

Spring 2024

Newsletter!

Community Bank · Traralgon & District

Welcome to our Spring edition of the newsletter!

In our Winter edition, we mentioned that our inaugural Community Impact Report was on its way, and we're pleased to announce that it's now complete! This report highlights everything we've contributed to over the last financial year—an achievement we can all take pride in. You should have received your copy of the report along with our AGM notice by now.

This year's AGM is set to be a little different. We're thrilled to offer our shareholders the chance to be part of a special occasion, where we will award funding to our successful sponsorship recipients!



In August, we hosted an information night for our Community Investment Program, with 26 community groups attending and 21 applications submitted. This demonstrates the real value of community banking and our ability to support a wide range of not-for-profit organisations in our region. It's a great reminder that banking with us benefits everyone in the community.

Attending the AGM will also give you the opportunity to welcome new directors to our Board, who will bring fresh energy and ideas. We're eager to see the direction their leadership will take us.

We hope you enjoy this Spring edition and be sure to look out for our Summer newsletter, where we'll be announcing the successful sponsorship recipients.

Warm regards,

Debbie Di Sisto
Chairperson



“The scholarship has covered course expenses such as my mounds of textbooks and guide. It’s also freed up my work schedule so I can balance the demands of law school with my community’s leadership opportunities, like joining the Orientation Team for my residential hall”

- **Victoria Luque.**

HECI Tanjil Valley Art Show

Earlier this year, the HECI Tanjil Valley Art Show celebrated its 17th year, and we have been honored to be a part of it since its inception. This year, the award for Best Portrayal of the Tanjil Valley was presented to Wendy Twyerould for her stunning piece, "Blue Rock Silhouette."

Pictured below: 2024 winner Wendy & Branch Manager, Torina Johnston.



Meet Victoria, a successful recipient from our Community Bank Trafalgar & District Scholarship Program!

Victoria is completing her Bachelor of Laws with a minor in Politics at Monash.

Victoria shared that after graduation, she plans to pursue her practical legal training, work in family law, take the bar exam, and ultimately specialise in children's advocacy. She left us with an inspiring quote: *"Your fulfillment will come from recognising that your power comes from your resilience."*

Thank you, Victoria! We wish you every success in your studies and eagerly look forward to seeing you thrive in your future endeavors. Your determination and passion will undoubtedly lead you to great achievements!.

Community Bank Trafalgar & District Scholarship Program - Opening Soon!!

Our scholarship programs are dedicated to supporting the future of our community by helping students pursue further education at TAFE or university. These scholarships are designed to assist those who need financial support in their educational journey and will open on December 1, 2024.

For more information, please visit communitybanktrafalgar.smartygrants.com.au or contact our Community Engagement Advisor, Moriah Taylor, at 0402 106 088 or via email at marketing@tdfs.com.au.

Jobskills Expo

We attended the Jobskills Expo at Lardner Park, where over 2,400 students from across Gippsland explored potential career pathways. The event, organised by Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN, sparked many meaningful conversations with our youth, we were proud to attend.



Community Investment Information Session

In August, we opened the doors of the Trafalgar Bowls Club to the public and invited not-for-profit community groups to attend our information session. The goal was not only to share insights about the Community Bank model but also to spread the message about the positive impact our Community Bank can have in this area.

We were thrilled to see 26 groups join us for the evening and enjoy the presentation!



Directors Debbie Litkowski, Matt Steendam, and David Balfour were among those who attended the information session that evening.

Outdoor Refresh at Thorpdale Kindergarten!

Director Matt Steendam and Community Engagement Advisor Moriah Taylor recently visited Thorpdale Kindergarten, where they were warmly greeted by the children, teachers, PAG committee, and parents. As part of our sponsorship, we were excited to see the outdoor area improvements.

The kindergarten has some wonderful new features, including locally crafted items from the Trafalgar Men's Shed, a beautiful fairy garden, veggie patches, and an overall fresh feel. The updates look amazing, and the children are clearly enjoying their revitalised space!



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Trafalgar Fire Brigade's Presentation Dinner

The Trafalgar Fire Brigade recently held its annual presentation dinner, celebrating the remarkable dedication of its members and reaching an extraordinary milestone of over 600 years of service.

Gavin Duffy, our Customer Relationship Manager, attended and was honored to receive an appreciation award in recognition of our contributions.



Our branch remains committed to supporting **R U OK? Day** by distributing chocolate freckles to the community, helping to raise awareness and support the movement.



The **Girls in Blue Program** aims to inspire future female police officers.

We're proud to support this valuable initiative.



Better Together

We're proud to support Jason from Bettermentall Australia Inc. on Day 57 of his 100-day, 3,249km 'Better Together Have a Chat' Run!

Our Community Engagement Advisor, Moriah, joined Jason for a few kilometers to show our support for this inspiring initiative, aimed at sparking meaningful conversations within our community that can truly make a difference in someone's life.

Community Investment Program

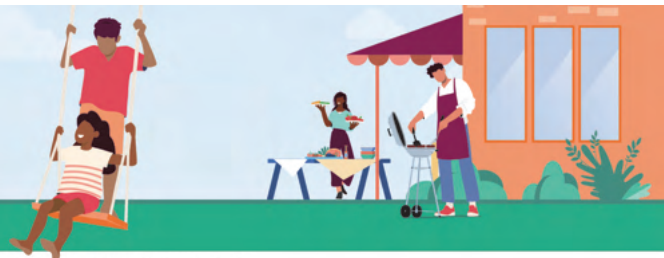
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Branch Manager Update

Our Spring Home Loan campaign is in full swing and now is the perfect time to pop into the branch for a home loan health check. We'll look at your interest rate, your term, your repayment options and if relevant your equity. With the current cost of living, there's never been a better time to review your Home loan, so please don't hesitate to reach out and make an appointment for either Gavin or myself.

During September, we celebrated Gavin's incredible 21-year milestone with Bendigo Bank—a momentous achievement we're proud to see him reach. And our branch also actively participated in the R U OK? Day campaign, dressing in yellow and black and handing out Freckles to help spark important conversations to support the movement.

We invite all customers to come in for a banking review ahead of upcoming changes being implemented by Bendigo Bank.

Contact the Trafalgar branch today on 5633 2783 to book an appointment, or feel free to pop in and say hello!

As always, we look forward to seeing you in the branch!

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