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During 2023/24 Community Bank Balnarring & District invested a total of \$555,440 in our communities as sponsorships, grants, donations, funds invested for future community projects and dividend payments.

This sees a total return to community of \$3,432,345 since we opened in 2008. We remain very proud of the degree to which your Community Bank gives back to local communities with the continued support of our customers.

This has given access to many opportunities for social connection and enjoyment for hundreds of local people, whilst improving facilities and programs and further protecting our environment.

I must also acknowledge the contribution of my Board of Directors to the success of our Community Bank. Like the groups of hard-working and passionate volunteers with which we work, all Directors of Balnarring & District Community Services Limited volunteer their time and expertise to ensure the success of our company, across all parameters and I thank them for their commitment.

Mark Butler
Branch Manager

 **Bendigo Bank**



Merricks-Coolart Catchment Landcare

Merricks-Coolart Catchment Landcare Group aims to protect the diversity and extent of natural ecosystems and species within these and protecting and improving the quality of water in waterways across the catchment. The group has members from the whole area, which includes Balnarring, Balnarring Beach, Merricks, Merricks North, Somers and parts of Red Hill.

<https://mplantcare.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Merricks-Coolart-Brochure.pdf>



Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation

We are a registered Landcare group and part of the Mornington Peninsula Landcare Network. We work closely with the Mornington Peninsula Shire, Parks Victoria, other Landcare groups and private landholders to improve koala habitat.

<https://mpkoalas.org.au>



Friends of Flinders Coastline

The Friends of Flinders Coastline aims to restore and protect natural coastal vegetation along Flinders Ocean Beach, which is a part of the Mornington Peninsula National Park. The group's work aims to maintain biodiversity by protecting and enhancing remnant bushland.

<https://flindersvillage.com.au/friends-of-flinders-coastline/>

Flinders Zero Carbon

Flinders Zero Carbon Community (Flinders Zero) is a local group, supported by the Flinders Community Association and is part of the Beyond Zero Emissions Zero Carbon Communities campaign. Through this group, the Flinders community has a wonderful opportunity to join with many other communities across Australia to address climate change by reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2030.

<http://flinderszero.org.au/>



Koala Hospital

Jennie is a wildlife carer and is affectionately known as the "koala lady". She has dedicated the last 45 years of her life to wildlife rescue. As a volunteer, she relies solely on donations to fund the important work she undertakes to care for and rehabilitate sick and injured wildlife on the Mornington Peninsula.

Koala Rescue & Rehabilitation 24/7
Jennie Bryant 0417 395 883



Bill Carroll Reserve/Friends of Bill Carroll Reserve

Bill Carroll Reserve provides an educational resource and is a pleasant place in which to experience the natural environment of Merricks Beach. All work in developing and maintaining the reserve is carried out by volunteers overseen by the Friends of Bill Carroll Reserve committee.

<https://mbra.com.au/home/bill-carroll-reserve/>





Balnarring CFA

A community-based volunteer organisation that responds efficiently, safely and skilfully to bush and residential fires and other emergencies to reduce their occurrence and impact on our community

In an Emergency call 000

<https://www.facebook.com/balnarringcfa/>

Point Leo Surf Life Saving Club

Point Leo Surf Life Saving Club is an entirely voluntary organisation which provides beach patrol and rescue services, first aid and lifesaving training at Point Leo Surf Beach and surrounds. Funding for Club activities comes from membership fees, donations and gifts/sponsorships from corporate benefactors.

The Club patrols the Point Leo Surf Beach located between Somers and Flinders on Western Port Bay.

<https://www.pointleoslsc.com>



MEET OUR STAFF



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We're open:

9:30am - 4.00pm Monday to Thursday

9:30am - 5.00pm Friday



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Relationship Officer



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Lending Specialist



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Company Secretary



Balnarring District Netball Club

BDNC's philosophy is to provide a program designed to develop skills and knowledge of netball, whilst maintaining a sense of fun and enjoyment.

<https://www.bdnc.com.au>



Balnarring Junior Football Club

BJFC is a strong community family club. From AFL & AFLW draftees, to our first class coaches & volunteers, we provide a safe and enjoyable environment for local kids to learn, develop and become the best version of themselves while enjoying the great game of AFL.

