

Winter
2023



Newsletter

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We bought another bank!

At an Extraordinary General Meeting on Thursday, 13 April 2023, the shareholders of Bunyip & District Community Enterprises Ltd voted in favour of the sale of revenue rights of their Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd Franchise Agreement to Our Community Company Ltd. This makes Community Bank Bunyip & District the sixth branch under our Franchise Agreement with Bendigo & Adelaide Bank.

The sale will result in some positive changes and ensure the Bunyip branch continues to serve its customers and community:

- their revenue rights have transferred to Our Community Company Ltd
- Community Bank Bunyip & District will remain open
- a program of local sponsorships and grants will continue in Bunyip.

Local groups, clubs and schools based in and around Bunyip can contact Mark and the team at Community Bank Bunyip on 5629 6091 to pursue this opportunity.



Community Bank Bunyip branch is now part of our company.

Top pic: Recipients, staff and directors at our 2023 Community Bank scholarship presentation evening.

Farewell, for now

By Executive Officer, Laura Healey

On behalf of Brandon and I, I would like to thank you for your support and best wishes on the pending arrival of our baby.

I've worked in the Community Bank branches for just over 14 years, made many friends along the way and achieved many milestones. I am grateful for the support you showed me, as I navigated my first job as a 16-year-old back in the Koo Wee Rup branch, and your subsequent support in my role as executive officer.

Being a part of the Community Bank network gives us an insight into the value of giving back to the community. Knowing we were making a difference gave me great satisfaction in my work.

At this stage I will only be gone for 12 months. But I will miss you all and the connections I have in the community. I look forward to taking on this new chapter in my life with Brandon, supported by those around us.



Good luck Laura and Brandon.

Better banking. Big impact.



Welcome Community Bank Bunyip staff

We would like to extend a warm welcome to (pictured from left) Gwen, Mark, Brenda and Nicole to the company. We are currently recruiting for a new branch manager for Bunyip and hope to have someone in the seat soon. If you are local to Bunyip make sure you pop in and see the team for all of your banking needs.

2023 Community Bank scholarships

In April we held our annual Community Bank scholarship presentation evening for 2023. This year we presented eight scholarships to eight very deserving applicants: Cherie Le Marrac, Matthew Wise, Madison Brzezowski, Tom Rodgers, Maddox Gibbs, Bethany Gibbs, Lily Howes and Paige Napier.

This year we also introduced a new scholarship; The Max Kneebone Resource Scholarship, which was awarded to Maddox Gibbs for the purchase of a laptop to assist with his apprentice carpentry studies at TAFE. Maddox demonstrated community values, a strong work ethic and resilience in his application; attributes that Max has demonstrated through his connection to the Community Bank and many other community organisations.

Since 2012 we have supported 63 students with a total investment of \$567,000 across our five branches through our Community Bank scholarship program. We look forward to supporting students from the Bunyip area in our 2024 program.



Congratulations to our 2023 scholarship recipients.

Vale Max Kneebone

By Executive Officer, Laura Healey



In December 2022, we farewelled a much-admired member of our Community Bank family, Max Kneebone. Max passed away in December 2022 after a long battle with cancer.

Max was one of the inaugural directors of Community Bank of Lang Lang in 1998 and supported the venture as our landlord with his wife Joan.

He was a community man at heart, providing many hours of service as a resident of Lang Lang. Max was a member of the Rotary Club of Koo Wee Rup & Lang Lang for years and provided resources and knowledge to many projects and initiatives in our community.

At Max's memorial service many spoke about his caring and selfless nature; where nothing was a problem, and he supported his family and friends in any way he could. Fond memories were shared between family and friends that highlighted the impact Max had on all those around him.

Community service was part of Max's DNA, and we are so grateful for all the service he provided to the community of Lang Lang and district.

In memory of Max, we have supported his family's wishes with a donation to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. You can also do so at:

www.pcfa.org.au



Max with the board of Our Community Company Ltd in 2012.

Are you a shareholder of Our Community Company Ltd?

It's time to make sure your shareholder details are up to date. This can be done by emailing our Company Secretary: admin@ourcommunitycompany.com.au

Are you also a customer of one of our branches? If not, why not? Make the switch to Bendigo Bank and have a big impact on your community.

It's a win-win when you bank with us.

Farewell Darryl

In January we said a bittersweet farewell to Darryl Sutcliffe and congratulated him on his retirement. Darryl managed our Pearcedale branch for 13 years. During that time he became a well-known and loved member of the Pearcedale community. Darryl was instrumental in driving the success of the branch over this time. A farewell dinner for Darryl was held at Tides Bar and Grill in Tororadin with directors and staff.

Farewell Carol

We also recently said farewell to long-serving staff member Carol Bancell. Carol was employed by our company for over 20 years and spent time at all of our branches starting and finishing her tenure at the Pearcedale branch. Carol was a valuable member of our team and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

We're supporting Sam's 1000

Australian cancer fundraising legend Samuel Johnson from Love Your Sister is embarking on another epic quest to vanquish cancer. He is calling on businesses to help provide Precision Medicine for all Australian cancer patients.

Precision Medicine is the gold standard in oncology treatment. It puts patients on the right medicine, first time, every time. It is not currently offered as standard care for all Australians. Sam believes it should be.

Together with the Australian Genomic Cancer Medicine Centre and Garvan Institute of Medical Research, Love Your Sister is raising funds from 1000 Australian businesses to get the ball rolling.

We are proud to support them, and your business can too. Learn more at www.loveyoursister.org/sams1000



Sunny congratulates Darryl on his retirement.



Carol with Chariman Gordon.



Samuel Johnson and his sister Connie who inspired his cancer fundraising.



4.40% p.a.*

12 month term deposit
with interest paid at maturity.
Invest from \$5,000.

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22 May, for a limited time
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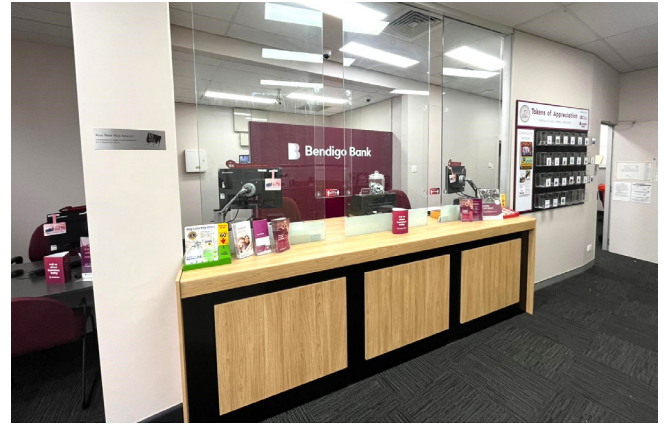
Congratulations to branch managers, Liz (Koo Wee Rup and Tooradin & Coastal Villages) and Sunny (Narre Warren South) on both achieving five years of service with our company.

Tooradin fun fact

The name 'Tooradin' comes from a Boon Wurrung word (too-roo-dun), which refers to the Bunyip that lived in the Koo Wee Rup swamp. The Dreamtime creature had a reputation for devouring human beings and lived in the thick mud beneath the water of a waterhole that never dried up.

Koo Wee Rup branch makeover

Have you visited the Koo Wee Rup branch lately? We've had a makeover. It's a more modern look, but we're still providing our fantastic level of customer service. We look forward to seeing you in our refreshed space soon.



The Koo Wee Rup branch looks great following its recent refurbishment.

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