

# Community Impact Report 2025

Mt Eliza Community  
Enterprise Limited



# Celebrating \$1 million in local contributions

It's my pleasure to present this 2024–25 report, showing you the impact Community Bank Mt Eliza has had on our community this year.

In April 2025 we passed a milestone of returning \$1 million to our community. It's something our shareholders, customers and community can be very proud of.

This financial year our grant and sponsorship contributions totalled \$289,000. They were widely distributed, with 70 local organisations receiving funding. In addition, we invested \$115,000 in our Community Enterprise Foundation account to support future grants.

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

We are feeding into the prosperity of our community through 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.

To keep doing it we need local people to choose Bendigo Bank in Mt Eliza for their banking, home loans, term deposits and insurance.

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 largest and most trusted banks, plus our legendary customer service. Make your appointment today on 9787 1224.

## Reagan H. Barry

Chairman,  
Mt Eliza Community Enterprise Limited



Our local volunteer Directors (from left): Matthew Wilson, Reagan Barry (Chairman), Alex Godfrey, Jo Horton, James Batty (Deputy Chairman), Robert Gauci (Secretary and Treasurer) and Greg Russo.

# About us

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 community through sponsorships and grants. We are locally owned and operated and committed to our community.

Community Bank  
Mt Eliza



## Vision

To be the bank of choice in Mt Eliza.

## Purpose

To feed into customer and community prosperity.

## 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.



**\$320M**

Mt Eliza branch  
business under  
management



**\$1M**

Contributions  
to the community  
to date



**15**

Years providing  
a community  
banking service

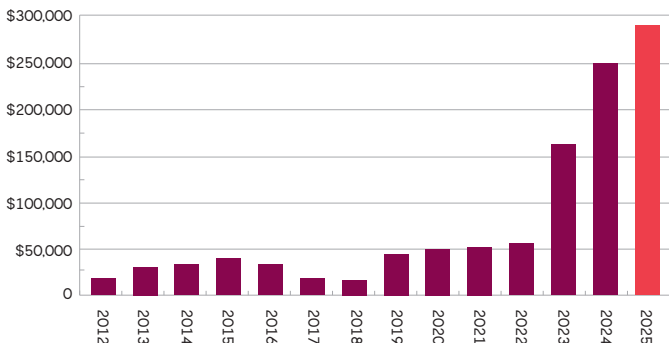


**195**

Locally  
connected  
shareholders

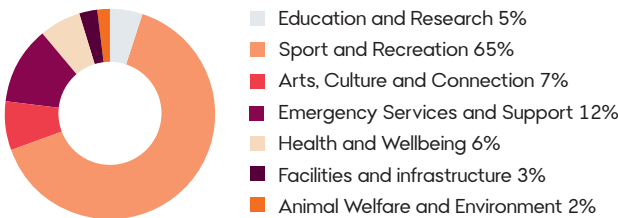
# The numbers

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



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Contributions by category in 2024–25



Our people

  
**3,126**  
Local customers

  
**8**  
Local staff

  
**7**  
Local volunteer directors

  
**3**  
Local contractors



**\$1M**

Contributions  
to the community  
to date



**\$289K**

Contributions  
to the community  
in 2025



**\$115K**

Invested in 2025  
for future  
contributions



**70**

Local organisations  
supported  
in 2025



**82%**

Of applications  
were funded  
in 2025

# Emergency and community support



This year, our funding helped community support organisations provide essential assistance to locals who needed it.

## **Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House: community lunches**

Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House was one of our major funding recipients this year. They have been supporting the community since 1975, providing social connection activities like community lunches; health, wellbeing, creative and social groups; computer literacy sessions; exercise groups; and a men's group.

For the past few years we have helped them deliver their local food program, including the popular community lunches. These events bring older and isolated people together for a wonderful afternoon of great food and company.

This year over 400 meals were served at the community lunches. We thank the volunteers who cook and prepare the meals and the students who served them.

Our funding also helped to support the community pantry—which was stocked to provide free provisions for those who needed them.



