

May
2021

Newsletter

Community Bank · Rye, Rosebud and Dromana

Community Bank Rye, Rosebud and Dromana opens new Business Centre in Rosebud

Bendigo Community Bank Rye, Rosebud and Dromana are now joined by a new premises catering specifically to business needs on the Southern Peninsula. The Board of Rye and District Community Financial Services Ltd, who run the three branches, recognised there was a need to service local businesses in the area. The new Business Centre can provide a range of services including business loans, superannuation, equipment finance, insurance, credit cards and more.

Senior Manager, Fiona Somjee says, "There are so many diverse businesses in this region, from ag-businesses like farms and wineries, to hospitality and tourism, retail, building and more. We know that our customers really value high professional service, but they also want to call and speak to the same person each time without having to explain their whole story over and over again. When you choose to bank with us, you know you can develop a relationship with a Business Banking Manager, and there is a real person here that you can speak to that understands your business needs. Knowing your business is what we do. And of course, local businesses care about the communities they operate and live in, so that we give most of our profits back to the community is a compelling reason to choose us too."



Rosebud Business Centre opened with a celebratory 'Tradies Breakfast' and was attended by Mayor Despi O'Connor and Councillor Debra Mar. The new centre is located right next door to our current Community Bank Rosebud.

To contact the Rosebud Business Centre:
phone 03 5981 0556 or call into 1089 Point Nepean Road, Rosebud VIC 3939.

Business case studies

M&A Egan Plumbing

Proprietor: Mark Egan

Location: St Andrews Beach/Rye

Contact: 5985 1299

What does your business provide?

Plumbing and gas fitting.

How long have you banked with Community Bank Rye?

Since the very start. I was one of the first customers when the branch opened 20 years ago.

Why do you choose to do your business banking with Community Bank Rye?

It's not just business banking, my whole family bank there. I know Julie (Branch Manager) really well. I know when I call up I can speak to her directly. She knows me, she knows my business. Julie and Liz from the Rye branch also make the effort to attend as many functions, important events and openings as possible. And it matters to me that money goes back into my local community. The bank has everything the other banks have, but keeping my business local and looking after the community is what matters to me.

What aspects of the local community are of particular interest to you?

I really care about Rye. The school, clubs and general community are all important to me. I am personally involved with the local football clubs, and have been for a long time. I am Vice President and Life Member of Rye Football Netball Club, where my wife Andrea is also a life member. I am also a Life Member Rye Junior Football Club. Football is so important for community. It keeps kids off the street and gives them a healthy option of what to do. It's about their mental health as well as the physical. The bank has always supported the football clubs and I believe that giving back like that is really important. I know when I bank local my money stays local.

Ministry of Meat Dromana

Proprietor: Andrea Morbarigazzi

Location: 11 Pier Street Dromana

Contact: 5923 0980

Email: ministryofmeatau@gmail.com

[facebook.com/ministryofmeatau](https://www.facebook.com/ministryofmeatau)

What does your business provide?

We provide ethically sourced, local, high quality meat. Our ethos is of transparency, ethical sourcing and animal welfare. We believe in supporting small local farmers, we believe in happy free roaming animals who only have one bad day in their lives and we believe in only providing the best quality produce from Victoria.

How long have you banked with Community Bank Dromana?

We just opened a new account, the business opened in January this year. I started my career as a butcher when I was 16 in Italy, came to Australia at 26 and have been working as a butcher in Melbourne until starting my first

business and butcher shop here in Dromana, Ministry of Meat.

Why do you choose to do your banking with Community Bank Dromana?

We believe giving back to the community is so important. All our products are local and we wanted our banking to be as well. But also important is the personal service we get at Community Bank Dromana. It's not complicated. I don't have to call many different numbers or wait on hold to speak to someone. I can get straight through to the person I need to speak to and everything is dealt with quickly and professionally.

What aspects of the local community are of particular interest to you?

We love supporting the local economy and community such as sporting clubs, restaurants, small businesses and the police. We like to support the local Dromana footy team. We also believe in supporting Victorian farmers and sourcing our products ethically, responsibly and sustainably. We also know that this makes our product taste the best!



Staff Profile



Julie Byrne – Business Banking Manager

When did you join the Bank? 15 March 2021.

What skills or experience do you bring to the role? 30 years in the

finance industry.

Where do you live? Mornington.

How are you involved in community life on the Peninsula?

I enjoy networking and supporting local communities, and look forward to joining more clubs now.

What is your favoured thing about living on the Peninsula?

The bay, I love the calmness of seeing water especially on the drive to and from to work.

What made you want to work for this Community Bank?

I have banked for years with Bendigo and found the staff are always friendly whatever branch you go to, so I determined to work with them.

What do you think would surprise people about the Community Bank that they might not know? The support and generosity of a community bank to the community. They give back so much.

\$250,000 Seed Funding helps Rosebud Wellness Pavilion become a reality

After many hours of planning and some unexpected delays due to COVID-19, the Rosebud Secondary Wellness Pavilion is finally becoming a reality. Geoff Seletto of the Rosebud Secondary College and Rye/Rosebud Rotary initiated the project in 2015. Community Bank Rye, Rosebud and Dromana came on board soon after with a contribution of \$250,000 to get the project started.

