



Community update

Community Bank · East Ivanhoe

The best night of the year

Nothing beats bringing together the incredible community groups we've supported over the past 12 months. These passionate volunteers are the heart of our community, making East Ivanhoe a wonderful place to live, work and play.

In 2024, Community Bank East Ivanhoe proudly distributed a record \$400,258 to local charities, sporting clubs, community groups, schools, and kindergartens.

A huge thank you to our customers and shareholders—your banking makes a real difference in the lives of many. Together, we're building a stronger, more connected community.

Go Girls Foundation

We are proud supporters of the Go Girls Foundation Work Ready Program, which empowers women to build confidence, develop new skills, and move toward independence. In collaboration with other agencies and professionals, the Foundation provides intensive

tailored programs combining workshops, retreats, coaching, counselling, mentoring, life-planning, work-readiness, independence skills and positive psychology. Developed and delivered by fully qualified psychologists and facilitators, this outstanding program creates life-changing opportunities for the 15 women involved, helping them take meaningful steps toward a brighter future.

A new car for BANSIC

The BANSIC Food Hub on Oriel Road provides vital emergency food relief to thousands of people each year. In support of their incredible work, we proudly donated this vehicle to help their dedicated volunteers collect fresh produce, non-perishables, pet food, and frozen meals from a range of suppliers for distribution to those in need.

With the rising cost of living driving a sharp increase in demand, we applaud the hardworking volunteers who make this essential service possible.

In addition to the vehicle donation, we continue to support the Food Hub's ongoing operational costs, ensuring all clients receive the essential goods they require.



Syed presents a cheque to Fergeus Crease from the Go Girls Foundation for their Work Ready Program.



Our support for BANSIC includes funding and a new vehicle.

Better banking. Big local impact.

Meet our award-winning team

Our new-look team is delivering outstanding customer service and competitive rates to our local community.

We're proud to announce that Community Bank East Ivanhoe was awarded the Lending Award at Bendigo Bank's North East Region Awards in 2024. This achievement highlights the dedication of our team in providing top-quality service to our valued customers.



Our award-winning Community Bank East Ivanhoe team.

The Sisterhood Girls' Program

The Sisterhood Girls' Program is peer-support program for girls from Heidelberg aged 14–18. Through mentoring and fostering open-discussion it's inspiring to see how it empowers young girls by focusing on self-awareness, creativity, and personal growth. The fact that they've become more confident and open to new challenges is a powerful testament to the program's impact. We proudly fund the venue hire to allow the girls to meet in a location that is easily accessible to all.



Rose presents a cheque to The Sisterhood Girls' Program.

New turf for Heidelberg Preschool

It was great to be able to provide Heidelberg Pre-school with brand new artificial turf for their outdoor play space.

While much of the outdoor space is made up of natural elements, artificial turf creates the perfect balance for kids to explore and play without the challenge of a muddy mess during the colder months.

This upgrade ensures they can make the most of their outdoor time throughout the year.



Supporting our paddlers

Check out the new life jackets that we donated to the Victorian Youth Paddle Academy (see below). This group train locally on the Yarra River—you can see them in action from the bank as they play canoe polo. We're proud to help keep them safe on the water.



Art4All at Fairfield Primary

We are proud long-term supporters of Fairfield Primary School's annual Art4All event—a fantastic weekend of art, entertainment, and family fun. This much-loved community event showcases incredible creativity while bringing people together to celebrate and support the arts. It is also Fairfield Primary School's major fundraiser.



Almost \$5 million reinvested.

Celebrating 10 years of Big Group Hug

It was an honour to join the founders and volunteers of Big Group Hug as they celebrated a decade of helping local children and families in need.

We've supported them from the very beginning and to have witnessed their incredible growth.

Thanks to the vision of founder Angela Wood, over 25,000 vulnerable children and their families have received essential support. The charity has continued to thrive under inspiring leaders, including Geraldine Camilleri and current CEO Bernadene Vos.

The dedication of their 300 volunteers is inspiring, and we look forward to the impact they will make in the next 10 years.



