

Community Impact Report 2024



Mt Eliza Community
Enterprise Limited



Introduction

It's my pleasure to present our Community Impact Report for 2023–24 outlining how Mt Eliza Community Enterprise Limited has supported our community this year.

With favourable economic conditions for banking, and more local people choosing Community Bank Mt Eliza, it was a record-breaking year for us, with local contributions of \$250,000. Funds were widely distributed, with 62 local organisations benefiting.

Since 2010 we've been able to reinvest \$800,000 to the community through grants and sponsorships. It's something our local shareholders and customers can be very proud of.

These contributions keep money in our local economy, encouraging growth and supporting community cohesion.

We know that many local people feel isolated, despite advances in technology and communications. People of all ages face challenges with mental health and wellbeing.

The Community Bank is uniquely placed to support local organisations, clubs and schools, and help our community to thrive by:

- Funding for community sport – bringing people together for healthy competition, fitness and connection.
- Grants for community services – connecting people to the help and assistance they need.
- Developing and maintaining community infrastructure – so we've got fit-for-purpose local facilities.



- Financially supporting initiatives that bolster mental health, wellbeing and resilience.

We applaud the many local people who volunteer their time, skills and expertise to run community sports clubs, sit on school committees, are part of service clubs, or lend a hand at local events. Thank you all. We're proud to continue to support you.

To keep doing that, we need local people to choose Community Bank Mt Eliza for their banking, home loans, term deposits and insurance.

If you are considering making the switch to Bendigo Bank, you'll find the products, technology and security you expect from one of Australia's largest and most trusted banks. Make an appointment today on 9787 1224.

We want the Community Bank to be the bank of choice in Mt Eliza. Together we can support the long-term growth and prosperity of our community.

Reagan H. Barry

Chairman,
Mt Eliza Community Enterprise Limited

About us

Mt Eliza Community Enterprise Limited works with Bendigo Bank to operate Community Bank Mt Eliza. We reinvest most of the profits back into the community through sponsorships and grants. We are locally owned and operated and committed to Mt Eliza.

Community Bank
Mt Eliza



Vision

To be the bank of choice in Mt Eliza.

Purpose

To feed into customer and community prosperity, not off it.

Mission

To work with Bendigo Bank and our staff to deliver an exceptional Community Bank experience and to share the benefits for the wellbeing and resilience of our community.

Support categories



Emergency and community support



Sport and recreation



Environment and animal welfare



Arts, culture and heritage



Health and wellbeing



Facilities and infrastructure



Education and research

Mt Eliza Community Enterprise Limited

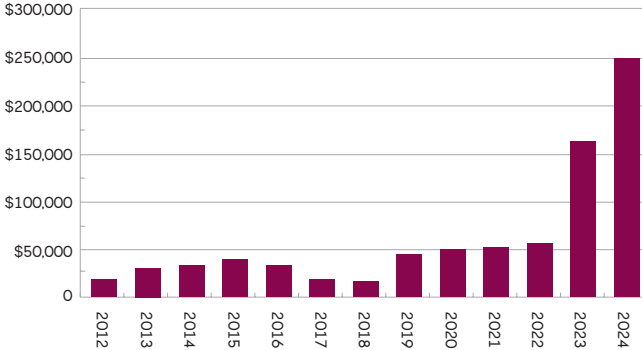
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Our local volunteer Directors Reagan Barry (Chairman), James Batty (Deputy Chairman), Robert Gauci (Secretary and Treasurer), Alex Godfrey, Jo Horton, Greg Russo, Matthew Wilson.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Bunurong people, the traditional custodians of the land on which we live, work and play.

The numbers

Mt Eliza Community Enterprise Limited contributions by financial year (\$)



Contributions by category in 2023-24



If you, or your children, play community sport in our area, your club is probably sponsored by Community Bank Mt Eliza. This year our support for local sports clubs helped over 20,000 local people regularly stay fit, active and connected.