<https://www.balnarringjfc.com.au>



Merricks Yacht Club

Merricks Yacht Club was founded in 1964 as a small yard on the foreshore for the many enthusiastic sailors and fishermen in the holiday township of Merricks Beach. Since then it has grown into a popular local club which provides a great meeting place for local residents and holiday makers alike.

We have a keen gang of junior sailors who always look forward to an active junior sailing program over the summer period, for both newcomers and more experienced sailors.

Come down to sail or enjoy the atmosphere around the club, not to mention the after-race social events and now the very popular Thursday evening gathering, each week, for the 5:30 PM happy hour.

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/merricks/home/>



Western Port Yacht Club

We are Western Port's first choice for Sunday sailing, fishing and having a great time.

We sail, we fish and we have a great time at Balnarring Beach, Victoria, Australia. We race off the beach boats from October to April each year. Classes sailed include Aero, Hobie, Impulse, Laser, O'pen Bic, Optimist, Pacer, Sabre, Taipan and Tasar. We have a comprehensive sail training program for all ages.

We have a strong relationship with the Balnarring Beach Foreshore Committee. We respect our environment and work hard to ensure the beach from which we operate is the best that it can be.

<http://www.westernport.org.au/>



Somerville Football Netball Club

The SFNC has been running for over 130 years. We currently have 3 football and 5 netball teams. Our club values its strengths on our culture and our passionate volunteers. Our family connections are strong, with many partners playing in both football and netball. Over the past few years, we have featured in the football and netball finals, taking home the A Grade and C Grade premierships in 2023.

<https://www.facebook.com/somervillefnc/>



Crib Point Cricket Club

Established in 1978 the Crib Point Cricket Club is the official home of the Mighty Magpies who play a big role in the sporting community.

<https://www.facebook.com/cribpointcricketclub/>



Balnarring Tennis Club

The Balnarring Tennis Club is located in Civic Court behind the Balnarring Primary School. The club offers 8 courts. 2 flexipave courts, 2 synthetic grass, 4 en tout cas courts, all with LED lighting. The courts and are available for both members and visitors.

<https://play.tennis.com.au/balnarringtennisclub>



Merricks/Red Hill Station Ground Reserve

Merricks Station Ground Reserve provides important local infrastructure for horse riders and the broader community.

The Committee of Management is working hard to enhance the facilities at the Grounds. The current major project is a roofed arena which will complete the facilities upgrade into the long term future. Taxable donations would be gratefully received.

Contact Jenny Moore:
(text) 0400 456 691 or
geegeejennym@gmail.com
for further details.



Balnarring Bowls & Social Club

Members and our member volunteers have been the lifeblood of the Balnarring Bowls & Social Club and have seen us through nearly 40 years of club life.

We are a friendly, social, community focussed club with our facilities regularly used by Balnarring Musos, Probus, Balnarring Lions, holiday makers and local residents.

We are the venue for weddings, parties and corporate events in the Balnarring area and offer free coaching to anyone interested in taking up the great game of lawn bowls.

<https://balnarringbowls.com.au>



Flinders Golf Club

The Flinders Golf Club provides a wonderful experience combining a sense of tradition that comes with being over 120 years old with top quality playing conditions and boasting modern facilities.

Perched high on the cliff tops, views across Western Port to Phillip Island and the rugged Bass Strait coastline provide a stunning panorama whether you are strolling the fairways of this unique golf course, enjoying a light lunch or hosting your special occasion in our award winning clubhouse.

<https://www.flindersgolfclub.com.au/>

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It's a win-win when you bank with us.

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

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS



You bank
with us



Your community
shares in the Bank's
income



Your community
decides what **local
projects** to support



Good things
happen in your
community



Crib Point Football Netball Club

The CPFNC was established in 1933. We strive to actively promote football and netball in the Crib Point and surrounding community catchments, providing many opportunities for recreation in a safe, family friendly and professionally run environment. We have a strong history of success with 12 senior flags and 4 netball premierships.

<https://www.cribpointfnc.com.au>



Balnarring Picnic Racing Club

Arguably the best picnic racing course in Victoria. The club hosts 6 picnic race meetings a year. Members and patrons attending these meetings have the opportunity to enjoy the bushland ambience of the picturesque Emu Plains Reserve. Patrons can set up a family picnic amongst the trees and view the races from a variety of locations. In the 23/24 season the club was named Picnic Club of the Year.