## Supported this year

C2A Disability Without Limits

Miscarriage Information Support Service

Mornington Community Support Centre

Mornington Peninsula Legacy

Mt Eliza Fire Brigade / CFA

Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House

Peninsula Transport Assist

Project Fresh Start



**Peninsula Transport Assist** is a volunteer-assisted community transport organisation who help people with transport services. Their 62 volunteer drivers provided 2,479 trips to 358 clients this year with our support.



**Mornington Community Support Centre** exists so that anyone experiencing hardship in our region has a place to turn, to make their hard times a little easier. Our contribution supported the centre's homeless accommodation program.



**Miscarriage Information Support Service** provides information and resources to support women, partners and families who have lost a baby through miscarriage.



**Project Fresh Start** provides free, healthy, plant-based food to the community. They are on a mission to educate people about healthy eating and living. There are pick up points for their pre-prepared meals around the Frankston community.



Mt Eliza Fire Brigade and CFA

# Sport and recreation



Sponsorship of 37 local sporting clubs was our largest support category this year, receiving 65% of our funding.

We're a big sporting community with population growth feeding club memberships and putting pressure on committees and facilities.

Mt Eliza and Frankston South are home to some of the largest junior sports clubs in the country. We thank the many parents and volunteers who give their time to help run community sport.

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.

We are proud to support them.



**Frankston Dolphins Football Netball Club** are one of the three clubs based at Overport Park. We're proud to be their major sponsor. This year we helped fund a new electronic scoreboard—infrastructure which improves the park facility for all.



"I urge our members, supporters and the whole community to support the bank that supports us. The more personal and business banking opportunities we can provide to Bendigo Bank, the more support they can return to the community."

**Wes Bourke, Mt Eliza Cricket Club**

## Supported this year

Baden Powell Cricket Club

Baxter Cricket Club

Baxter Soccer Club

Bruce Park Netball Club

Daveys Bay Yacht Club

Delacombe Park Cricket Club

1st Ranelagh Scout Group

Frankston Bombers Football Netball Club

Frankston Dolphins Football Netball Club

Frankston Dolphins Junior Football Club

Frankston Districts Tigersharks AFL Club

Frankston Football Club

Frankston Athletics Club

Frankston Little Athletics Club

Mornington Life Saving Club

Mornington Peninsula Hockey Association

Mornington Soccer Club

Mt Eliza Big Swim

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 Racing Team

Mt Eliza Soccer Club

Mt Eliza Tennis Club

Old Peninsula Football Club

Overport Park Tennis Club

Peninsula Flyers Swim Club

Peninsula Strikers Junior Football Club

Ranelagh Club

Somerville Junior Football Club

Speak and Share Fun Run

The Village Baxter Bowls Club



Mt Eliza Football Netball Club



Frankston District Tigersharks



Mt Eliza Junior Football Club



Mt Eliza Soccer Club



Delacombe Park Cricket Club



Frankston Little Athletics Club



Baden Powell Cricket Club



Mt Eliza Cricket Club



Peninsula Strikers Junior Soccer Club



Mt Eliza Meteors



Mt Eliza Tennis Club



Mornington Life Saving Club



Old Peninsula Football Club



Mt Eliza Netball Club



Frankston Football Club



Speak & Share Fun Run



Mt Eliza Bowling Club



Mornington Soccer Club



Baxter Soccer Club

# Arts, culture and connection



Our funding helps celebrate the things that make our community unique and a great place to live.



**Mt Eliza Farmers' Market** provides fresh, healthy produce to around 1,000 visitors every month. We're proud to support this event which is an initiative of the Mt Eliza Chamber of Commerce and is supported by local volunteers from the Rotary and Lions clubs. In turn, the market supports regional Victorian farmers and producers. The market brings the Mt Eliza community together with food, entertainment and volunteering opportunities. It is on the fourth Sunday of every month, right in the centre of Mt Eliza Village.

