



Q2
2025

Community Bank

Victoria Point and Wynnum Manly

Supporting our community

Community Bank branches are owned by local people and operated in partnership with Bendigo Bank. They return most of the profit they make to the community through sponsorships and grants to not for profit organisations and community initiatives.

Over \$320 million has been pumped back into Australian communities by this network of Bendigo Bank branches to date. Around **\$1.5 million** of it right here in our Redlands and Wynnum Manly area. Here's just a few of the organisations the Community Bank Victoria Point and Wynnum Manly have supported lately - thanks to our customers



Kōwhai Connect Inc. Community Cook Program

We supported Kōwhai Connect Inc. in launching the Community Cook program through our Community Grants program. Their first event was a huge success, with 250 meals prepared for local families in need.

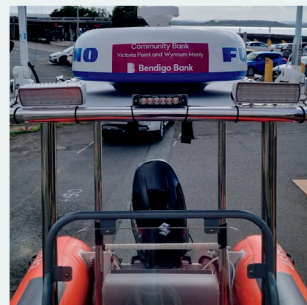
Community support organisation, Rosies - Friends On The Street collaborated with Kowhai Connect to distribute the meals to our local community.



Wynnum Choral Society's 99th Year Variety Concert

We recently enjoyed the 99th Year Variety Concert by the Wynnum Choral Society Inc., founded in 1926. This group merges fine music with charity support. We're proud to support them and look forward to their 2026 centenary!

Their performances not only entertain but also bring together a vibrant community of music lovers and supporters.



Supporting Community: One Rescue at a Time

The Coast Guard Redland Bay is always prepared to assist, navigating rough waters to ensure safety. When they needed support, we proudly stepped in.

We donated \$4,000 to equip their new rescue vessel with a radar system, boosting their lifesaving efforts. Through our community grants, we also provided four cellular iPads for enhanced navigation and safety.



100 Years of Wynnum Croquet Club

We proudly celebrated Wynnum Croquet Club's 100th anniversary by sponsoring their milestone event and funding a new BBQ through our Community Grants Program.

This upgrade will enhance their gatherings and support future activities. Cheers to a century of croquet in Wynnum!

Community Grants: Round Two Applications Opening Soon!

Following the resounding success of our inaugural Community Grants round, we're thrilled to announce the opening of our second Community Grants round, with applications open from 1 August to 30 September 2025.

Our recent success saw \$125,280.79 awarded to 27 local organisations, supporting a diverse array of initiatives that span sporting clubs, community groups, educational programs, and essential services throughout the Redlands and Wynnum Manly areas.

This funding facilitated projects like upgrading sports facilities, providing essential equipment for community services, and enhancing services for vulnerable community members.

Such achievements highlight the incredible power of community collaboration, made possible by those who choose to bank with us. Our customers' support allows us to continually reinvest in the community through initiatives like Tokens of Appreciation, ongoing sponsorships, and our upcoming Community Raffle.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to bolstering local organisations that play a crucial role in strengthening our community. We eagerly anticipate witnessing the positive impacts of these grants as they unfold over the coming months.

If your organisation is interested in future opportunities, we encourage you to scan the QR code on the back page to stay informed about upcoming programs and initiatives.

Empowering the Arts: Our Role in the Redlands Coast Blues Festival Celebration

The vibrant atmosphere was palpable as we proudly sponsored the headliner act at this year's Redlands Coast Blues Festival, bringing world-class blues right to our own backyard on Saturday, April 5th. The festival wasn't just about music; it was a grand celebration of community, connection, and the unique spirit that defines the Redlands Coast. We were more than mere sponsors; we were deeply committed patrons of the arts.

Our support for the arts and local culture was evident in the enthusiastic involvement of our team members, who went above and beyond financial contributions. Beyond providing essential financial support through grants and sponsorships, our dedication shone through the passionate presence of our staff, who volunteered their personal time to ensure the event's success. Everywhere you looked, our team was actively engaged, from managing the bar to coordinating activities at our marquee. JJ, for example, volunteered for approximately 14 hours, highlighting our unwavering commitment to supporting local artistic initiatives.

We believe that supporting the arts is crucial to fostering a vibrant and dynamic community. Our presence on the ground underscored our belief in being actively involved, not just in words but in action. Participating in such a meaningful event was truly rewarding, and we hope everyone enjoyed the festival as much as we did, while also appreciating the vital role that the arts play in enriching our community.



Community Connections: A Record-Breaking Year of Giving Back

This financial year, our dedicated team has contributed above and beyond an astounding 1,200 hours to community service; a new record that truly embodies our commitment and values. It's about more than just numbers; it's about how we engage with and support our community in meaningful ways.

Our staff have immersed themselves in various community roles, showcasing their passion and dedication. At the Redlands Coast Blues Festival, you might have found them volunteering at the bar, ensuring everyone had a great time while staying refreshed. Others could be seen helping set up and pack down events, ensuring everything ran smoothly from start to finish.

Presenting sponsored awards is another way we celebrate and encourage local talent and achievements. Our team takes pride in recognising the hard work and dedication of others, further strengthening our community bonds. Additionally, you'll often find our staff volunteering at the entrance of events, handling ticket sales with a friendly smile and warm welcome.

Every minute spent volunteering is a testament to our ethos: we don't just talk about community, we live it. We're immensely proud of the difference we make, and we're grateful to be part of a community that values and supports these efforts.

