

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

This document outlines how Warrandyte **Community Bank**[®] Branch supports local community not-for-profit organisations.

The **Community Bank**[®] model



The Warrandyte Community Bank[®] Branch is owned by a community company (Warrandyte Community Financial Services Limited), backed by 340 shareholders and run by a board of volunteer directors. Our purpose is to provide customer focused banking services and to generate funds which can be used to support community projects. Banking income is shared between Bendigo Bank (franchisor) and the community company (franchisee). Up to 80% of Warrandyte Community Financial Services Limited profit is returned to the community through grants and sponsorships. If your accounts are held with the Warrandyte branch you are contributing to the many great community project's we support through our Community Investment Program.

What is important to us and helps us to grow?

- strong, vibrant groups and organisations engaged with their members
- a wide cross-section of families and individuals
- customers = growth = greater investment in our community
- advocates to promote our business – often the best voice for sharing our message is yours
- give us the opportunity to share our message about the benefits of community banking with your members by speaking at events or meeting your members, we can do more together!

How are funds allocated?

We are conscious of the need to spread our funds across the community. While we have made substantial contributions to some big projects, to do this the project must be exceptional and demonstrate significant community value. We are keen to know about special projects across our community but in most instances, we will only be able to support modest applications.

When can you apply?

Warrandyte Community Financial Services Limited holds one funding round per year. All applications for fairs, festivals, community groups, sporting groups/clubs will be considered in August of each year and funding will be allocated for the forthcoming season/year.

The cut-off date for applications this year is Sunday 11 August 2019.