

Spring
2026

Community News



Community Bank · Mt Eliza

Since 2010, Bendigo Bank in Mt Eliza has been sharing our profits with local community groups, clubs, schools and initiatives. We are proud to have returned over \$1.5 million to the area. Read on to see how that helps our customers and community to thrive.

Supporting local children and families

Our Student Support Program is making a significant investment in the mental health, wellbeing and digital literacy of local students. We're funding our schools deliver valuable extra curricular activities that build resilience and set students up for success in life.

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.

In June 2026 Speak & Share launched a new primary school program—normalising mental health conversations and helping students understand and articulate their emotions and support each other. As part of classroom sessions, students also receive a wellbeing journal to continue journaling and exercises.

The program is getting excellent feedback from teachers, parents and students. Our funding is helping to bring it to local primary schools.

Our funding also continues to deliver the Speak & Share school program at secondary colleges—with a new round of these about to kick off. And we've helped local sports clubs, like Frankston Dolphins Football Netball Club, bring Speak & Share in to work with them.



Carly and Marty from Inform & Empower at Kunyung Primary School.



Speak & Share presenters Lachie and Abby at Frankston Dolphins.

Inform & Empower teach children about life in a digital world: how to navigate it, keep themselves safe online, and look after their mental health in the process.

For a second year we're helping our primary schools deliver this ground-breaking, live-streamed class program for year 4–6 students. Onsite parent information sessions are also helping families understand the social media ban for children, and how to talk to their kids about online risks. We're proud to be funding the Inform & Empower program for local schools, as our way of supporting families and setting their children up for success in life.

We're backing your club.



Supporting grassroots

From the local leagues, to the big leagues, Bendigo Bank is backing sport. Around 39% of our local contributions are directed into sport and recreation through sponsorships of clubs here in our area.

We're proud to back over 30 community sports clubs across a range of sports. It helps us make a big contribution to the health, wellbeing and resilience of local people, builds communities and connections, and offers pathways to elite levels. It also helps to make our community a great place to live, work and play.



Community Lunches at Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House

For the past few years we have helped Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House deliver their local food program, including the popular community lunches.

The lunches bringing older and isolated people together for a wonderful afternoon of great food and company. Students from our primary schools lend a hand to serve the food and take part, building intergenerational connections which are good for everyone.

Our thanks to everyone who helps to make it happen. We're proud to support the community lunches.



Recent funding recipients

Sport and recreation

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
Frankston Districts Tigersharks AFL
Masters Football Club
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 Soccer Club
Mt Eliza Bowling Club
Mt Eliza Cricket Club
Mt Eliza Girl Guides
Mt Eliza Football Netball Club
Mt Eliza Junior Football Netball Club
Mt Eliza Netball Club
Mt Eliza Meteors
Mt Eliza Racing Team
Mt Eliza Soccer Club
Mt Eliza Swim Classic
Mt Eliza Tennis Club
Old Peninsula Football Club
Overport Park Tennis Club
Peninsula Flyers Swim Club
Peninsula Strikers Junior FC
1st Ranelagh Scout Group
Ranelagh Club
Somerville Eagles Junior FC
Somerville Junior Football Club
The Village Baxter Bowls Club
Yamala Bowling Club

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<https://communitybankmteliza.smartygrants.com.au/sponsorships2026-27>

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\$1.5m shared locally.

We're bigger for keeping it local

In 2025–26, Community Bank Mt Eliza shared a record-breaking \$469,000 by funding 70 local not for profit organisations, clubs, schools and initiatives. Since 2010 we've reinvested over \$1.5 million right here in our area.

It's something our Mt Eliza branch customers and shareholders can be very proud to be a part of.

Our shared profit business model is based on great banking feeding into the prosperity of our customers and community.



\$1.5m

Contributions
to the community
to date



\$469K

Contributions
to the community
in 2025–26



70

Local organisations
supported
in 2025–26



83%

Of applications
approved
in 2025–26



In January 2026, we teamed up with the Ranelagh Club to support the Mt Eliza Swim Classic event. The proceeds from that event installed a new defib unit in Mt Eliza Village. The unit was used by paramedics to revive someone in May.

Supporting PLOS

PLOS Musical Productions bring quality theatre to the Frankston stage and they are one of Victoria's largest non-professional musical theatre companies. We're proud to support them as they entertain us, provide opportunities for local performers, and get local people of all ages involved in musical theatre. PLOS produced two magnificent shows this year: The Wizard of Oz and Jersey Boys.



The better big bank

Since 1858, Bendigo Bank has been dedicated to helping Australian communities thrive.

We combine competitive banking and digital convenience with the added satisfaction of knowing your money makes a real difference.

Bendigo Bank isn't just big, we're bigger for the things that matter to our customers, like:

- legendary customer service
- access to great technology and online experience
- access to a substantial national branch network
- an award-winning range of products
- fraud and security monitoring, and
- we're a bank that feeds into the prosperity of customers and communities.

Recent funding recipients

Emergency and community support

Baxter Fire Brigade/CFA
Mt Eliza Fire Brigade/CFA
Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House
Mornington Community Support Centre
Mornington Peninsula Legacy
Peninsula Transport Assist
Rotary Mt Eliza

Arts, culture and heritage

Australian Welsh Male Choir
Derinya Art and Craft Exhibition
Mt Eliza Art and Design Show
Peninsula Art Society
Peninsula Music Society
PLOS Musical Productions
RPP FM

Education

Derinya Primary School
Frankston High School
Kunung Pre School
Kunung Primary School
Mt Eliza Primary School
Mt Eliza Secondary College
Mt Eliza North Primary School
Mt Erin College
Mornington Secondary College
Paratea Pre School
Walkers Road Pre School

Health and wellbeing

Mt Eliza Farmers' Market
Probus clubs
Project Fresh Start
Speak and Share
The Business of Smiles
The Women's Spirit Project

Animal welfare

Mornington Obedience Dog Club
Peninsula Cat Rescue

Local business development

Frankston Business Collective
Mt Eliza Chamber of Commerce



The Business of Smiles is putting smiles on local faces with their men's mental health awareness and support activities.

Community contacts

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Lions Club of Mt Eliza Neil Wingrave 0428 362 755

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Mt Eliza Fire Brigade
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Bush Fire Info Line: 1800 240 667

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Peninsula Transport Assist
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and by appointment at other times

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

To date, the bank's network of branches have shared \$468 million dollars in profits with Australian communities through grants and sponsorships which facilitate community health, wellbeing, resilience and cohesion.

Franchisee: Mt Eliza Community Enterprise Ltd

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

Open your account in minutes on the bank's app

You can open an Everyday Account online in minutes with the Bendigo Bank app. Search for Bendigo Bank in your app store, set up and verify your identity, and away you go. It's that easy.

Choose to link your account to Community Bank Mt Eliza. That way, your banking will help support our community too.

And if you need a hand to get started, the friendly team in the Mt Eliza branch are always there to help you.

Keeping you safe online

Scams cost Australian consumers, businesses and the economy hundreds of millions of dollars each year. Bendigo Bank's website has information on how to spot the latest scams, keep your identity safe, and protect yourself. **bendigobank.com.au/security**



We're proud to support Frankston Football Club, and Justin and Amanda from our team caught up with them, and other sponsors, at a recent President's event.



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