  
a community  
banking service

## \$320 million milestone

Community Bank branches around Australia have contributed \$320 million to their local communities. Bendigo Bank feeds into community prosperity, not off it.

# Emergency and community support



Emergency and community support services are at the heart of our community. With pressures increasing, our funding supports local responders and organisations to provide assistance.



Our funding enables 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 work to an incredible three minute local response time, keeping people and property safe. This year we've also provided funding for them to upgrade their community call-out sign to a new digital one. This will help them advise fire safety and other community messages.



We work closely with the Rotary Club of Mt Eliza, supporting their community events like the Australia Day BBQ and the Mornington Peninsula International Womens' Day Breakfast. This year we've also provided them with funding for a new community BBQ trailer which will be used by a number of local organisations in their fundraising.



## Supported in 2022-23

Mt Eliza Fire Brigade / CFA

Rotary Club of Mt Eliza

Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House

Mornington Community Support Centre

Peninsula Transport Assist

Peninsula Home Hospice



Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House is one of our major community partners. We're proud to support their community lunches, which bring people together for a low-cost nutritious meal and great company. The house has been supporting the community since 1975. It hosts a range of activities including: health, wellbeing, creative and social groups, computer literacy sessions, a men's social group and the popular community lunches.



Mornington Peninsula Support Centre volunteers prepare and pack food for hundreds of clients per week. It's an important program supporting the most vulnerable in our community. We were proud to support them this year.



Peninsula Transport Assist is our local community transport organisation. In 2022-23 their 58 volunteer drivers provided 2321 trips to 402 clients. That's a big help for a lot of people to get to appointments, shops or outings.



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 can do so. We're proud to support this service as a major sponsor of their annual fundraising golf day.

# Sport and recreation



Our region has a strong community sport culture. It's part of what makes it such a great place to live. Clubs provide health and wellbeing benefits to their members and bring people together for fitness, fun and competition.



Mornington Life Saving Club is an integral part of the community. Their volunteers keep thousands of people safe on Mills Beach every summer. The club also provides water safety and surf life saver training to its members and keeps them fit, healthy and active.



Our annual sponsorship helps Mt Eliza Netball Club support their young players and families. In 2023, 15 of their 17 teams made it to the finals. The great result is a testament to their fantastic club culture.



Mt Eliza Bowling Club is another of our long-term partners. We support their Community Bowls Challenge event every summer which introduces new players to lawn bowls and the club environment. This year the event hosted 26 teams from local businesses and groups, facilitating connections and networks as well as skills on the greens.







Some of the country's top sailors were out on the Bay in March competing in the Finn Class State Championships being held at Davey's Bay Yacht Club. We are proud to support the club.



The Mornington Peninsula Flyers Swim Club has bases at PARC in Frankston and YAWA in Rosebud. It is our local club for squad and competitive swimming. Their members compete at state, national and international competitions.



Supported in 2022-23
Mt Eliza Bowling Club
Mt Eliza Netball Club
Mt Eliza Cricket Club
Mt Eliza Tennis Club
Mt Eliza Football Netball Club
Mt Eliza Junior Football Club
Mt Eliza Girl Guides
Daveys Bay Yacht Club
Ranelagh Club KidSail
Peninsula Flyers Swim Club
Mornington Life Saving Club
Mornington Soccer Club
Baxter Cricket Club
Baxter Soccer Club
Baden Powell Cricket Club
Overport Park Redevelopment Foundation
Frankston Dolphins Football Netball Club
Frankston Dolphins Junior Football Club
1st Ranelagh Scout Group
Somerville Junior Football Club
Moorooduc Junior Football Club
Delacombe Park Cricket Club
The Village Baxter Bowls Club

Baden Powell Cricket Club based at Overport Park will celebrate their club's 60th anniversary in late 2023. We're proud to be long-term supporter of the club, keeping their senior and junior members fit, healthy and connected through summer.



We're delighted to sponsor both Mt Eliza Football Netball and Mt Eliza Junior Football clubs based at Emil Madsen Reserve. The senior club keeps over 1200 football and netball players fit, healthy, active and connected through winter, while the junior club is Australia's largest, with over 800 registered junior players in 2022-23.



