



Mt Eliza Community Pitch: \$40,000 distributed

It was a pleasure to host the 2019 Mt Eliza Community Pitch in August. The event brought together local businesses and community groups and clubs with an aim to distribute some much-needed extra funding. It was the second year we've run the event.

Twelve local businesses, plus the Mt Eliza **Community Bank®** Branch and two generous individuals donated their own money to a pool of sponsorship funds totalling \$40,000. This was available for local community groups to take home on the night. Read about the businesses who contributed their funds as pitch partners inside.

Our nine local applicant groups included sporting clubs and community groups based in and around Mt Eliza. Each gave a short presentation to the audience to pitch their case for extra funding.

Inspiring and entertaining presentations were made by:

- Mt Eliza Girl Guides – who were after funds to fix up their ageing club house kitchen.
- Mornington Peninsula Legacy – who need funding to support the families of local defence force veterans.
- Mt Eliza Soccer Club – who need funds to run their junior academy.
- Mt Eliza Football–Netball Club's netball players – who had just played a wet winter season without suitable shelters.
- Overport Park Development Foundation – who need community funding to fit out their new club rooms.
- Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House – who is planning a welcome pack for new residents to the area.
- Peninsula Home Hospice – who needed extra funds to support their creative dreamscaping palliative care activity.
- Baxter Cricket Club – who are running mental health support programs for their young players.
- Dogs for Kids with Disabilities – who need funds to help them train companion dogs for kids with special needs (pictured above with our branch staff).

"The Community Pitch is becoming a big deal in Victorian communities," said Alex Godfrey a local volunteer director at Bendigo Bank's Mt Eliza branch. "It's a great way to learn about the work our local community groups are doing, and for our branch and a group of local businesses to get together to support them."

"For us, this event is the mechanism to re-distribute the **Community Bank®** profits back to our Mt Eliza community. But aside from the great funding opportunities, it's a chance for our local groups and businesses to connect. It really brings our community together, and we all learn a little bit more about each others' work."

"What a wonderful night, what a fantastic initiative, and what an amazing community. It was a terrific result for nine extremely worthy community groups," said Kim Michod from Dogs for Kids with Disabilities – who bought their two new puppies along on the night.

Craig Baker from Baxter Cricket Club pitched for funding to deliver the club's youth support programs. "We are so incredibly honoured to be invited and to walk away with so much support. We can't wait to put our programs into place this season," he said.

Bendigo Bank's **Community Bank®** branches are in business to return the profits they make to the communities they are part of. The Community Pitch is how the Mt Eliza branch does this.

"Our ability to return large amounts of money to our community comes down to people choosing to bank at the Mt Eliza **Community Bank®** Branch. It's all made possible by our local customers," said Branch Manager Fiona Parsons. "It's why we say Bendigo Bank is the better big bank. So come in and talk to us about your banking and insurance."

Our thanks go to our partners and applicant groups for getting involved. We'd also like to thank the Canadian Bay Hotel who provided a wonderful venue for our 2019 Community Pitch.



Above: the crew from Dogs for Kids with Disabilities and our branch staff

Mt Eliza Community Enterprise Limited PO Box 307, Mt Eliza VIC 3930 ABN 18 139 499 326 **Directors:** Reagan Barry (Chairman), James Batty (Deputy Chairman), Robert Gauci (Treasurer), Alex Godfrey, Jo Horton, Peter Hutchinson, Carolyn Parker (Secretary), Greg Russo, Matthew Wilson.

Communities profit from the better big bank

It's the time of the year when Bendigo Bank's **Community Bank**[®] Branches are handing their profits back to their communities. And local schools, clubs and not for profit organisations are the big winners.

All around our region we are hearing the great stories from branches holding their annual distribution events. As Bendigo Bank's **Community Bank**[®] network grows and matures, there's some outstanding results and huge impacts being made.

In July the Pearcedale **Community Bank**[®] Branch held it's sponsorship distribution night, handing back \$68,500 to their community.

"These funds come directly from the profits of our Pearcedale branch," said Branch Manager Darryl Sutcliffe. "It was a great night celebrating leadership, support and the power of the volunteers who are making our community bigger and better."