Our people

 <p>195 Local shareholders</p>	 <p>8 Local staff</p>	 <p>3,627 Local customers</p>	 <p>7 Local volunteer directors</p>	 <p>3 Local contractors</p>
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\$800K

Contributions to the community to date



\$250K

Contributions to the community in 2024



62

Local organisations supported in 2024



14

Years providing a community banking service

Emergency and community support



Our funding helps local emergency and community support groups provide assistance to everyone in our community.

Supported this year

Mornington Peninsula Foundation

Mt Eliza CFA-Fire Brigade

Mt Eliza Lions Club

Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House

Peninsula Home Hospice

Peninsula Transport Assist

Rotary Mt Eliza

Women Connect Frankston



The Mayoral Charity Luncheon in October raised funds to support the **Mornington Peninsula Foundation**. Despite its wealth and abundance, our region has some of the highest rates of disadvantage in Victoria. The foundation's impressive work includes supporting at-risk students to remain at school. It was our pleasure to support Mayor Steve Holland from our local Briars Ward who hosted this fundraising event.



Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House is one of our major partners. They have been supporting the community since 1975, providing a range of social connection activities including: community lunches; health, wellbeing, creative and social groups; computer literacy sessions; exercise groups; and a men's group.

"The bank funds our pantry and community lunches – an important activity for us to address social isolation, particularly among seniors. We can't thank the Community Bank enough."

Joanne Scanlan,
Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House



Mt Eliza Fire Brigade and CFA have access to specialist communications software with our support. It helps mobilise their volunteers quickly in the event of an emergency, keeping local people and property safe.



Peninsula Transport Assist is our local volunteer-assisted community transport organisation. This past year their 62 volunteer drivers provided 2,321 trips to 459 clients. We provided them with a grant to construct a new shed for their hire buses. It will help protect these vehicles from the elements and provide a covered outdoor space for volunteer events.



Peninsula Home Hospice celebrated their 40th birthday this year. We're proud to support them to provide home-based palliative care to over 800 clients and more than 1,000 bereaved individuals each year. Their services, offered free of charge, provide specialist palliative care to people in the comfort of their home.

Rotary Club of Mt Eliza partnership

We've worked with the Rotary Club of Mt Eliza over many years to support their community events and initiatives, including the annual Australia Day Community BBQ and International Women's Day Breakfast. Both of these big events bring the community together to celebrate and connect. Last year we helped them with a new BBQ trailer which is used for community events and fundraising activities.

“The Community Bank has been a great partner for the Rotary Club of Mt Eliza over many years. Their local support for our community events is invaluable. Together we're working hard to make a difference.”

Carolyn Such, President, Rotary Club Mt Eliza



Sport and recreation



Community sport brings people from different walks of life together. There's health and fitness benefits, plus life lessons in teamwork sportsmanship and resilience.

Supported this year

Baden Powell Cricket Club

Baxter Cricket Club

Baxter Soccer Club

Bruce Park Netball Club

Daveys Bay Yacht Club

Delacombe Park Cricket Club

Frankston Athletics Club

Frankston Dolphins Junior Football Club

Frankston Dolphins Football Netball Club

Moorooduc Junior Football Club

Mornington Life Saving Club

Mornington Soccer Club

Mt Eliza Bowling Club

Mt Eliza Cricket Club

Mt Eliza Soccer Club

Mt Eliza Football Netball Club

Mt Eliza Netball Club

Mt Eliza Tennis Club

Mt Eliza Girl Guides

Old Peninsula Football Club

Peninsula Flyers Swim Club

Peninsula Aero Club

Peninsula Strikers Junior Soccer Club

1st Ranelagh Scout Group

Ranelagh Club

Somerville Junior Football Club

The Village Baxter Bowls Club



Mt Eliza Bowling Club is another of our major local partners. We support their Community Bowls Challenge every summer which introduces new players to lawn bowls and the club environment in an eight-week beginners competition. It facilitates local business and community connections. In addition, the club's Bendigo Bank Cup brings the region's best bowlers to the club in an invitational tournament. We were proud to be part of both these great events.



Frankston Dolphins sponsorship

We're the major sponsor of Frankston Dolphins Football Netball Club and have watched this senior club establish itself, grow and win premierships in just a few short years. With an outstanding club culture, they're ensuring that local kids who play in the junior club (who we also sponsor) have a clear local pathway to competitive senior levels.

