

Summer
2022-23



Newsletter

Community Bank · Mt Eliza

Thanks for choosing us

Summer is here and we're at the end of another year. Local summer sports clubs are underway with their seasons and schools are wrapping up. Mt Eliza Village looks absolutely beautiful, with the popular Christmas yarn-wraps on our street trees, thanks to the team at Mt Eliza Chamber of Commerce.

We're lucky to have many great small businesses and shops in Mt Eliza, and we want to keep them here. So please remember to support our local traders this Christmas by shopping locally where you can.

In December we reached the milestone of returning over \$400,000 of Community Bank Mt Eliza's profits to the community. That's what the branch is here for: to provide Bendigo Bank's award-winning products and services and to return most of the local profit to the community via sponsorships and grants.

It's one of the world's largest social enterprise-style businesses. Around \$300 million has been pumped back into Australian communities by Bendigo Bank's network of Community Bank branches to date. We're proud to have seen our local contributions accelerate in recent years as the local branch has grown.

Annual General Meeting held

Mt Eliza Community Enterprise Ltd – the local company that works with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank to operate Community Bank Mt Eliza – recently held its Annual General Meeting. Thanks to the shareholders who joined us at the event which was held at the Mt Eliza Bowling Club on 30 November.

At the meeting, the 2022 Annual Report and financial statements were accepted. Three rotating directors were re-elected and a dividend of 5-cents per share to

our local shareholders was announced. That dividend will be paid in mid-December 2022.

You can access the report and other AGM documents on our website at bendigobank.com.au/mt-eliza

Welcome George

Community Bank Mt Eliza is delighted to welcome George Drakos to the team as one of our new Mobile Relationship Managers.

George (pictured below) is a highly experienced lending manager who has a wealth of experience in banking.

We know your life is busy, so for lending enquiries, George can meet you when and where it suits, or by phone or video call. Talk to him about your goals and together you can work out how to make them happen.

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Top pic: We're proud to support Mornington Life Saving Club and thank their volunteers for keeping us safe on Mills Beach this summer.

Latest community investments



Mornington Peninsula Legacy

We are proud to support many local organisations that do extraordinary work here in our community. Mornington Peninsula Legacy is one of them. They support 733 widows of Australian Defence Force Veterans who live in our region (average age is 85-100 years). The Legacy team regularly bring these ladies together for social events: like luncheons at Legacy House and excursions. This social program keeps these elderly women connected and supported. Every one of these widows received a Christmas bag of festive supplies this December thanks to Legacy.



Pic courtesy MODC

Celebrating 40 years

A landmark birthday celebration for the Mt Eliza-based Mornington Obedience Dog Club was held in December at their Cobb Road club rooms. This local club has helped thousands of dogs and their owners learn new skills and get the best from their relationship. It was great to celebrate this club's 40th birthday with members and their happy, healthy dogs.



Farmers' Markets

The Mt Eliza Farmers' Market is one of the most-loved local events and an opportunity for us to support Victorian farmers and food producers. On the fourth Sunday of every month the market pops up on the village green and brings the community together. A big thank you to the market managers, Leigh and Hannah (pictured above), the Mt Eliza Chamber of Commerce and Rotary and Lions clubs for making it happen.

Local news and sport

Tune in to community radio station RPP FM 98.7 for all the local news from across the peninsula. Sports fans will love their summer match broadcasts.



Pic courtesy Flyers Swim Club

Flyers Swim Club

The Mornington Peninsula Flyers Swim Club has bases at PARC in Frankston and YAWA in Rosebud, and is our local club for squad and competitive swimming. They've seen big growth in their members since the pandemic and they do a great job of keeping our local young people fit, healthy and active.

Supporting VICSWIM

VICSWIM has been providing Victorian children with learn to swim programs since 1976. It is an initiative of Aquatics and Recreation Victoria and the Victorian State Government. Bendigo Bank is the official partner. The popular program runs at pools and open water venues in January every year. It is low cost and open to children 4-12 years of age.

Local venues for January 2023 include: Mothers Beach in Mornington, YAWA in Rosebud, Dromana foreshore, Pelican Park in Hastings and Crib Point pool.

Book your children in for lessons at vicswim.com.au

\$400,000 reinvested to-date



Pic courtesy Baden Powell Cricket Club

Summer of local cricket

Many locals love their cricket and we're proud to support both Baden Powell Cricket Club (based at Overport Park) and Baxter Cricket Club (based at Baxter Park). Good luck to all the local teams this summer season.

Spring art exhibitions

We were proud to be a part of a couple of fantastic local art exhibitions recently.

Peninsula Arts Society has been encouraging and inspiring local artistic talent since 1954. After two years of lockdown, they were finally able to resume their annual members' art exhibition which was held on the Melbourne Cup weekend in November. The event was a celebration of the talents of their members.

Mt Eliza North Primary School held their fundraising art exhibition in late October. The school raised a little over \$39,000 which will be put to good use around the school by the parents' committee on a number of infrastructure improvements.

Big plans for Baxter Soccer Club

The committee at Baxter Soccer Club have big plans for developing their club with an expansion of their junior programs and as a hub for referee and coaching training. We're proud to support their popular MiniRoos Kick-Off program in 2023. It's open to boys and girls aged 4-6. Learn more at baxtersoccerclub.org.au



Neighbourhood House news

The house is one of our major community partners and we're proud to support their programs like the community lunches, which bring people together for a low-cost nutritious meal and great company.

The Mt Eliza Neighbourhood 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 community lunches.

This year we're helping them collect donations to make sure everyone in this community has a great Christmas. Shelf-stable festive foods, toiletries and small gifts (all must be in new condition) can be left under the Christmas tree in our branch.



Mt Eliza Bowling Club

From barefoot bowling on Friday evenings, to the Community Bowls Challenge in February, there's some fun summer activities coming up at Mt Eliza Bowling Club. We're proud to be a long-term partner of the club and its members.

The Community Bowls Challenge is an annual beginners' event designed to introduce people to lawn bowls. Local businesses and groups of friends are encouraged to register a team of four and get involved on Tuesday evenings through February-March (7-9pm). Learn more and register your team with Ken Stallard at the club on 0438 937 254.



Celebrate the wonderful

However you celebrate, whoever you're with, may your Christmas be merry, always.

During the festive season our branch will be closed from Saturday 24 December and reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2023.

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- Peninsula Transport Assist**
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- Probus Club of Mount Eliza** probusmteliza.club
- Rotary Club of Mt Eliza** rotarymteliza.org.au



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

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Why choose Bendigo Bank?

Bendigo Bank's network of Community Bank branches (like ours here in Mt Eliza) are owned by local people and operated in partnership with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank. Community Banks return most of their profit directly to their communities. The more local people choose the Mt Eliza branch, the more impact we can have here.

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. Bendigo Bank gives you better banking with a big local impact. If you want to feel good about who you bank with, talk to our Mt Eliza team at 102 Mt Eliza Way, or call 9787 1224 to make an appointment.

* Source: Roy Morgan Risk Monitor 2020