## Supported this year

Derinya Art and Craft Exhibition  
Frankston Business Collective  
Lions Club Regional Conference  
Mt Eliza Art & Design Show  
Mt Eliza Chamber of Commerce events  
Mt Eliza Farmers' Market  
Peninsula Art Society  
PLOS Musical Productions  
Probus Central Mt Eliza  
Rotary Mt Eliza  
RPP FM  
WomenConnect Frankston



The voice of the peninsula—community radio and broadcaster RPP FM



WomenConnect Frankston is a business networking luncheon run twice a year, including on International Women's Day. It raises funds for Dress for Success who provide clothing and support to women who are working to achieve financial independence.



**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 this year: A Tribute to Musical Theatre and School of Rock.



We supported the fundraising art exhibitions run by two local primary schools, including the **Mt Eliza Art and Design Show** and the **Derinya Art and Craft Exhibition**. These events helped the primary schools raise funds and were markets for local artists.



**Mt Eliza Chamber of Commerce** ran festive promotions throughout the year with our support, including Christmas, Easter and Halloween activities for children. It added character and charm to our shopping precinct and supported our local retailers.



We supported **Mt Eliza Rotary Club's** community events like the Australia Day BBQ and the Mornington Peninsula International Womens' Day Breakfast. This year we were also a major sponsor for the regional **Lions Club** District 201V3 Conference.

# Health and wellbeing



This year we focused on a partnership with Speak & Share to support local students with their mental health.

## Speak & Share: Year 9 student sessions

Speak & Share are a group of local teachers who use a unique, personal approach to talking about mental health.

They aim to break down the stigma around it and encourage people to show vulnerability and connect with their peers, believing that a problem shared is a problem halved.

This year we funded Speak & Share to deliver their People Before Students school program to over 420 year 9 students across Mornington and Mt Eliza secondary colleges and Frankston High School.

“Our students and staff couldn’t speak highly enough of the Speak Share sessions and rated these sessions the highlights of their week. The discussions that have been evoked among our Year 9 cohort has been amazing to witness,” said some of the teacher feedback.



# Education

We're helping our pre schools, primary schools and colleges to give students opportunities.

## Supported this year

Kunyang Pre School

Mt Eliza Secondary College

Paratea Pre School

Walker's Road Pre-School



As part of our support of **Mt Eliza Secondary College** we funded two local students, Lily and Charlotte, to attend the Magic Moments Youth Leadership and Business Summit in Sydney. At this four-day event they developed their leadership and business skills.

We also provided the college with funding to run their first whole-of-school assembly at the beginning of the year. There was a moving presentation, smoking ceremony and the opportunity for students to set intentions and goals for the year ahead.

**Mt Eliza North Primary School** got some new playground seating this year with our funding support.



This year we provided funding to **Kunyang, Walker's Road and Paratea pre schools** who all got new equipment and improved their playgrounds. While the kids play, learn and grow the pre school educators help them develop a love of learning, extend their boundaries and build resilience for life.



# Animal welfare



Local people love their pets, and we've supported the organisations that help them and their furry companions.

## Supported this year

Mornington Obedience Dog Club

Peninsula Cat Rescue



**Peninsula Cat Rescue's** volunteers make sure that every cat has the opportunity for a loving home. We contributed to their Last Litter Program which desexes, microchips and vaccinates cats that have recently given birth. The kittens are then fostered, desexed, microchipped and vaccinated ready for local adoption. This also helps manage overpopulation and environmental effects.



**Mornington Obedience Dog Club** is a community volunteer dog club dedicated to helping owners understand their dogs and the social responsibility that comes with owning one. For over forty years the club has helped thousands of local people build a better relationship with their dog. We are proud to support them and Mt Eliza's happy, healthy dogs again this year.





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

Over \$416 million has been pumped back into Australian communities by this network of Bendigo Bank branches to date—over \$1 million of it right here in the Mt Eliza–South Frankston area.

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 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 visit [bendigobank.com.au](https://bendigobank.com.au).

\* Roy Morgan Risk Monitor 2023