Playing in the Southern Football Netball League, the Dolphins have made their mark on both the field and courts.

“We're grateful for the bank's support which has assisted our club's growth and development. We look forward to a long and prosperous partnership in the future. They're a great partner to have and are part of our Frankston Dolphins team.”

Mal Lewis, President,
Frankston Dolphins Football Netball Club



Mornington Life Saving Club's volunteers keep thousands of people safe on Mills Beach every summer. In addition, their popular Nippers program provides water safety education to hundreds of kids. The club's members also compete at the highest level in national surf carnivals.



Mt Eliza Soccer Club was founded in 2008 and has grown rapidly to over 500 members. From MiniRoos to competitive senior mens and womens teams, and a development academy, the club has great pathways for everyone to kick goals.

∴ We thank all the local volunteers who work hard to make community sport happen.



Old Peninsula Football Club



Mt Eliza Football Netball Club



Moorooduc Junior Football Club



Delacombe Park Cricket Club



Baxter Soccer Club



Mt Eliza Netball Club



Mt Eliza Cricket Club



Mt Eliza Tennis Club



People love their pets, and we're funding the local organisations that support people and their furry friends.

Supported this year

Mornington Obedience Dog Club

Peninsula Cat Rescue



Mornington Obedience Dog Club is a community volunteer dog club dedicated to helping owners understand their dogs and the social responsibility that comes with owning one. For over forty years the club has helped thousands of local people build a better relationship with their dog. We are proud to support them and Mt Eliza's happy, healthy dogs.



Peninsula Cat Rescue's volunteers make sure that every cat has the opportunity for a loving home. Their Last Litter Program desexes, microchips and vaccinates cats that have recently given birth. The kittens are then fostered, desexed, microchipped and vaccinated ready for local adoption. This also helps manage overpopulation and environmental effects.

"We thank you for your amazing and ongoing support of our cat rescue. A huge thank you to Sean for nominating us."

Katie Hockley, Peninsula Cat Rescue

Arts, culture and heritage



We're funding community media to tell our stories and showcase talent. We also provide opportunities for local artists to exhibit and connect with audiences.

Supported this year

Chamber of Commerce community events

Derinya Art and Craft Exhibition

Mt Eliza Art and Design Show

Peninsula Art Society

PLOS Musical Productions

Rotary Australia Day Community BBQ

RPP FM



RPP FM reports local news, covers local sport and tells our local stories. The station provides live broadcasts of weekend sports and council meetings, and helps local bands and musicians build their audiences. Tune in on 98.7 FM.

"Without Bendigo Bank we wouldn't have a transmitter site, we wouldn't have a studio, we wouldn't have an outside broadcast van. And without them, we wouldn't be able to tell the stories that matter to our community."

Brendon Telfer, Manager
RPP FM



Peninsula Arts Society has been fostering artistic talent and promoting art in the community since 1954. They run demonstrations, workshops, classes and field trips plus a popular spring art show.



PLOS Musical Productions bring musical theatre shows to the Frankston Arts Centre and are one of Victoria's largest non-professional musical theatre companies. We are delighted to support them to celebrate our local talent.

Health and wellbeing



We help fund local organisations that are working to support the health, wellbeing and social cohesion of people at all stages of life.

Supported this year

Mornington Peninsula Legacy

Women's Spirit Project

Mt Eliza Farmers' Market

Speak and Share

Probus Central Mt Eliza

Peninsula Home Hospice

Mornington Peninsula Legacy



Mt Eliza Farmers' Market provides fresh, healthy produce to around 1,000 visitors every month. We're proud to support this event which is an initiative of the Mt Eliza Chamber of Commerce and is supported by local volunteers from the Rotary and Lions clubs. In turn, the market supports regional Victorian farmers and producers.

The market brings the Mt Eliza community together with food, entertainment and volunteering opportunities. It is on the fourth Sunday of every month, right in the centre of Mt Eliza Village.