Local history support

We're proud of our long-term support of Heidelberg Historical Society. Recently, we provided a grant to fund new shelving and double glazing for their windows, helping to create a more comfortable space for their volunteers.

The society's museum is open to visitors every Sunday from 2-5pm. It's a great opportunity to explore our local history.



Friends of Wilson Reserve

The Friends of Wilson Reserve recently celebrated their 100th anniversary. HDCE Chairman Jeremy McAuliffe joined the dedicated volunteers who continue to nurture and preserve the reserve for future generations to enjoy. We are proud to support them.



Scam awareness

There's a free program through Banyule's Neighbourhood House network, helping locals gain essential financial skills and protect themselves online. We're funding it to help keep people safe online.

Developed and facilitated by local financial counsellor Robyn Angus, the program has helped over 300 participants.

Program attendees learn to:

- improve online safety and identify scams
- build confidence in managing personal finances
- understand credit, saving, financial contracts, and superannuation
- know where to get financial help if needed.

Interested in attending a session? Contact Julie Johnston on 0419 873 415 or email nenhn@nenetwork.org.au.



APPLY NOW

2025 Community Grants Program

Do you have an idea or a community project that needs financial support to bring it to life?

Community Bank East Ivanhoe is now accepting applications for the 2025 Community Grant Program.

Learn more. Contact Carly Kluge at carly@conceptmem.com.au.

SALT for local sporting clubs

Community Bank East Ivanhoe is proud to continue as a Foundation Partner of SALT—Sport and Life Training. This outstanding not-for-profit organisation offers training to clubs in crucial areas such as mental health and wellbeing, peer pressure and decision-making, team leadership, positive coaching, and drug and alcohol awareness.

If your club is interested in engaging with SALT, we're pleased to offer funding for your first two sessions.

To get started, contact Carly at carly@conceptmem.com.au, or visit www.sportandlifetraining.com.au for more information.





Recent recipients of our support

Alphington Bowls Club

Banyule Community Health Service

BANSIC

Banyule Junior Football Club

Big Group Hug

BNLLEN L2P Program

City of Heidelberg Bowling Club

CWA Heidelberg

Diamond Valley SuperRules Football Club

Eaglemont Tennis Club

East Ivanhoe Bowling Club

East Ivanhoe Business Association

East Ivanhoe Primary School

Fairfield Primary School

Friends of Eaglemont Village

Friends of Wilson Reserve

Go Girls Foundation

Heidelberg Football Netball Club

Heidelberg Historical Society

Heidelberg Junior Football Club

Heidelberg Orchestras

Heidelberg Preschool

Heidelberg West Football Netball Club

Ivanhoe Bowling Club

Ivanhoe Cricket Club

Ivanhoe Harriers

Ivanhoe Netball Club

Ivanhoe Park Croquet Club

Jeff Wall Classic

Latrobe University Hockey Club

Lower Plenty Cricket Club

Macleod Football Netball Club

Marcellin Old Collegians Football Club

Melbourne Polytechnic

Mother Tongue Poetry

Northcote United Cricket Club

North East Neighbourhood House Network

North Heidelberg Sporting Club

Olympic Neighbourhood House

Olympic Village Exodus Community

Parkside Junior Football Club

Parkside Netball Club

Pascoe Vale Lions Futsal Club

Patchworkers and Quilters Guild of Victoria

Preston Cricket Club

Rosanna Cricket Club

Rotary Club of Heidelberg

SALT (Sport and Life Training)

SES Heidelberg Unit

St John's Catholic Tennis Club

Victorian Youth Polo Academy

Warringal Conservation Society

Yarra Valley Hockey Club

Our sponsorship rounds close every year on 31 January and 30 June.



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We're open: 9.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday



Community Bank branches are owned by local people and operated in partnership with Bendigo Bank—one of Australia's biggest banks and most trusted brands.

Community Banks return most of their profit directly to their communities through grants and sponsorships which facilitate community health, wellbeing and cohesion.

To date this network of branches has returned over \$366 million to Australian communities, almost \$5 million of that right here in our community.

Feel good about who you bank with, talk to our team today.

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