



Community update

Community Bank · Doncaster East & Templestowe Village

Helping locals realise their dreams

Community Bank Doncaster East & Templestowe Village has been helping hundreds of local customers get into the home loan market through the Victorian Homebuyer Fund.

With property prices continuing to increase, home ownership for many has seemed out of reach. Until now. If you have a 5% deposit, you could buy a home thanks to the Victorian Government's shared equity scheme. The local Community Bank team and our expert lenders hosted a home buyer event at Zerbes Reserve in conjunction with Marshall White Manningham to share information about the program and provide an overview of our local property market.

To find out if you are eligible contact us at:

- Doncaster East – 9840 2028
- Templestowe Village – 9846 1455, or
- email our home lending specialist, Connor O'Keefe – connor.okeefe@bendigoadelaide.com.au



From right: Lisa, Connor, Kirsty and Lauren with the team from Marshall White Manningham and RJ Legal at the recent home buyer event

New electronic scoreboards

We've been pleased to support the efforts of local clubs to install electronic scoreboards, improving the experience of players and spectators and reducing the administration time for club officials. The Doncaster Hockey Club and the clubs at Zerbes Reserve are both beneficiaries of the funding resulting in two fabulous new scoreboards.

Bulleen Boomers booming

We proudly support our local powerhouse basketball Club the Bulleen Boomers. This huge club includes their Big V men's and women's teams and the 1400 players representing the club in the Eastern Districts Junior Basketball Association. They also have a further 430 players in the Victorian Junior Basketball League. Star recruit and Texan native Kraig Shields



popped into the Templestowe Village branch recently to present the team with a certificate of support.

Above: Kraig Shields visits the Templestowe branch
Cover pic top: at the opening of Café Kevin

Better banking, with a big impact

Café Kevin is open

We were thrilled to join the team at Kevin Heinze Grow to officially launch Café Kevin, which provides pre-vocational training and support for young people with a disability. Located in the picturesque surrounds of their nursery in Wetherby Road Doncaster, the café provides participants with training in a range of skills including customer service, menu design and barista skills. Training is delivered by an experienced café manager and the service is outstanding!

The café is open to the public Wednesday and Thursdays between 10am and 1.30pm. There's plenty of parking and you can also purchase stunning homegrown plants at the nursery.



At the official opening of Cafe Kevin

Staying safe online

Visit the Bendigo Bank website for tips and information to help protect you and your family from scams.

www.bendigobank.com.au/security

Scholarship recipients

The Board of Manningham Community Enterprises Ltd is pleased to announce two recipients of the Jim Christie Scholarship Award in 2024. Catherine He and Mohammed Sobhan Sawafi are outstanding local students who have not only excelled academically but also given back to their community. Both receive financial support from us for their first two years of tertiary studies.



Congratulations Catherine and Mohammed

More defibs installed

Ten years ago we set a goal to ensure that all of our local clubs and community groups were equipped with life-saving defibrillators. This defib roll-out continues. We recently donated new life-saving defibs to Manningham Netball and the Beverly Hills Junior Football Clubs.

Jelena Dokic in Manningham

As a proud major sponsor of Doncare's International Women's Day lunch, we joined over 200 women at Bramleigh Estate to hear from the inspirational Jelena Dokic. Jelena received a standing ovation following her heartfelt story of her extraordinary journey from survivor to thriver. The event raised funds to support Doncare's work in the community to support local people doing it tough.



Inspirational speaker, Jelena Dokic with our team at the event

Supporting Prostate Cancer Research

The Rotary Club of Manningham's recent Charity Golf Day fundraiser set a new record with a staggering \$42,000 raised for the Monash University Prostate Cancer Research team. We were the major sponsor of the event held at the beautiful Heritage Golf Club. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

No Boundaries Cricket Program

With Covid lockdowns well and truly behind us it was wonderful to see the East Doncaster Cricket Club's No Boundaries Cricket program back in full swing.

The program provides participants who have disabilities with an opportunity to develop a love of cricket. They train and play with the club every Monday morning – building skills, enjoying the fitness and social fun that comes from playing team sports. East Doncaster Cricket Club President Stewart Purvis joined our Senior Branch Manager, Lisa Jones, to present participants with their medals.



\$5.27 million reinvested locally to-date

Business Breakfast 2024

We hosted the annual Business Breakfast at the Manningham Function Centre in May, with guest speaker David Robertson, Chief Economist of Bendigo & Adelaide Bank.

David shared his insights on the state of the economy – internationally, domestically and here in Manningham – providing the 200-strong crowd with an entertaining but informative take on his predictions for the 12 months ahead.



From left: Deirdre Diamante, David Robertson from Bendigo and Adelaide Bank, Manningham Mayor Carli Lange, Lisa Jones and Council CEO Andrew Day



Gurpreet from AICSI and Lisa at the multicultural sports day

Australian-Indian partnership

We are pleased to announce our support of the Australian Indian Cultural Society Incorporated (AICSI) who are running a series of events in Manningham this year. The event include business, sport, health and wellbeing. One of these was the Manningham Multicultural Sports Day held at Templestowe Reserve in April. Over 300 participants had the opportunity to try six different sports on the day. It was a fantastic effort by the AICSI and the supporting sports clubs.



Soccer galore at Manningham United

Manningham United Blues Football Club continue to thrive with their festival of football played at Petty's Reserve and Timber Ridge Reserve in April. The three-day event included 162 games over two venues, 685 goals, 11 runners-up teams and 11 winning teams! Congratulations to all involved in this football extravaganza. We look forward to the Junior Girls Tournament later in the year.



Winners at the Blues' festival of football

Celebrating International Women's Day

International Women's Day was widely celebrated around the community this year. We were fortunate to join Manningham Council at their International Women's Day Breakfast with award-winning journalist Caroline Wilson and AFLW Superstar Courtney Jones (pictured below with some of our team). It was a great celebration of just some of our outstanding local women.



At the International Women's Day event

Sponsorships 2024

Our support of grassroots sport continues with 30 groups receiving sponsorship funds last month. We support a diverse range of clubs, schools, kindergartens, community groups that cover all ages and genders across our patch.

Two rounds of sponsorship are offered each year – applications closing on 28 February and 31 August. For information contact Carly Kluge: carly.kluge@mcel.net.au or call 0417 592 732.



How you can support our community

The Community Bank model provides much-needed support to many across Manningham. There's never been a better time to consider your banking choices.

Community Bank branches are local, provide exceptional customer service and offer Bendigo Bank's full range of competitive products and services.

We can assist you in-branch, online, or at home with our mobile lenders. Contact us to find out more about our better banking experience.



Talk to us today



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9.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

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Community Banks return most of their profit directly to their communities through grants and sponsorships. Feel good about who you bank with, talk to our team today.

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Time for a home loan health check!

With interest rates on the rise, there's never been a better time to review your home loan.

Enquire online at bendigobank.com.au/healthcheck or call your nearest branch.

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