

Newsletter

Community Bank · Sandringham



20th birthday celebration!

On 6 September 2002 Sandringham welcomed their Community Bank. 320 local shareholders and a Steering Committee had worked tirelessly to make it a reality. Matthew Gallop was employed as Branch Manager as part of the opening.

Fast forward to 2022 and we celebrate 20 years of Community Bank and Matthew celebrates 20 years of service.

In those 20 years a lot of changed, but what we have achieved is worth being proud of!

Community Bank Sandringham has delivered over \$2.35 million back into the Bayside community over 20 years, supporting local clubs and organisations through the years as well as proudly contributing \$500,000 to the Sandringham Community Bank Day Procedure centre at Sandringham Hospital. As we start our 20th birthday celebration we want the community to benefit, as it has done over the last 20 years. Our Bayside Community Engagement Fund will open this year on 6 September – our birthday – with a \$100,000 plan to invest funds to our community!

Being able to continue to provide these opportunities to local organisations, clubs and groups is made possible by all those that choose to bank local and by doing so we can continue to support our Bayside community. Thank you to all our customers and supporters over the past 20 years. We look forward to celebrating with you all over the coming year.



Q&A with Matthew Gallop, Branch Manager – 20 years of service.

Why did you join the 'soon to be Sandringham Community Bank' in 2002?

After working for one of the major banks for 17 years I was seeking a new role that was going to provide me with the opportunity to build long-term trusting relationships with my clients. The Community Bank model not only allows me to do that but also support our community through grants, sponsorships and donations totalling some \$2.3 million since opening our door. What an amazing effort by everyone involved from a single shop front in Sandringham. ▶

Q&A with Matthew Gallop, Branch Manager – 20 years of service. (continued)

What has changed the most and least in that time?

I think what has changed the most in my 20 years has been the rapid change in electronic banking and the reducing need for branches across the whole industry. Some 97% of transactions are now completed online and that has seen the number of competitors grow substantially without their need to have brick and mortar shop fronts.

In my eyes the thing that has changed the least is the staff and my desire to assist people in meeting their goals. Bendigo Bank commenced back in 1858 and was formed to assist miners buy their own homes. Our key goal is still to meet and assist clients to achieve their individual personal goals, whether it is to save for a holiday, car or a house, providing finance for those same items and also ensuring clients can set them up for a comfortable retirement.

From a personal point of view one of happiest times is helping people purchase their first home.

Your favourite moment or story of the past 20 years?

I have the privilege every year of being involved in providing many of our communities' organisations with annual funding to meet differing community dreams and objectives.

From day one I was particularly keen to put some of our profits aside to one day be involved in a community project that would provide an ongoing benefit to as many of our community as possible.

About three years ago Sandringham Hospital, a key community organisation that we already held a very strong relationship with, approached us about their desire to build a new Day Procedure Centre at a cost of \$2.5 million and were very keen to partner with another local community organisation such as us who they could see as a key partner. Considering the fantastic facility this "Community Hospital" provides we jumped on board very quickly and were very proud to contribute \$500,000 to make this dream a reality. Our ability to assist in providing such a key piece of community infrastructure is certainly a favourite moment.

Bayside Community Engagement Fund

Bayside Community Engagement Fund will open this year on 6 September.

We are excited to announce a Community De-Fib project will be included as part of this years funding as well as our Community Partners and Sponsorship applications.

Information will be sent out in September. If you'd like to be added to our database please contact: sandringhamcommunitybank@gmail.com or like our Facebook page: Community Bank Sandringham for all the updates.

We are thrilled to give funds to our Community in our 20th birthday and will also be hosting a Community event in Summer to celebrate our birthday – everyone is invited – Stay tuned!

Team Sports 4 All

Team Sports 4 All assists families who are experiencing financial and/or social hardship and as a result are unable to afford to have their children involved in community team sport. After meeting the family TS4A arranges the registration into the chosen sport and pays for the fees and uniform costs but more importantly gives ongoing support via our volunteers to encourage long term participation in sport.

In Bayside we currently assist 80 children aged 5-18 years and see first hand how community connection via team sport can improve young people and their families lives. The sports that the kids are playing include Football, Basketball, Scouts, Karate, Parkour, Jiu Jitsu, Netball, Dance, Soccer, Gymnastics and Taekwondo.

29 of those were funded from a community partnership with Community Bank Sandringham this year!

Want to know more, get your organisation involved or could volunteer your time?

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Support for sporting family

We met a single father and his six year old son earlier this year. The father had lost his job as a landscaper during COVID-19 due to lockdown restrictions and having to be at home to support his son through home learning. Both are keen cricket players and had regularly gone along to their local club to watch on Sundays but were unable to play due to financial hardship. The father befriended several members at the club over time and offered to maintain the cricket green and gardens in return for the club to waive the registration costs so that his son could join the club. The club encouraged the family to contact Team Sports 4 All, which they did. We met the family, covered the registration and uniform costs and enrolled the son for the upcoming season. One of our Sports Mentors kept in regular contact with the family and were delighted to hear that every Sunday morning the son played in his league and then stayed to watch his dad playing in the seniors in the afternoons. The club had accepted the father's offer of maintaining the green which in return covered his own registration costs. All summer they spent every Sunday at the local cricket club, both playing cricket for their teams and enjoying being part of the community. Cricket season is now well and truly over but Team Sports 4 All are still very much supporting this family and the son is currently happily playing his first season of AFL.





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Sandringham Croquet Club – U3A Introduction to Croquet clinic

On a Tuesday in April, fourteen Bayside U3A Members gathered at Sandringham Croquet Club. The sun was shining and an air of excitement permeated the clubhouse. None of these people had played croquet before, but the members of SCC were happy to demonstrate how to hold the mallet and how to strike the ball. Soon everyone was out on the courts and hitting balls around. After that, they learnt how to hoop a ball, roquet (hit another's ball away) and jump a ball. There was much laughter and many groans, but the skill levels gradually increased over the four weeks. By the last day of the course, participants played a game of croquet employing the techniques they had learnt, as well as applying tactics, because croquet can be a mean game at times! Sandringham Croquet Club was delighted to be able to run this introduction to croquet and we warmly welcome new members to our friendly club.



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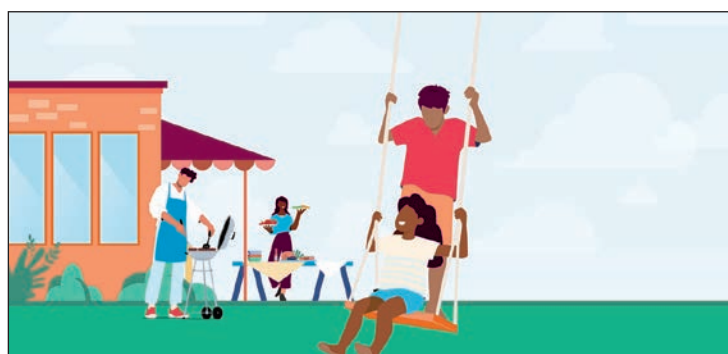
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