



# Newsletter

## Community Bank · Trafalgar & District

### A message from our Chair

The Community Bank Trafalgar and District Board announced at last year's AGM they were considering the refurbishment of their Branch. In an era of banks looking to close branches the Board is wanting to give confidence to its customers, shareholders and community that we are certainly not going anywhere. Instead, we are consolidating our position with the introduction of modern digital services to enhance the very personal and attentive care provided by our staff.

As we need to work in partnership with Bendigo Bank, who has a large program of works to support, progress on the refurbishment is a little slower than we would like. Added to this is the Board's desire for a second storey to provide some community space and Board facilities. Investigations into this possibility are occurring concurrently.

2023 is a big year for us as we prepare to celebrate 20 years of service to our community. The doors of the branch first opened on 24 November 2003. On that date but in 2023 we will celebrate at the Branch and in the evening at the Yarragon Bowls Club. Invitations will be forwarded in the near future.

The 2023 AGM will be held on 15 November. We will look forward to seeing shareholders at this event. For me it will be my last AGM as Ted and I are moving with my family to relocate to Perth later in the year. I have enjoyed 5 years working toward continual improvement. Thank you for having me.

**Christine Holland**



Your better banking has helped support the clubs, projects and organisations at the heart of our local community.

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## Getting amongst the community!

Moriah has been looking to identify local markets which the Community Bank can be a part of. We attended the Yarragon Craft and Produce Market in June where we were able to interact with the community, provide advice to locals and distribute informational material. Keep your eyes peeled as we plan to be a part of similar events like this.

Be sure to come down and say hello to us at Trafalgar's FIRST Farmers Market at McGregor Park on 2 September between 9am – 1pm.

**We will be giving away something exciting for the kids!**

## Project Pedestrian Pathway Thorpdale Bowling Club

Moriah met with the clubs Secretary, Darron Fraser and Treasurer, Shane Chambers to have a look at the progress on the Pedestrian Pathway and it is certainly shaping up to look fantastic! The Thorpdale Bowling Club were successful applicants of our 2022 Community Investment Program, the \$5000 sponsorship has enabled the club to proceed with work to widen the existing verandah concrete area by 1.2metres which will alleviate the congested bowlers and spectators that were experiencing when they needed to access the clubrooms for water rehydration or to use the Rest room facilities.

Here are just some of the great initiatives made possible because you choose to bank with a better big bank. Thank you!

## Welcome Moriah!

How fortunate we are to have engaged Moriah to the role of Community Engagement Advisor.

Welcome, Moriah, to the team at Community Bank Trafalgar and District. Moriah brings a wealth of knowledge with all things marketing and engagement with our community. She loves a chat, if you see her be sure to say hello. She has brought a strategic momentum to how she works and engages with community particularly on working together to identify ways we can invest into a thriving community.



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## Farewell Shantelle!

In June we farewellled Shantelle Webb who was a valuable and loved team member of the Community Bank since 2017. Shantelle is following her passion in Allied Health. Thank you for everything you have done Shantelle, we wish you the very best for the future. Good luck with everything.



# Yarragon Bowling Club

"In the past few years through joint sponsorship, the Community Bank has helped transform our clubrooms into a modern facility that caters for people of all abilities. The Community Banks' most recent grant allowed the Bowling Club to upgrade our AED (Defibrillator). This is a life saving piece of equipment that we Bowlers & visitors are truly grateful for"

- Kevin McLaren, President



## Better banking = big impact



Aila and Maeve wearing our Piggy Saver Sunglasses at the Yarragon Craft & Produce Market

## Recent real stories



Progress on the pedestrian pathway at the Thorpdale Bowling Club. Pictured: Darron Fraser, Moriah Taylor and Shane Chambers.



Mia Schena's proudly showcasing her Artwork in the Tanjil Valley Art Show



Director David Balfour presenting Karen Rosato on winning the major prize at the Tanjil Valley Art Show



Jamie Marslen from the Trafalgar Junior Football Club sharing what our sponsorship meant for the club

It's a win-win when you bank with us. Banking convenience for you creates community support for all.

## Community Investment Program

**Applications Open: 2 August 2023**

**Applications Close: 30 August 2023**

Better banking by Trafalgar and District customers, returns profits to the people and communities it serves, so that great local initiatives like yours gets the funding it deserves.

# Community Investment Program

In August we held our Community Investment Program Information Session which was a fantastic turn out by the Community with over 20 different groups and organisations attending. Applications for sponsorship projects will close on 30 August 2023. Supporting such great organisations and clubs is just one of many reasons why we do what we do, which is deliver exceptional banking to you that creates positive impact in our community.

**A reminder that it is only Community branded banks that are able to invest in their community.**



## Talk to us today

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### We're open:

9.30am - 4.00pm Monday to Thursday

9.30am - 5.00pm Friday

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Geoff Conway, Tony Stanley, Debbie Litkowski and  
Matthew Steendam

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## Branch Update

With Shantelle's departure our team in the Branch has now settled headed by Torina as Branch Manager, Gavin, Bec, Lara and Emily who continue to provide the excellence in banking services that our community have received for near 20 years

The business is solid, operated by a skilled and caring team and overseen by a highly skilled Board.

The future for Community Bank Trafalgar and District is secure.

## Are you a shareholder?

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

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