<https://balnarringraces.com>



Flinders Community Association

Since the 1970s the Flinders Community Association has been the voice of residents and weekenders, working to preserve and protect Flinders village and environment. We aim to protect the neighbourhood character of our historic village.

<https://flindersvillage.com.au/>



Shoreham Community Association

The Shoreham Community Association (SCA) supports and works with the local community to ensure that a common passion for our unique Shoreham remains. Of course, we also organise, support and promote local events to ensure we have some fun along the way.

<https://www.shoreham.vic.au>



Western Port Bay Toastmasters

If you are from Balnarring, Bittern, Balnarring Beach, Crib Point, Flinders, Somers, Hastings, HMAS Cerberus, Merricks, Point Leo, Stony Point, Tyabb, and surrounding towns drop on in so we can give you the tools to share your story.

<https://wpb.toastmastersclubs.org>



Peninsula Home Hospice supported by Western Port Friends of Hospice

PHH was born from a recognised community need and was started by a group of volunteers eager to ensure those wanting to stay in their own home, as they faced a life limiting illness, were able to do so.

Now, 40 years on, PHH has evolved into the local accredited Specialist Community Palliative Care Service.

The PHH vision of working together to live well and die well underpins the philosophy for palliative care.

We help improve quality of life for our clients, and work to ensure that client values, beliefs and goals for their care are known and respected.

<https://peninsulahospice.com.au/>



Probus

Local Probus Clubs

The Community Bank Balnarring and District was pleased to support the 'What Happens When' event. This event was made available to all local Probus groups, including, Somers Ladies Probus Club, Somers Combined Probus Club, Balnarring Probus Club and Balnarring Combined Probus Club.

See the link below for further information on our local Probus clubs.

<https://www.probusouthpacific.org/directories/lookup>



Western Port Secondary College



We provide a broad curriculum, giving our students the education they need to succeed in a diverse and changing world. Student well-being is a key priority and we strive to develop our students' personal and social skills to become confident, resilient and valued members of the community.

<https://westernportsc.vic.edu.au>

Somers Primary School

We are dedicated to the belief that learning and development enhances students' lives and prepares them for success. We apply evidence-based approaches to support children's development. This is how we ensure children are happy, engaged and making great progress at school.

<https://somersp.vic.edu.au>



Balnarring Primary School



Our vision is to develop students who are lifelong learners, equipped with a strong voice and the attitudes, knowledge and skills they need now and to successfully meet the challenges they will face in the future

<https://balnarringps.vic.edu.au>

Balnarring Pre-School

Balnarring Pre-school values strong respectful collaborative relationships between families, children, teaching team, community, First Peoples and the environment.

<https://balnarringpreschool.org.au>



St. Joseph's Primary School



Our school is based on a landscape of positive learning experiences where we promote students making sense of the world around them, knowing themselves, their identity, and their beliefs within a context of their faith and being inspired and committed to craft their future with optimism and hope.

<https://www.sjcribpoint.catholic.edu.au>

Flinders Pre-School

Our centre is licensed for 45 children in 2 rooms. We cater for children from 2 to 6 years of age. Our hours of operation are 8am to 5.00pm. We provide all meals in air conditioned comfort. Children enjoy playing in our large flat natural yard.

<https://flinderspreschool.com.au>





Story Dogs

Not all children 'get' reading. For some it takes a bit longer. Unfortunately our education systems are not all resourced to pick up the ones falling behind. Regular one-on-one reading sessions are often the best way to help a child become a confident lifelong reader. This is what Story Dogs delivers, but also so much more with the loving nature of a wonderful dog and caring volunteer.

<https://www.storydogs.org.au>



Dromana Secondary College

Our purpose is to provide effective learning for all students. To provide a caring, inclusive and sustainable community in which students develop skills and personal qualities necessary to participate positively and confidently in a changing, global community while striving to achieve their personal best.

We practise our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Integrity and Personal Best.

