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# Newsletter

Community Bank · Warrandyte

## Defib Your Community

Now in its 4th year, Community Bank Warrandyte's Defib Your Community program will see 3 new Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) installed at shopping precincts in Warrandyte, Park Orchards and Wonga Park. There are now 15 units dotted around the Greater Warrandyte area thanks to this innovative program.

Branch Chair Aaron Farr said the defibrillators were one of the most important investments the bank has ever put into the community. "If one defib over the next 20 years can save a person's life, it was worth all the money we've invested," he said. "For us, it is a no-brainer."

According to Ambulance Victoria, approximately 6000 people per year in Victoria suffer a cardiac arrest outside of hospital, including at home, the shops or while playing sport.

The new defibrillators, which are fixed externally to buildings throughout the community, are accessible 24/7 and are designed to assist in these exact emergency scenarios.

Aaron said the new defibrillators were especially valuable to the community because they are available outside of working hours

"Most places that I'm aware of have defibs inside their premises. These are only accessible for a certain period of time," he said.

"So, if you're going for a 7am walk along the river, they may not be available.

"Hopefully there is never a need to use one, but our external defibs are an insurance policy just in case."

As well as providing a priceless benefit to the community, the new defibrillators will relieve some of the stress for emergency services workers and volunteers, who respond to these calls.

Aaron, who also volunteers as Captain of the Wonga Park CFA, said if a defibrillator is applied early, the patient may essentially already be 'saved' before the emergency services arrive.

"If we turn up to an emergency and someone has been able to apply the defib, they've got the ball rolling pretty quick, which is excellent for the

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recovery and survival of the individual” he said.

Aside from funding the program, we also work with our recipients, requesting they register devices with Ambulance Victoria.

If a defibrillator is registered, call takers at the Emergency Services Telecommunication Agency will be able to notify those calling 000 if there is one available nearby.

Aaron said the need to register defibrillators was vital, so they could be useful and not sit idle.

“There’s no point in someone calling 000 and the operator not knowing there is a defib two doors down because it’s not registered,” he said. “If they can locate that defib, that could be the difference between life or death.”

We may be driving the Defib Your Community program but it’s our customers we need to thank for helping to fund important projects, such as this.

Aaron said, “People are making a difference just by banking with us. The profit that comes from their business is what funds these defibs. It’s that simple.”

Members of the community with defibrillators can register them with Ambulance Victoria at:  
[www.registermyaed.ambulance.vic.gov.au](http://www.registermyaed.ambulance.vic.gov.au).

## Warrandyte Primary School

The schools 'Outdoor Opportunities for Learning, Health and Wellbeing Project' has opened up a world of adventure for its young learners

## Community Contributions

About to surpass \$4 million in community contributions since opening our doors in 2003, it is with thanks to our customers that \$265,000 will be invested in 45 exciting projects via this year’s Community Investment Program.

Everyday banking is providing all this and more. Here’s a sample!

## Our Local Schools

· Andersons Creek Primary School

COVID-19 lockdowns and intermittent periods of remote learning has taken its toll on many of the school's students. Teachers at Anderson’s Creek Primary School (ACPS) have observed many struggling to reintegrate into the school community after long periods of time at home.

In supporting student wellbeing, lunch clubs have been established covering a range of interests, provided for students who require a quiet or more structured setting to play in.

Our sponsorship will assist ACPS invest in Lego Education SPIKE Prime sets which will benefit students in several ways. These particular sets are a learning tool which appeals to students in older year levels, with a focus on developing skills in creativity, collaboration and critical thinking. The Lego sets will allow and encourage students to work in small groups. The collaboration is key to assisting students to rebuild social skills in a fun and creative way.

· Warrandyte Primary School

Outdoor Opportunities for Learning, Health and Wellbeing Project The Friends of Warrandyte Primary School have enthusiastically continued to support the school in providing a range of facilities to support their students returning to school as well as benefit the local community.

Their project saw the creation and updating of the schools outdoor space to provide a range of activities in the form of large colourful educational games and line marking in the playground. The activity spaces will also provide opportunities for the local community to use on weekends and during school holidays.





## Run Warrandyte Making our local run possible!

More than \$1,000,000 has been allocated to sporting clubs and sporting events since 2003

We have had a long association with this wonderful event. In its 11th year the Community Fun Run is being held on 6 March, 2022 and caters for ALL ages and categories of runners and is always a great day.

## Who else do we support?

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Warrandyte Mechanics Institute

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Wonga Park Community Cottage

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Round the Bend  
Conservation Cooperative

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Friends of Warrandyte State Park

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Stonehouse Gallery Teapot  
Exhibition

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Warrandyte Festival

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Park Orchards Domeney Reserve  
Upgrade

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Wonga Park Netball Club

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Wonga Park Wizards

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All of our local preschools

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Warrandyte Uniting Church Rain  
Garden & Community Peace Space

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Upstream Foundation

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## Greater Warrandyte Fire Brigades

In line with our yearly commitment to support the Greater Warrandyte Fire Brigades, this year was no exception. We have now invested more than \$400,000 in CFA projects aimed at keeping our volunteers and community as safe as possible.

## Technology Upgrade

The Greater Warrandyte Fire Brigades of Warrandyte, South Warrandyte, North Warrandyte, & Wonga Park have identified the benefit of having a portable tablet in vehicles. Tablets will be used for a number of essential communications such as mapping systems, receiving dispatch information, and weather forecasts. Our grant will allow the brigades to purchase tablets, mobile phones and will provide support with installation.

## Santa Run

Every year our brigades take to the streets in the annual Santa Run. This much anticipated event is always eagerly awaited by locals of all ages, as tinsel decorated fire trucks full of enthusiastic Santa's helpers deliver little surprise packets of twisties to hundreds in our community. The tunes of Christmas carols, lights and sirens fill the air.



## Santa Run Dates!

Watch and listen out for Santa and his helpers on:

Saturday 18 December – Wonga Park

Sunday 19 December – Warrandyte, South Warrandyte and North Warrandyte

## Our team

If you want to feel good about who you bank with, talk to our dedicated and reliable Warrandyte team today.

Chris Haggarty · Branch Manager m 0428 261 313

Cam Mackay · Mobile Relationship Manager

Stewart Gibb · Customer Relationship Officer

Jessica King · Customer Relationship Officer

Jodie Philipsen · Customer Service Officer



## Talk to us today

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#### Directors

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## Community Banking Model

Why are so many people making the switch from the traditional big four banks? When you understand the power of Community Banking the answer is simple.

What you need to know.

1. The Bendigo Bank is designed as a franchise model giving local communities the opportunity to access a real banking alternative. Established in 2003 Community Bank Warrandyte offers locals access to a bank that looks after them and actively supports their community.

2. Run locally, customers enjoy the peace of mind knowing they have the security of banking with one of the countries most trusted financial institutions\*.

3. Every customer who makes the switch helps make our community stronger. Up to 80% of the Community Bank's profit is reinvested into supporting local sporting clubs, schools and community groups.

4. Since launching, Community Bank Warrandyte has contributed more than \$4 million to community groups and with more customers making the switch every day that amount is only set to increase.

If you want a great banking experience, the security of a trusted financial institution and the knowledge that by simply banking locally you support local community groups that make this such a special place to live; then making the switch to Community Bank Warrandyte is a smart one.

To find out just how easy it is to make the switch speak to the friendly team in the branch today.

\*Source Roy Morgan Risk Monitor 2021