



Summer  
2025-26

# Hello South Coast

Community Bank · South Coast

## Skin health comes first

Our community had a lifesaving visit from the Australian Skin Cancer Foundation Skin Check Bus when it rolled into Ulladulla. This was our opportunity to offer free, professional skin cancer screenings to locals and the people in the community we care about.

We loved seeing so many people take advantage of this opportunity to check up early, because in skin health early detection can make all the difference.

A sincere thank you to the team from the Australian Skin Cancer Foundation for bringing this mobile clinic to our shores, and our neighbouring Community Bank colleagues for supporting the regional run.

Your health matters and this project really proves we can provide access to care wherever we are.



# Showcase celebrates community impact

What a great night at our Community Impact Showcase in November (and we might have snuck a quick AGM in there too!) A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at the Mollymook Surf Life Saving Club to hear from local groups that have received Community Investment support from us and the wonderful work they're doing! We loved the stories of positive change and dedication from our community.





## Chair's message

As the end of 2025 nears, it's a great time to reflect on the big difference we've made this year.

This year we returned \$330,000 of profit to local projects. That's real impact, from better swim gear for local kids, to safer online banking for volunteers, to free skin checks in Ulladulla.



Our AGM and Community Impact Showcase was a clear reminder of how deeply our community values connection and support. And our team? They continue to show up and get involved well beyond their day jobs.

We're proud to be part of something bigger too, bringing national insights back home and launching The Local Loop website so our story is easier to find and follow.

On behalf of the Board, we wish you a safe and enjoyable summer season, and we look forward to doing even more together in 2026.

**Mike Devlin**  
Chair

## Learning within the network

Our Chair Mike Devlin, Directors Gavin Hart and Justine Cox and our Branch Manager at the time Anthony, proudly represented us at the Bendigo Bank Community Bank National Council Conference in Canberra.

The conference was attended by over 600 people and covered some big themes shaping the space we work in including:

- Technology
- Sustainability & Climate
- Generational Change
- Trust
- The Future of Work

We're proud to have our local leaders bringing these insights back and helping us stay connected to the bigger picture while keeping community at the heart. This is especially the case with our immediate past Chair Justine now being Chair of the Community Bank National Council.



# The power-house of a connected community

Ever wondered how far the community banking model really reaches?

At the Community Connect Southern Shoalhaven Community Expo, we were surrounded by just some of the amazing community groups we've supported over the years... and it represented just a little of the \$1.6 million of profit we've returned locally.

From sport and schools to health, the arts and everything in between... this is what real community investment looks like. And this is without even trying!

If you want to join a model that gives back, come have a chat with us today or get in touch any time.

## And the winners!

Mission Australia and Shoalhaven Palliative Care were the two groups selected to receive a \$500 boost to help with their community work.

Big thanks to everyone who took part in the expo, it's all about growing stronger together.





## Impactful news delivered directly. Sign up today!

Are you enjoying our latest newsletters? Want our news, impact stories and community updates delivered straight to your inbox?

Sign up for our seasonal newsletter and be the first to know how we're making a difference in the community... one project at a time!

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## Team service awards



Five + five years. It's the comeback story we love!

While the system says five years, we know it's really ten incredible years of dedication from Cheryl, who first joined us in 2005, returned in 2020 and has been making a difference ever since. We're so lucky to have her as part of our branch team.



From Branch Manager to Community Engagement Manager, Caroline Boland (aka Caz) has been the driving force behind so much of what we do.

Caz, we couldn't be prouder to have you leading the charge in our community investment work. Here's to 15 years and counting!

## We're looking for a new Branch Manager! Is that you?

We're after a passionate Branch Manager to join a team that's deeply invested in community outcomes. This is more than just a job, it's your chance to lead local impact and make change.

You'd be working with a Social Traders certified community company that's **proudly returned over \$1.6 million into local projects over the past 21 years**. Hence, the role exists for good and is about driving meaningful change, not just great results.

If you're a people-focused leader ready to grow a high-performing team and strengthen partnerships across the South Coast, we'd love to hear from you.

- Based in Milton
- For more information or to apply now visit <https://careers-ext.bendigoadelaide.com.au/jobs/search> (and search 'Branch Manager, Milton')

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# Our new website

## Welcome to The Local Loop Online

We've launched something special! Say hello to [www.thelocalloop.org.au](http://www.thelocalloop.org.au)

It's there you'll find everything you need to know about our community company behind Community Bank South Coast.