<https://dsc.vic.edu.au>

Our

Volunteer Directors

Heather Goddard



Andrew Thomas



Kym Bridgford



Sarah Moran



Mark Laughton



Chris Gurney



Susan Beanland



Michele Sabto



Stuart Whiteley



Ron Kempster



Connecting us to our communities



Dreamhouse Theatre Company

For over eleven years, Dreamhouse Theatre Company has been inspiring young people on the Mornington Peninsula, through youth theatre and community arts and cultural development projects.

Dreamhouse aims to develop works and share stories that value the multiplicity of voices in our community, especially the concerns of young people. We strongly believe in the artistic contribution that young people make to our community and in the positive health and well-being outcomes that occur from participation in the arts.

<https://dreamhousetc.com.au>



Somers Chamber Music Society

The SCMS was formed 30 years ago and has been bringing top-class classical music to the peninsula for more than 30 years.

One of the aims of our Society has always been to provide young emerging artists the opportunity to perform in front of an appreciative and discerning audience. We seek to always provide this at one of our concerts each year. In recent years we have provided opportunities for two young groups to debut as musicians on a fee for performance basis.

Contact: Roger Price 0403 592 195



Peninsula Summer Music Festival

PSMF offers a wide ranging and diverse program of classical and contemporary music events permeating the vibrant and beautiful venues of the Mornington Peninsula.

Local and international artists feature in programs of music that range from the familiar to challenging, including brand new works as well as crossing all genres and forms.

<https://www.peninsulafestival.com.au>



St Johns Flinders

The inaugural recital at St John's Flinders was given by the legendary pianist Geoffrey Tozer back in 2005. Since then, some 80 recitals have been given by professional musicians from around Australia and, indeed, the world. Residents of our area are fortunate indeed to have such easy, local access to world class recitals.

<https://www.apfb.org.au/recitals/>



Flinders Fringe

The Flinders Fringe Festival 2024 was a howling success!

Supporting the arts and our community is at the heart of this festival. We're proud to have paid or supported over 70 talented artists and performers who brought their creativity to life on stage, in the street, on fences and buildings. We sold 2500 tickets to more than 37 amazing events happening at 16 different venues and locations.

<https://flindersfringe.com.au>



Semiquavers

The Semiquavers currently consists of seven members: two violins, a viola, cello, clarinet, flute and piano. Now that restrictions have eased, we have arranged several "gigs" at local nursing homes and retirement villages, including Arcare at Balnarring. The residents really enjoy our concerts and often ask us to return.

Contact Mary Mitcham
bmitcham@outlook.com.au



Flinders Art Show

Our mission is to give opportunities to Peninsula artists to market their works and with the revenue generated to give financial assistance to sustain community needs on the Mornington Peninsula.

 <https://flindersartshow.com.au>



Embroiders Guild - Flinders Branch

The EGV Flinders Branch is a friendly group of embroiderers with all levels of skill, enthusiasm and interest and we welcome all stitchers of any level or those on holiday in the area to join us.

 <https://www.embroiderersguildvic.org/branches-locations>



Balnarring District Historical Society

Our collection comprises local historical records, photographs and memorabilia from Balnarring and the surrounding district.

Our services and activities include research, copying, meetings, publications, cataloguing and public displays.

Contact: balhist4@gmail.com



Friends of Coolart

Friends of Coolart is a volunteer group that operates at Coolart Wetlands & Homestead to support the work of Parks Victoria by raising funds for the property and working to enrich the visitor experience.

We have been operating for 40 years and have a membership base of 100 members and an active volunteer base of 30+.

 <https://coolart.org.au/about-friends-of-coolart/>



Red Hill Op Shop

We are a community, volunteer based Op Shop. All funds raised are directed to Peninsula Home Hospice.

 <https://www.facebook.com/redhillopshop>

3+ million reasons to bank with Community Bank Balnarring & District

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“The Community Bank has been long time supporters and we would not be able to provide this service to the community without them.”

RDAV Mornington Carriage Driving for the Disabled

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“Thank you for the Community Bank’s unbelievably generous support, which has secured the success of our Biolink revegetation project. We couldn’t do it without you.”

Merricks Coolart Catchment Landcare Group

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“The generosity of the Community Bank has ensured our essential work can continue.”

Western Port Community Support Centre

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“The Community Bank has supported a range of projects over many years. We are proud to be working together.”