The Frankston Dolphins Football Netball and Junior Football clubs are based at Overport Park in Frankston South. In 2023, the senior football and netball players had a great season. Their Reserves team won the grand final. The junior club had over 500 local kids registered to play.



This year we've had the opportunity to help Baxter Soccer Club develop its junior programs. With new junior teams and a robust MiniRoos program, more local kids have the opportunity to play soccer. We also support the club's Senior Reserves team. The club is recognised as a mentally healthy organisation that supports its members and community.





This year we helped the Ranelagh Club with a set of new life vests to keep the children safe on the water during their summer KidSail program.



We helped the little Somerville Dragons basketball team register for the local competition and supplied their uniforms this year.



Mt Eliza Tennis Club in the Howard Parker Reserve has high performance coaching staff, competitions, fitness and kids activities. We are proud to support them.



Founded in 1929, Baxter Cricket Club fields senior and junior teams in the Mornington Peninsula Cricket Association. This family-friendly club has a team to suit everyone.



The 1st Ranelagh Scouts Group provides young people aged 5-25 with opportunities to grow through adventure activities. We helped them purchase equipment this year.



Mornington Soccer Club hosts 30 teams and over 500 players. It's one of the region's major player development clubs and an accredited Good Sports Club.



Somerville Junior Football Club were able to invest in new kitchen equipment and team bags this year with our help. Our support also helps them keep membership costs down for everyone.



Moorooduc Junior Football Club is a small club with a big heart. We're proud to support them and their plans to install lights at their home ground.



Mt Eliza Cricket Club is a family club that fosters cricket in the community and supports the health, fitness, wellbeing and connections of their senior, women's and junior players and their families.



Delacombe Park Cricket Club in Frankston South has a base of strong junior programs and established senior teams, including a women's group. The club environment encourages equality, participation, positive self-esteem and sportsmanship.

# Environment and animal welfare



We love our Mornington Peninsula environment and want to protect it and the lifestyle it enables. We also recognise the companionship and joy our pets provide.

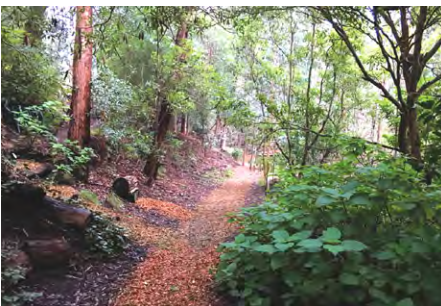
Supported in 2022–23

Mornington Obedience Dog Club

Mt Eliza Woodlands Residents  
Association



Mornington Obedience Dog Club celebrated their 40th birthday in 2022. This club has helped thousands of local people understand and build a great relationship with their dog. We are proud to support the club and Mt Eliza's happy, healthy dogs.



We supported the Woodlands Residents Association with some funding this year. They help to educate local residents on the exceptional environmental qualities of the woodland area and help to protect it.

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



# Arts, culture and heritage



We're providing support to local media to tell our stories and showcase artistic talent. We also provide opportunities for local artists to exhibit and connect with local audiences.

**Supported in 2022-23**

RPP FM

Peninsula Art Society

Mt Eliza Art and Design Show

Derinya Art and Craft Exhibition



We've had a long relationship with community broadcaster RPP FM. Along with our regional Community Bank colleagues, we support RPP to report local news, cover local sport and highlight local talent. The station provides live broadcasts of weekend sports and council meetings, and helps local bands and musicians build their audiences. Tune in on 98.7 FM.



Peninsula Arts Society has been fostering artistic talent and promoting art in the community since 1954. They run demonstrations, workshops, classes and field trips plus an annual spring art show.



We support a number of fundraising art exhibitions run by our local primary schools, including the Mt Eliza Art and Design Show and the Derinya Art and Craft Exhibition. These events help the primary schools raise funds and are markets for local artists.

# Health and wellbeing



Health and wellbeing is a fundamental for everyone. We continue to help fund local organisations that are doing impressive work to support the health and wellbeing of local people at all stages of life.