- See our community impact in action and read our 2024/2025 Impact Snapshot
- Explore how we've returned \$1.6 million in profits back to local projects
- Learn why we're Social Traders certified
- Apply for community investment funding
- Find a library of newsletter issues (just like this one)
- Access tools, resources and inspiring stories

Proudly local, always purpose-led and now just a click away at [www.thelocalloop.org.au](http://www.thelocalloop.org.au)



# Community impact stories

## Community support helps Ulladulla Swimmers start strong

"Two young girls personally thanked me, they were thrilled to finally have the right gear to compete," said Caz our Community Engagement Manager.

Before our support, backstroke starts were a real challenge for the Ulladulla Swimming Club and members found it tough to comply with competition rules. Now, with new backstroke ledges in place, young swimmers are starting strong, building confidence and getting race-ready like never before.

We're proud to back a club that's building skills, smiles, and a stronger swimming future.



## Sunshine, good swings and a great cause!

We had our A-team on the green for the Cancer Support Foundation Milton Ulladulla Charity Golf Day, proudly represented by our Community Engagement Manager Caroline Boland and Board Chair Mike Devlin.

The sun was shining, the course was in mint condition and the community spirit was absolutely on par with the golf.

Huge thanks to Cancer Support Foundation Milton and all involved for hosting such a meaningful day. Every person participating helped support locals impacted by cancer.



## Caz on court

Our Community Engagement Manager Caz was thrilled to join the Ulladulla & Districts Netball Association for their junior end of season presentation night, celebrating a season of skill, spirit and serious sporting pride.

Caz was there wielding signs, support and certificates and really showcasing exactly why we say 'YES' to getting behind junior female sport.

A huge congrats to all the juniors, their families and the volunteers who make this club such a standout in our region.



# Community impact stories

## Smart upgrade boosts local Landcare propagation power

"They adapted with smart upgrades including sprinklers, auto windows and insulation that's already making a difference," Caz said when she went on site to check out Milton Rural Landcare's progress since our Emerald Ball last year.

Originally planned as a brand-new greenhouse, this project shifted course due to rising costs and time pressures. Instead, the group reimagined their existing space with smart tech, creating a climate-smart hub that boosts propagation and grows healthier, more resilient plants. What a great job, we say!

It's proof that innovation thrives in community and we're proud to support what they're doing.



## What's different here?

When Ulladulla Public School held their Fun Run Colour Run, it was no surprise to see our Community Bank South Coast team there! We show up for many of the events and projects we support to see the impact our funding makes.

But this time, something special stood out.

Two of our own, Leah and Chloe, weren't there representing us 'on the clock', but instead volunteered, giving up their own time to help at the event, cheer on students, and throw more than a little colour into the air.

This kind of community spirit doesn't come with a dollar sign or just community investment funding. It's about heart, presence and showing up, not just as part of an organisation, but as part of a community.

That's the kind of team we have at Community Bank South Coast, and we're proud to call them our own. Hats off to you Chloe and Leah!



## Pink works for Milton

Teresa and Leah were out recently for the McGrath Foundation Pink up your town - Milton Trivia Event. Not just showing up, but getting involved, all in the name of raising funds and awareness for cancer care.

A huge shoutout to the local organisers and everyone who turned trivia into a powerful night of impact.



## Need assistance?

If your community organisation has a bold idea, but needs support, get in contact with our Community Engagement Manager  
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# Banking online safely sessions

## Milton Ulladulla View Club

Staying safe online matters, especially when it comes to managing your money. Our Community Engagement Manager Caroline, recently joined the Milton Ulladulla View Day Time Club to run a Banking Online Safely session, helping members feel more confident about spotting scams and navigating online banking with ease.

It was a fantastic afternoon filled with great questions, practical tips and plenty of laughs too! Big thanks to this vibrant group of women for the warm welcome.



## Shoalhaven Palliative Care Volunteers

Our Community Engagement Manager Caroline, hosted a Banking Online Safely session with the incredible Shoalhaven Palliative Care Volunteers sharing essential tips on scam awareness, secure passwords and protecting personal information online. These dedicated volunteers give so much to the community, so it was a privilege to spend time supporting their digital confidence.



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