Community groups and individuals also generously contributed. This early funding catalysed a \$300,000 donation from the Federal Government through the Honourable Greg Hunt MP. In turn, this led to the bipartisan involvement of the State Government through the Honourable James Merlino MP and Chris Brayne MP to contribute a further \$300,000. In total \$1 million has been raised for the building of the Pavilion.

The Pavilion aims to be a place to support young people and help them build resilience in overcoming or preventing mental health issues. The vision throughout was for a facility to be available to the young people of the Southern Peninsula community, to help them be the best version of themselves. It will be accessible to students, families, service providers and the broader



L to R: Steve Edmund Deputy Chair Community Bank Rye, Rosebud and Dromana, Chris Brayne State Member for Flinders, Geoff Seletto Principal Rosebud Secondary College, The Hon Greg Hunt Federal Member for Flinders.

community. Service provision to include, but not be limited to: Doctors in Secondary Schools Initiative, Mindfulness Meditation, Universal Youth Services, Health Outreach Services – counselling, drug and alcohol, family violence support, Yoga. A range of outreach universal youth services will be delivered by Mornington Peninsula Shire's Youth Services that will facilitate various personal development programs and initiatives for students. Peninsula Health will deliver a number of outreach services tailored to students and their families' needs.

The first sod was turned by many of those involved in supporting the project, including our own local Deputy Chair, Steve Edmunds. Building works are expected to be completed by September 2021.

We opened a bank to grow a community

B Bendigo Bank



Talk to us today

Community Bank

Rye & District

2271 Point Nepean Road,

Rye VIC 3941

P 03 5985 9755

E rye@bendigoadelaide.com.au

bendigobank.com.au/rye

Rosebud

1087 Point Nepean Road,

Rosebud VIC 3939

P 03 5982 0499

E rosebud@bendigoadelaide.com.au

bendigobank.com.au/rosebud

Rosebud Business Centre

1089 Point Nepean Road,

Rosebud VIC 3939

P 03 5981 0556

Dromana

239 Point Nepean Road,

Dromana VIC 3936

P 03 5981 0106

E dromana@bendigoadelaide.com.au

bendigobank.com.au/dromana



[/rye.dromana.rosebud.BBL](https://www.facebook.com/rye.dromana.rosebud.BBL)

We're open:

9.30am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday

Directors

Vincent Cheers, Stephen Edmund, Anthony Harford, Dorothy Mortlock, Amber Earles, Barry Irving, Gary Cain, Janet Hall, Stephen Robin, Craig Dowsing, Renee Bowker

Rye and District Community Financial Services Ltd

PO Box 441, Dromana VIC 3936

ABN 67 095 766 895

Peninsula Film Festival 2021

The annual Peninsula Film Festival was held at Dromana 3 Drive-In this year to ensure COVID-19 safety for all involved. In what has been a challenging and extremely hard time in the arts, the Festival brought a welcome relief to many and illustrated the importance of our need for connection.

The entire weekend was a massive success. The Friday night launch screening was of the powerful and timely drama 'Don't Tell' which attracted a large crowd and was followed by an engaging and moving Q&A with the real life people the film characters were based upon, Stephen Roch and Lyndal.

The Saturday short film festival was a sell-out. Community Bank Rye, Rosebud and Dromana sponsored the 'Local Hero' award for the third year in a row, and drew a wide range of talented entries. The winners were Steve Romig and Bruce Davis, who won \$500 and a Peninsula Hot Springs voucher. In total 18 films were screened throughout the evening. The overall winners were:

1st Prize: So Depressed by Kai Smythe

2nd Prize: Animal Work by Zak Marrinan

3rd Prize: Tea Party By Emily Reeve

The Sunday filmmaking workshop was enjoyed by many attendees who learnt the basics of making a short film.

All involved are still feeling very proud that this event is so well-loved and embraced by the business community, the talented film makers amongst us, and the general public.

Southern Peninsula Community Support Autumn Appeal

Southern Peninsula Community Support play a vital role in our community. They provide crisis support, emergency relief, financial aid, fresh food packages and much more to the most vulnerable in our community. What does that mean? It means keeping food on the table, it means keeping a roof over people's heads, it means supporting them through the hardest times of their lives and, no matter why they need help, being here for them. They cover 242 square kms of the Southern Peninsula, and have been supporting the marginalised, vulnerable and homeless for 40 years.

Community Bank Rye, Rosebud and Dromana are proud long term supporters of this vital organisation. But it wouldn't have been the success it has without the ongoing support of members of our community just like you. So for that, we all thank you very much. Southern Peninsula Community Support are now running their autumn fundraising campaign, and asking you to please help if you can.

Donate online at: support-your-community-appeal.raisely.com or to find out more information or volunteer, you can also email admin@spsic.org or call 03 5986 1285.

"Thank you so much Southern Peninsula Community Support. You've helped me out with food and clothing. Today you've helped me with a bike so I can get to job interviews!"

"You are all amazing, compassionate people. Our community would be lost without you all."