In May, the three branches at Rye, Rosebud and Dromana held their sponsorship and grant night. They were joined by over 100 representatives from more than 50 local groups who shared in an impressive \$227,000 on the night.

"Nights like this don't happen by accident" said Senior Branch Manager Gary Sanford. "Thanks to all who made the night possible, but most importantly to our customers. It is because you choose your **Community Bank**[®] branches of Rye, Rosebud or Dromana Bendigo Bank that we are able to extend this support to all these community groups."

"So tell your friends, tell your family, tell your colleagues and team mates. Get on board with Bendigo Bank and we can give back even more," said Sanford.

Over in Narre Warren South, the branch presented \$14,000 in community investment grants to their local community groups in July.

"Thank you to the community groups for your service and commitment to your local organisations," said Narre Warren South Branch Manager, Sunny Chittajallu.

In August, Mt Eliza **Community Bank**[®] Branch distributed \$20,000 to our community at the Mt Eliza Community Pitch night. We teamed-up with local businesses who added another \$20,000 to the funding pool available to local groups on the night.

It's a similar story around the country as the **Community Bank**[®] branches of Australia's fifth largest retail bank hand back their profits to support their communities.



Belle, Aimee and Lachlan attended the Magic Moments Youth Leadership camp in July. Mt Eliza **Community Bank**[®] Branch and Mt Eliza Lions Club were delighted to help them get there.

Magic Moments

A report by our sponsored student, Belle York from Mount Eliza Secondary College.

I was one of the lucky three local students chosen to attend Magic Moments in Sydney in July. This camp was founded 10 years ago by three wonderful women wanting to have a positive impact on young people's lives. Bendigo Bank and the Mount Eliza Lions Club enabled us to go through their generosity of a sponsorship.

The camp was five days and four nights long. Every day began at 6:30am and we arrived, exhausted, back at our cabins at about 12am. This camp consisted of team games and many motivational speakers, talking about how we can change our lives positively and make them great. Within 24 hours of being at the camp the three of us had already bonded strongly with the seven other people in our team. Our team was called the 'Penguins' and during all the games we worked well as a team together. I would go into further detail about the activities and speeches, however I do not want to ruin the surprise for future Magic Moments attendees. Some of the activities were of an incredibly personal nature and there was an agreement that we wouldn't discuss any of these themes further after the camp.

As a very introverted, shy teenager, I found the trip to Magic Moments incredibly stressful and nerve-racking. After being at the camp for less than an hour, I had already grown in confidence and felt secure and safe with everybody around me.

For me personally, Magic Moments has had a huge impact on my life. I loved every second of being in that environment and was torn apart when I had to leave. Myself and a fellow participant from our school will be fundraising, so we can attend the graduate program at Magic Moments next year. I would very much encourage any student who is given the opportunity to go, to attend the program – even if, like me, you are initially scared of the prospect of going.

Thank you,
Belle York

Head over to our Facebook page (Mt Eliza Community Bank Branch) to watch a short video of Belle reporting from the camp.

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Thank you to our 2019 Community Pitch partners



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Thanks

A big thank you to these local organisations and the individuals who joined us as partners for the 2019 Mt Eliza Community Pitch.

We created a pool of

\$40,000

that was distributed on the night. That money has gone to some great local causes.

It's because local people choose our Mt Eliza Community Bank® Branch that we were able to contribute \$20,000 to this event. Thanks to our customers who made it happen.

Thank you to our 2019 Community Pitch applicants

Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House • Mt Eliza Girl Guides • Peninsula Home Hospice • Mt Eliza Football-Netball Club • Mt Eliza Soccer Club • Dogs for Kids with Disabilities • Baxter Cricket Club • Overport Park Development Foundation • Mornington Peninsula Legacy Club •

All went home with some extra funding in their pockets.



Melissa (Mt Eliza **Community Bank**[®] Branch) and Michele (Mt Eliza Girl Guides) with Ben and Campbell (Resolute Painting & Projects).



Anne, Lisa and Barry (Mornington Peninsula Legacy Club).



Craig and the team from Baxter Cricket Club.



