



2019 Community Pitch: \$30,000 distributed

It was a pleasure to host our first Community Pitch event in November with many of the groups and volunteers that play such an important role in our community. Our Murrumbena Community Bank Branch got together with a other generous local businesses to distribute \$30,000 to local projects, clubs and community groups. Learn about these local business partners and see photos from the night inside.

Fourteen local groups received a share of the \$30,000 at the event. They included:

- Hughesdale Kindergarten
- East Bentleigh Village Garden
- Melbourne Scouts
- Carnegie Lions Club
- Oakleigh Youth Football Club
- Bentmoor Community Men's Shed
- Murrumbena House Occasional Care Centre
- Murrumbena Primary School
- Lions Club of Oakleigh
- Toy Libraries of Carnegie and Moorabbin
- East Bentleigh Child Care Association
- Ormond Community Kindergarten
- Monash–Oakleigh Community Support (MOCSIS)
- Melbourne Fight Back Against Parkinson's Group

Each group had an opportunity to get up in front of the audience to tell their story and make their pitch for a slice of the funding. There were some very entertaining and delightful presentations and others that tugged at the heart-strings. Without a doubt, there are some extraordinary people in our community who are doing valuable work and need more support.

"It was such a great night of community spirit and networking," said Murrumbena Community Financial Services Limited Chairman Dennis Tarrant. "Huge thanks go to our staff who ran the whole night, it was an absolute credit to them."

"My favourite part of the night was handing over my pitch dollars to the community organisations and seeing the looks on people's faces," said our Customer Service Officer Caleb. It really was magic."

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

Bendigo Bank's Community Bank branches are in business to return the profits they make to the communities they are part of.

"Our ability to return large amounts of money to our community comes down to people choosing to bank at the Murrumbena Community Bank Branch. It's all made possible by our local customers," said Senior Manager Susan Foley. "So come in and talk to us about your banking and insurance. When you bank with us, you'll have a big local impact and be contributing to community development."

When you choose a Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank, that branch returns 80% of the profit it makes to its surrounding community. That has a number of positive effects:

- It keeps money circulating in a local economy, driving jobs, growth and prosperity.
- It supports local groups, clubs and organisations who are doing important work in our community.
- It keeps our community vibrant, dynamic and healthy. In short, it makes it a great place to live, work and do business.

Bendigo Bank is a progressive, ethical banking choice. It is Australia's fifth largest retail bank, with over 500 branches around the country, serving over 1.8 million customers. There has never been a better time to move your banking over to our Murrumbena Community Bank Branch. Our staff will help you manage the transition. You'll find that changing your bank has never been easier.

We're so proud to be making a big, positive impact on our local communities in and around Murrumbena. So if your bank isn't doing the right thing by you, change to one you can feel better about.

Above: The ladies from Ormond Community Kindergarten at our Community Pitch.

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Daniel Son Cafe was a Bronze Sponsor. This is the ideal spot for a quality brunch in the south east. The cafe is operated by chef Milton Reboe and his team. The Daniel Son menu focuses on bringing great food to the community. Their comfortable yet casual dining atmosphere is what locals love and why Daniel Son is the go-to cafe in the Murrumbenea area. They're open seven days a week for breakfast, brunch and lunch.

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Gary Peer was a Bronze Sponsor. They are the result of two friends' desire to build one of the best real estate agencies in Australia. Word spread and the business grew. Handpicked sales and support staff joined the team. Over time, Gary Peer became a local real estate icon. It is now one of Melbourne's leading independent real estate businesses. Our thanks to the Murrumbenea office for their support of the Community Pitch.

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Thanks

A big thank you to all these local businesses who joined us as partners for the 2019 Community Pitch. We created a funding pool of \$29,000 that was distributed on the night.

That money has gone to some great local causes.

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



Vivace Property Group was a Bronze Sponsor. They are recognised as a luxury boutique apartment developer. Their latest project, Adelle Apartments, is located in tree-lined Adelaide Street, Armadale and has been designed by award-winning firm LSA Architects. With expertise in understanding community and business needs, Vivace developments are helping to shape lifestyles in our communities.

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Spring Osteo was a Bronze Sponsor. Spring Osteo Clinic aim to relieve, manage and prevent muscle and joint pain. They offer osteopathy, exercise physiology, myotherapy, remedial massage and Pilates – catering for children through to adults. Their team of health professionals are there to support your health and wellbeing, improve your movement and relieve aches and pains. We thank them for being involved in our event.

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Other event supporters





Some of the team from Bailey Timms at the Community Pitch.



The guys from the Bentmoor Men's Shed.



The team from the East Bentleigh Village Garden.



Monash-Oakleigh Community Support were happy recipients on the night.



Rachel from East Bentleigh Child Care with Yolande from our branch team.



Charles and Vincent from Vivace with Lynne from Murrumbeena Primary School.



The happy crew from Oakleigh Dragons Football Club.



MCSF Director Anthony with the Melbourne Scouts who took home some extra funding.

Home loan health check

With record low interest rates, now's the time to check you are getting the best possible deal on your home loan.

We'd love to offer you, or someone you know, a home loan health check at the Murrumbeena Community Bank Branch.

Call us on 9568 8166 to make your appointment.



2019 Annual report and AGM

Murrumbeena Community Financial Services Limited (the local company that works with Bendigo Bank to manage and operate the Murrumbeena Community Bank Branch) held it's 2019 Annual General Meeting in November 2019. The company was delighted to report an operating profit for the 2019 financial year of \$33,591 (that's up from \$11,836 last year).

The board announced they will pay a dividend of 11 cents per share, fully franked. If you would like to read the annual report, or learn more about Murrumbeena Community Financial Services Limited, visit bendigobank.com.au/murrumbeena#tab-68546

At the AGM we also had a report from local students (members of the Caulfield Little Athletics Club) who we helped to attend the 2019 Magic Moments Youth Leadership Camp in Sydney. The experience was powerful and rewarding for them, and an opportunity for us to invest in the future leaders of our community.



Hearing from our Magic Moments Youth Leadership Camp students at the AGM.

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Community Bowls + festivities

Our Murrumbeena branch team were delighted to join the Murrumbeena Bowls Club for an evening of barefoot bowls in early December. Local businesses and organisations fielded 16 teams to compete in the Community Bowls competition. Congratulations to Oakleigh Cricket Club who won the event. Following the fun of the bowling, participants wandered down the street to witness the lighting of our local Christmas tree and to sing some carols.

We take this opportunity to wish our shareholders, customers and local community partners a safe and happy festive season and all the best for 2020. We hope you enjoy a well-earned break.



Festive fun at the Murrumbeena Bowls Club's Community Bowls in December.

SFNL sponsorship

Bendigo Bank's Community Bank branches in the Bayside suburbs are proud to support the Southern Football Netball League (SFNL) with a \$180,000 three-year commitment from 2020–22.

"We're proud to partner with the SFNL, an organisation that promotes strong community values that reflect our own," said Chris Shaw, spokesman for the Bayside's Community Bank branches.

SFNL CEO Lee Hartman was thrilled to have the Bendigo Bank partner with the league. "We look forward to working with the bank and all the Bayside branches, who already support a lot of our clubs. The partnership will help reduce fees, increase club education and deliver cost saving initiatives," he said.



Chris Shaw from the Bendigo Bank cluster with SFNL CEO Lee Hartman.