Here's to many more hours of impact and connection ahead!

More than a team - We're a Community

At Community Bank Victoria Point and Wynnum Manly, inclusivity and connection aren't just part of our values; they're woven into everything we do.

We're proud to be a female-led branch, breaking the mould in our industry with a team of 19 staff; 17 women and 2 men - all parents, representing a beautiful mix of cultures, identities, and life experiences. We come from different walks of life, and that diversity is one of our greatest strengths.

Whether it's taking time to start a family, returning to work in a new capacity, shifting careers later in life, or navigating the challenges life throws our way, we support each other with genuine care, flexibility, and understanding. Some of us have left to travel or pursue other paths, and come back years later to open arms. Others have chosen to grow careers when they could have slowed down. Here, we honour each person's journey.

There's no judgement. No hierarchy. Just authentic connection, mutual respect, and real friendship. We laugh together, we cry together, and we celebrate each other, at work and in life.

And we know that this kind of environment doesn't stop at our staffroom door. It flows through to how we care for our customers and our community. We see people, not transactions. We take the time to listen and understand, because we know what it means to truly feel supported.

At our core, we believe community starts with people, and that's something we're proud to live out every day.



Get to know our team!



Meet Laura, Your Local Lending Specialist.

We're so excited to introduce you to Laura, one of the newest faces at Community Bank Victoria Point and Wynnum Manly!

Laura joined us earlier this year and brings with her an incredible depth of knowledge and experience in banking, with a career that began back in 2008. She's worked in lending roles since 2009, supporting customers through some of life's biggest moments with care, clarity, and confidence.

Before joining our team, Laura worked at another Bendigo Bank branch, and from the moment she arrived, she brought a calm, capable energy and a genuine care for people that fits perfectly with the way we do things. Whether she's working alongside the team or chatting with customers, Laura brings a warmth, professionalism, and a "let's get it sorted" attitude we all admire.

Outside the branch, Laura enjoys a busy active life with her young family. Weekends are often spent out and about on road trips or day adventures, soaking up everything our region has to offer.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Laura is passionate about contributing to the community. She often volunteers at local events and enjoys participating in initiatives that bring people together. Her commitment to making a positive impact both inside and outside the branch exemplifies the values we hold dear at Community Bank Victoria Point and Wynnum Manly.

We're thrilled to have Laura on board and know you'll love getting to know her just as much as we have. Next time you're in the branch, be sure to say hello!

Introducing: Redlands Kids Clothes Swap

For the past seven years, the Redlands Kids Clothes Swap has quietly become a lifeline for families doing it tough. Run by a local family, along with a growing number of volunteers, from their home in Victoria Point, this incredible community initiative provides a completely free swap service for children's clothing, toys, prams, cots, women's essentials, and more.

What began as a simple clothes swap has grown into something truly special. Families facing hardship, including those fleeing domestic violence, can visit with dignity and no judgement, knowing they'll find the essentials their children need to feel cared for and celebrated, especially during birthdays and holidays.

It's not just about helping people, it's about helping the planet too. With a strong focus on recycling and reducing waste, thousands of pre-loved items are kept out of landfill and given a new life in the hands of families who need them most.

Through our Community Grants Program, we were proud to fund a new washing machine and vacuum, making it easier for them to clean, prepare, and distribute donated items with the same level of care and respect they're known for.

Their only rule? Don't sell what you take. It's a simple promise that keeps the heart of the swap alive - a true act of community giving, grounded in trust.

If you've got good-quality items to pass on, or you just want to lend your support, you're always welcome. To learn more or drop off a donation, visit them at 15 Constance Court, Victoria Point, or find them on Facebook at **Redlands Kids Clothes Swap**.



Community Spotlight!

Stay in the Loop

Community Grants Program

For information on how to apply for upcoming Grants and Sponsorship programs scan the QR code below.



Community Raffle

Register your interest to participate in our upcoming Community Raffle by scanning the QR code below.



Tokens of Appreciation

If you are a Community Organisation who would like to be considered for future Tokens of Appreciation programs, scan the QR code below to register your interest.



Keep up to date by following us on Social Media!



Victoria Point



Wynnum Manly



Choose the big bank that supports you and your community.

Community Bank • Victoria Point

Shop 5, 127 Colburn Ave
Victoria Point QLD 4165
P: (07) 3820 9355
E: victoriapointmailbox@bendigoadelaide.com.au
W: bendigobank.com.au/community-bank-victoria-point/



Community Bank Victoria Point



@communitybank_victoriapoint

Community Bank • Wynnum Manly

A2, 63 Bay Terrace
Wynnum QLD 4178
P: (07) 3893 0286
E: wynnummanlymailbox@bendigoadelaide.com.au
W: bendigobank.com.au/community-bank-wynnum-manly/



Community Bank Wynnum Manly



@communitybank_wynnummanly



Justine Kennedy
Senior Manager
0422 022 998
justine.kennedy@bendigoadelaide.com.au



JJ Cowley
Community Development Manager
0401460711
jj@bankingoncommunity.com.au



Shane Mottershead
Senior Lending Specialist
E:shane.mottershead@bendigoadelaide.com.au



Karen Gold
Senior Lending Specialist
E:karen.gold@bendigoadelaide.com.au

Opening hours:

9:30am - 4:00pm Monday to Friday



@CommunityBankVPandWM



Community Bank Victoria Point and Wynnum Manly