Emma and Kim holding Ryder and Raffi (Dogs for Kids with Disabilities).



Grant and Penny (Homes & Acreage) with Mary and Greg (Peninsula Home Hospice).



Sean from Overport Park Development Foundation and Alex (Mt Eliza Community Enterprise Limited).



Mt Eliza Soccer Club's junior players made their pitch with coach Stuart.



The team from Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House with Brent (Ritchies) and Fiona (Mt Eliza **Community Bank**[®] Branch).

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We're proud to support the South Eastern Women's Football League

Backing women's football

Bendigo Bank's **Community Bank**[®] branches were proud to be the major sponsor of the AFL South Eastern Women's League for 2019-20 season.

The bank's Mornington Peninsula and south-east region's cluster of branches threw their \$20,000 sponsorship weight behind the women's league which covers more than 700 players from 21 clubs across three divisions.

On top of this, many of the bank's individual **Community Bank**[®] branches supported their local clubs with additional sponsorship packages. Some of these were substantial.

Bendigo Bank has been a partner of AFL South East for many years.

"We were delighted to support the women's league this year," said **Community Bank**[®] cluster spokesperson, Jason Pater.

"Fostering equality in sport is very important. Getting behind women's sport is simply the right thing for our branches to do," he said. "We also know that many women are looking for a better big bank."

Inspiring women to stay active and fit is a secondary motive for the **Community Bank**[®] branches to support the league.

"These female football players are role models for young women. Their strength, fitness and skills are impressive. We think they inspire young women to stay fit and active. Any excuse for women to get out for a run, or to kick a ball around with the kids is a good one," said Alex Godfrey from Mt Eliza Community Enterprise Limited.

The AFL South Eastern Women's League plays an important role in the promotion and development of women's football. It provides pathways for players to achieve their goals and aims to grow and foster women's football in the community.

Congratulations to all the players for a great season – particularly those who played in the grand final matches in September.



At Bendigo Bank's Victorian State conference in May. Our volunteer directors Alex, Jo and Matt caught up with Bendigo Bank's Chief Executive Officer, Marnie Baker.



Fiona, Andrew, Louise and Mel spotted on the streets of Mt Eliza.



Branch staff members Bec and Melissa got excited about 'splashing the cash' at the 2019 Community Pitch.

Congratulations Jo



We are really proud of our team – not only in our Mt Eliza **Community Bank**[®] Branch – but also behind the scenes, on our board of directors. Our board is made up of nine local people who volunteer their time and business skills to work for the benefit of the Mt Eliza community.

Jo Horton has been on our board since 2016. She is a Human Resources professional who helps us manage our people and culture. She liaises with Bendigo Bank on a range of HR and compliance issues. We're proud to have her on our board.

Jo has recently accepted a senior position on Bendigo Bank's Community Development team. This means she'll be helping Bendigo Bank's **Community Bank**[®] branches around the country to run their businesses and return their profits to their local communities.



Sport and Life Training

The Bendigo Bank's **Community Bank®** branches here in our region are proud to support SALT (Sport and Life Training). This not for profit organisation is on a mission to transform Australian culture through sport. They run workshops on life, culture and leadership for young people through sporting clubs and schools.

While we continue to support clubs with funds for infrastructure and equipment, programs such as this one are an investment in the health and wellbeing of young players and our whole community. That's something which is really important to us.

sportandlifetraining.com.au

Community contacts

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Calendar

22 September	Mt Eliza Farmers' Market
1 October	Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House 40th Anniversary morning tea from 10am
4-7 October	Bendigo Bank Youth Leadership Camp
11 November	Remembrance Day
24 November	Mt Eliza Farmers' Market
25 November	MECE Annual General Meeting (6.30pm at Mt Eliza Bowling Club)

Regional sponsorships

Our region's **Community Bank®** branches pool their funds to support the following organisations and events.

- Bendigo Bank Youth Leadership Camp
- Mornington Peninsula Cricket Association
- Mornington Peninsula Schools EnviroWeek
- RPP FM – 98.7 Voice of the Peninsula
- South-East Women's Football League
- SALT – Sport and Life Training
- Peninsula Transport Assist
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