Mornington Peninsula Legacy supports around 700 widows of Australian Defence Force Veterans in our region. Legacy's volunteers bring these elderly ladies together for regular social events, keeping them connected and engaged. In 2023 Legacy celebrated its centenary year with a torch relay around Australia. The torch began its journey in Pozières, France on ANZAC Day. Our Branch Manager, Fiona, proudly carried the torch through Mt Eliza Village in September, accompanied by serving Defence Force members.



Speak & Share are three local school teachers who use a unique, personal approach to talking about mental health. They encourage people to show vulnerability and engage with their peers, believing that a problem shared is a problem halved. Their workshops were delivered to 2,195 people in the three months from June–August 2024. They also advocate fitness as a powerful tool to help manage mental health challenges. In addition to supporting the organisation, we also sponsored their annual Fun Run in December 2023 which attracted over 1,200 participants.



Probus Central Mt Eliza provides retirees with the opportunity to connect socially, make new friends and attend events to hear from guest speakers. Over 110,000 retirees across Australia and New Zealand are members of a Probus club and enjoy regular meetings and outings. With our support this year, Probus are able to help subsidise the fees and cost of outings for local people.



The **Women's Spirit Project** is a local initiative which helps women experiencing disadvantage to transform their lives through fitness, health and wellbeing and mentoring. One in four Australian women experience mental health issues, family violence and/or social isolation. This initiative helps at-risk women deal with those challenges.

Facilities and infrastructure



We are helping our schools, clubs and community groups to improve their equipment and facilities, ensuring they are fit-for-purpose.

Supported this year

St Thomas More Primary School

Walker's Road Pre School

Ranelagh Club

Mt Eliza North Primary School



Walker's Road Pre School has been helping our littlest locals learn and develop for the past 43 years. This year our funding helped them install some new pigeon-hole storage shelving for the little students to store their coats and belongings.

Mt Eliza North Primary School got some funding from us this year for a range of new playground seating for students. It was our pleasure to be able to support the school's fundraising committee to arrange this new playground infrastructure.

St Thomas More Primary School's basketball courts had some maintenance this year with our contribution to their parents' fundraising efforts.



The **Ranelagh Club** has some great tennis facilities overlooking the bay, and a big cohort of members and guests who practice and play there. This year we provided them with a new defibrillator to keep everyone safe, which is based at their tennis cabana.



Mt Eliza Rotary Club has a new BBQ trailer which we've helped to fund. It will be used for Rotary's fundraising activities and at community events like the Mt Eliza Farmers' Market and Australia Day Community BBQ.

Education and research



We want to support local people of all ages to develop the capabilities and skills that set them up for success in life.