## Supported in 2022-23

Mornington Peninsula Legacy

Speak & Share

Women's Spirit Project

Mt Eliza 55+ Club

Mt Eliza Farmers' Market



Mornington Peninsula Legacy supports over 700 widows of Australian Defence Force Veterans in our region. Legacy bring these ladies together for regular events, keeping them connected and supported.



Speak & Share uses a unique, humorous approach to talk about mental health. Their popular school and club sessions supported around 1500 young people in the three months from June–August 2023.



The Women's Spirit Project inspires and empowers disadvantaged women to transform their lives. Their activities helped over 400 women to participate in fitness, wellbeing and mentoring activities last year.



The Mt Eliza Farmers' Market provides fresh, healthy produce to around 1000 local visitors every month. We're proud to support this event which in turn supports regional Victorian farmers and producers.

# Facilities and infrastructure



We are helping our community organisations improve their facilities and build for the future.

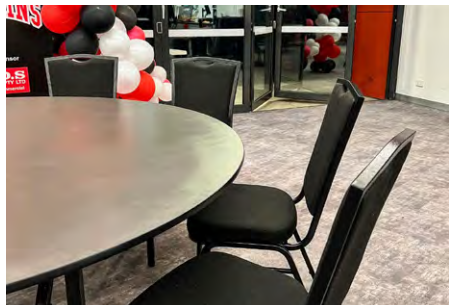
Supported in 2022–23

Mt Eliza Secondary College

Overport Park Development  
Foundation



A new Indigenous bush tucker and student wellbeing garden at Mt Eliza Secondary College. The project is taking shape with the help of students, teachers and parents who are bringing this beautiful garden and meeting place to life. We're proud to support this project and the school community.



Overport Park in Frankston South is the home of the Frankston Dolphins Football Netball Club, the junior football club, and Baden Powell Cricket Club. The club room recieved some new furniture this year with our funding support.



# Education and research



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



Walker's Road Pre School has been helping our littlest locals learn and develop for the past 43 years. Our funding will help them tackle some much-needed maintenance of their outdoor areas, supporting the staff, families and children.



With our support Mt Eliza Secondary College started the school year hearing from Boonwurrung educator Jaeden about healing and connecting with country and culture.

Supported in 2022–23

Mt Eliza Secondary College

Mornington Peninsula Youth  
Leadership Camp

Mornington Peninsula Toastmasters

Walker's Road Pre School

Kunyang Pre School

VICSWIM



In January a group of young people gathered at Camp Manyung for the Bendigo Bank–Mornington Peninsula Youth Leadership Camp. The camp is run by the Mornington Peninsula Shire's Youth Services team.

Our regional branches have been funding this event since 2016. It's an opportunity for participants develop confidence, leadership skills and connections with the community.

The shire's Youth Advisory Committee draws its members from this group. That committee advises council and brings an important youth perspective to the shire's programs and initiatives.

The Youth Advisory Committee also host the shire's annual youth awards, recognising extraordinary young people having an impact across our region.



We supported Kunyung Pre School, helping children from around 50 local families to play, learn and grow. The staff help local kids develop a love of learning, extend their boundaries and build resilience for life.



Mornington Peninsula Toastmasters received a grant from us this year to purchase new IT equipment. That is helping them run hybrid meetings and develop skills for on-screen speaking and presentations.



Bendigo Bank supports the Victorian Government's VICSWIM program. This year around 15,000 Victorian children took part in these low-cost swimming lessons, giving them the skills and experience to stay safe in the water. We also provided the program with funding for defibrillator units to use at their regional open water venues, including a number on the Mornington Peninsula.

At Mt Eliza Community Bank,  
your banking becomes part  
of something much bigger  
and better.



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**LOOKS DIFFERENT  
FEELS DIFFERENT  
IS DIFFERENT**

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**WELCOME**  
**TO COMMUNITY BANK**  
**MOUNT ELIZA**  
**A BETTER PLACE TO BANK**

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## 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 people and communities that generate them.

It's one of the world's largest social enterprise businesses. Around \$320 million has been pumped back into Australian communities by the network of branches to date, over \$550,000 of it in and around 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 the one 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 2022