Point Leo Surf Life Saving Club

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“Thanks to the Community Bank for all the funding they have given our club. It means a lot to the club and our community.”

Crib Point Football & Netball Club

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“We are happy shareholders and I appreciate everything the bank does. They have listened to the community and provided services for what they really need.”

Murray Turner
Shareholder





Disabled Surfers

The Mornington Peninsula Disabled Surfers Association (DSAMP) has 3 parts to its mission:

- 1/ We aim to “Put smiles on dials”, that is to provide a safe, and enjoyable surfing experience for people with any disability.
- 2/ We aim to provide disabled members with greater access to the beaches year round.
- 3/ We also aim to unite our local community, schools, businesses, able and disabled residents with this event.

<https://www.disabledsurfers.org/vic-mornington-peninsula>



RDAV Mornington Carriage Driving for the Disabled

We operate twice a week from the Mornington Racecourse. The program offers both ambulant and participants in a wheelchair the opportunity to enjoy an equine experience. This benefits their physical and well-being, not only the participants but our volunteers as well. We are one of only 2 Carriage Driving for the Disabled Centres currently operating in Victoria.

<https://www.facebook.com/Carriagedrivingforthe-disabledmornington>



Lord Somers Camp

Since 1929 Lord Somers Camp has been running personal and leadership development programs that benefit the community.

Today we offer a range of life-changing experiences to people from all backgrounds, cultures, ages and locations and continue to run programs that help develop people of all ages.

<https://www.lscph.org.au>



Balnarring Community Childcare

Balnarring Community Child Care (BCCC) has provided a safe and fun place for children to play and explore for more than 25 years. It is a community run not-for-profit service for children aged two to six years. BCCC offers a variety of indoor and outdoor play, guided by the Early Learning Framework, including music, art and stories.

<https://www.balnarringccc.com.au>



MPSC - Bendigo Bank Youth Leadership

The Mornington Peninsula Shire Youth Leadership Camp is all about nurturing future leaders. At the camp you will learn how to reach your goals through team building, brainstorming and upskilling your public speaking and planning skills.



Western Port Community Support

Western Port Community Support is a not-for-profit community based organisation providing a wide range of services to families and individuals residing in the Western Port region.

Providing a free and comprehensive support, information and advocacy service, we work closely with other social and community welfare organisations to provide the best service to all our clients.

<https://wportcomsupport.org.au>



Saltbush

Saltbush, Balnarring Beach is a not-for-profit, charitable organisation that exists to enrich the lives of people experiencing hardship by providing a peaceful environment for rest, play, growth and connection.

<https://saltbushbalnarringbeach.org.au>



Bridge Magazine

"The Bridge" is a community publication made by the community, for the community. We are a team of volunteers with an interest in communication, design, community, the environment and open, creative expression. "The Bridge" is a resource for our local communities.

<http://bridgemag.com.au>



RPP Radio Station

RPP FM is a community radio station in the Mornington Peninsula region of Victoria, Australia. The radio station was established in 1984 to provide a local community radio service to the region.

<https://rppfm.com.au>



Packs For Paws

25% of homeless people own a much-loved pet and Packs for Paws, a program initiated by the youth group at St Mark's Balnarring and supported by Reverend Keiron Jones, has filled backpacks with essentials for pet owners, which will be distributed through Western Port Community Support.

Young people supporting their community!

Contact: Keiron Jones
vicar.flinderswithbalnarring@gmail.com



Western Port Writes

Western Port Writes is a three-day literary festival to be held in Somers and surrounds. Designed to celebrate creativity and the art of the story, it will showcase both established and emerging writers connected to our region and beyond.

The inaugural Festival will run from Friday 6 to Sunday 8 September 2024.

<https://westernportwrites.com.au>



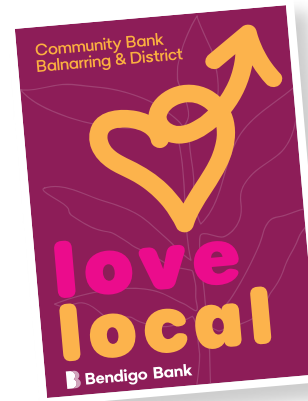
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