Supported this year

Kunyang Pre School

Kunyang Primary School

Mt Eliza Secondary College

Mornington Peninsula Toastmasters

Mornington Peninsula Shire
Youth Leadership Camp

Tillerkite Pre School

Walker's Road Pre School



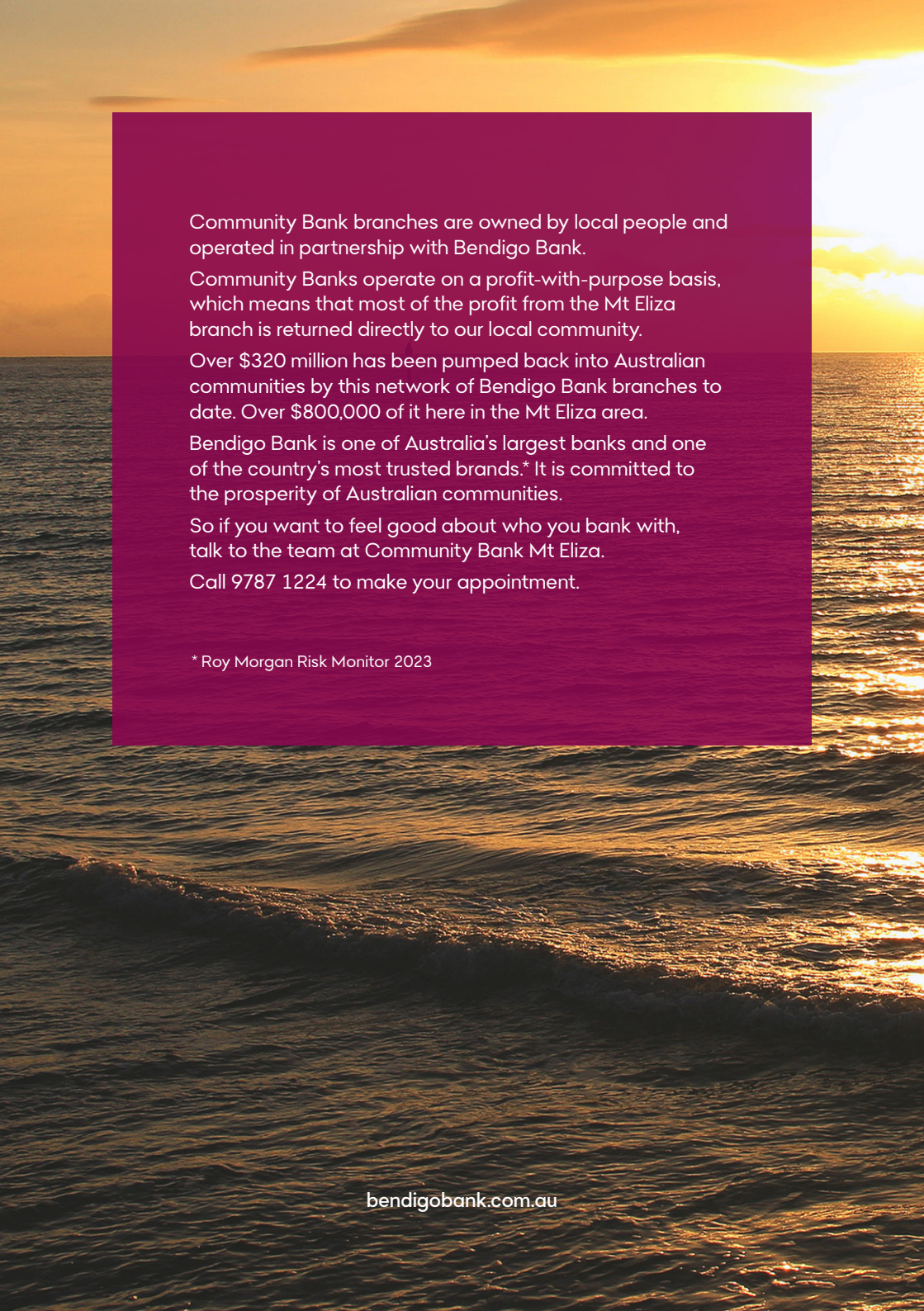
This year's **Bendigo Bank–Mornington Peninsula Shire Youth Leadership Camp** provided an opportunity for young people from across our region to develop confidence, leadership skills and connections. Run annually by the Shire's Youth Services team, Community Bank branches have been funding it since 2016.



Our support of **Mt Eliza Secondary College** helped the college launch their 2024 school calendar year with a whole-of-school assembly event. The college community took part in a smoking ceremony, led by local Indigenous educators. Students were inspired to start the new school year with a positive mindset and ambitious goals.



Our support of **Kunyang Pre School** helped children from around 50 local families to play, learn and grow. The pre school's extraordinary staff help local kids develop a love of learning, extend their boundaries and build resilience for life.

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Community Bank branches are owned by local people and operated in partnership with Bendigo Bank.

Community Banks operate on a profit-with-purpose basis, which means that most of the profit from the Mt Eliza branch is returned directly to our local community.

Over \$320 million has been pumped back into Australian communities by this network of Bendigo Bank branches to date. Over \$800,000 of it here in the Mt Eliza area.

Bendigo Bank is one of Australia's largest banks and one of the country's most trusted brands.* It is committed to the prosperity of Australian communities.

So if you want to feel good about who you bank with, talk to the team at Community Bank Mt Eliza.

Call 9787 1224 to make your appointment.

* Roy Morgan Risk Monitor 2023