

Summer
2024-25



Community News



Community Bank · Mt Eliza

Welcome to this Summer edition where we highlight some of the ways Community Bank Mt Eliza is helping our customers and community to thrive. The branch returns most of the profit it makes to community organisations, clubs and schools in Mt Eliza, Frankston South and the surrounding areas.

Help local families thrive

We are lucky to have so many great schools in the area that are helping children to learn, grow and develop. We're proud to support many of them.

In November we joined Konyung Pre-School for their Annual General Meeting (pictured above). It was great to hear how the educators and school community are helping our littlest locals transition from home to kindergarten, then on to primary school. In 2025 Konyung Pre-School celebrates 60 years of supporting local children and families. We're helping them do it.

This year, we also supported a number of primary schools to improve their infrastructure. Mt Eliza North recently got some new furniture at their canteen with our help, and our sponsorship of their fundraising art show helped parents raise funds for more projects.



Our sponsorship and funding of over 20 local community sports clubs helps keep children, families and the whole community active and connected. Recipients this Summer include: Mornington Life Saving Club, Mt Eliza Bowling Club, four local cricket clubs, tennis and sailing clubs. We support these not-for-profit organisations to help them deliver their programs, maintain infrastructure and provide services—so that our community has what it needs to thrive.



Annual General Meeting 2024

Mt Eliza Community Enterprise Limited is the company that operates Community Bank Mt Eliza in partnership with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank. In November, the company held its Annual General Meeting for local shareholders at the Mt Eliza Bowling Club.

Reagan Barry (Chair) highlighted the company's strong performance and record-breaking total of \$250,000 returned to community during the year. Following are some stories of the impact that is having. If you bank at Community Bank Mt Eliza, you help make it happen.

Summer is a great time to speak to the team at Community Bank Mt Eliza about your banking. Make an appointment on 9787 1224.

Better banking with a big local impact.



Banking Safely Online

Bendigo Bank is committed to helping everyone bank safely online. We're running scam awareness information sessions for community groups to educate people about the latest scams and online fraud.

In August, our team ran education sessions for Rotary Mount Eliza and Legacy, providing information to help people identify scams, plus tools and tips to protect themselves online.

If your community group would like us to run a Banking Safely Online session, reach out to the team at Community Bank Mt Eliza to book.

Remember to always:

- **STOP** – don't give money or personal information to anyone if you are unsure.
- **THINK** – Ask yourself if the call or message could be fake.
- **PROTECT** – Act quickly if something feels wrong. Call the Mt Eliza team on 9787 1224.

Keeping swimmers safe

Mornington Life Saving Club's volunteers keep thousands of people safe on Mills Beach every Summer, and the club's Nippers program provides water safety education to hundreds of kids every year. Our support helps them keep everyone safe around the water.



Mornington Obedience Dog Club

This great local club is dedicated to helping people understand their dog and the social responsibility that comes with owning one. For over 40 years, the club has helped thousands of people train and build a better relationship with their dog.

Farmers' market support

This much-loved monthly event brings Victorian farmers and food producers to town on the fourth Sunday of every month. We're supporters of the market, the Mt Eliza Chamber of Commerce, and our local Lions and Rotary clubs who help make it happen.



Fundraising art shows

We were proud to support the 2024 Mt Eliza Art & Design Show in October which raised \$37,000 for Mt Eliza North Primary School. The parents committee plan to use the proceeds on a new playground and shade sails for the school yard.

We also had a fantastic evening at the opening of the 2024 Derinya Art and Craft Exhibition (DACE) in July. This annual exhibition featured lots of local artistic talent and raised funds for Derinya Primary School. Congratulations to the organising committees of parents who work so hard to make these big fundraising events a success for their school communities.



Our team's latest community contributions

Each year, our Community Bank Mt Eliza staff choose a local not-for-profit organisation they'd like to support with a \$1,000 grant. Recent contributions include Georgi's grant to Speak & Share, and Sean's contribution to the students of Mt Eliza Racing Team.



\$950,000 reinvested.



Mental health and wellbeing sessions for local schools

In October the team from Speak & Share delivered their popular mental health and wellbeing school program to 180 Year 9 students at Mt Eliza Secondary College. We were delighted to work with the college and provide the funding to make it happen.

Speak & Share's school program builds healthier, happier school communities that don't shy away from mental health conversations.



2024 Regional Awards

We were proud of our Mt Eliza branch team who took out the 2024 award for lending at Bendigo Bank's regional awards night in October. The award was a great recognition of the work the team do every day to help local people achieve their goals and buy a home.

PLOS musical theatre

PLOS bring their musical theatre shows to the Frankston Arts Centre, including the fabulous School of Rock in 2025. We are delighted to support them to celebrate local talent.



Community lunches at the Neighbourhood House

Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House is one of our major funding recipients. Since 1975, the house has supported the community with a range of social connection activities, classes and initiatives.

"We can't thank the Community Bank enough for funding our pantry and community lunches. These are important activities for us to address social isolation, particularly among seniors," says Jo Scanlan from the Neighbourhood House.



Our latest funding recipients

Emergency and community support

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

Sport and recreation

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 Little 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
Mt Eliza Racing Team
Old Peninsula Football Club
Peninsula Flyers Swim Club
1st Ranelagh Scout Group
Ranelagh Club
Somerville Junior Football Club
The Village Baxter Bowls Club

Arts, culture and heritage

Chamber of Commerce community events
Derinya Art and Craft Exhibition
Mt Eliza Art and Design Show
Peninsula Art Society
PLOS Musical Productions
RPP FM

Education

Kunyang Pre School
Kunyang Primary School
Mt Eliza Secondary College
Mornington Peninsula Toastmasters
Mornington Peninsula Youth Leadership Camp

Health and wellbeing

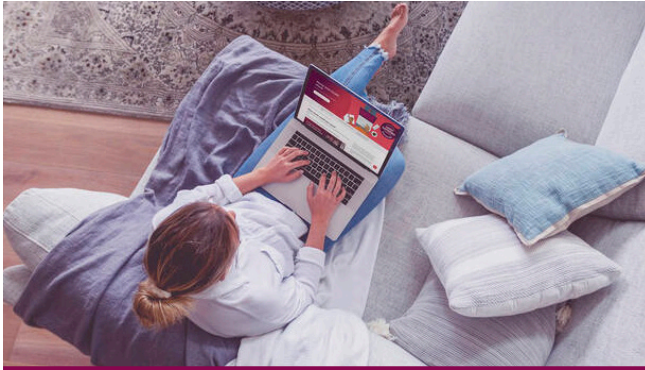
Mornington Peninsula Legacy
Mt Eliza Farmers' Market
Speak and Share
Probus Central Mt Eliza
Peninsula Home Hospice

Animal welfare and environment

Mornington Obedience Dog Club
Peninsula Cat Rescue

Facilities and infrastructure

St Thomas More Primary School
Walker's Road Pre School
Ranelagh Club
Mt Eliza North Primary School



Time for a home loan health check!

With the current cost of living, there's never been a better time to review your home loan.

We'll look at your rate, term, repayments, and equity, giving your loan a full check-up to make sure it's still right for you and your current needs.

Enquire online at [bendigobank.com.au/healthcheck](https://www.bendigobank.com.au/healthcheck) or visit Community Bank Mt Eliza.



*Source: Roy Morgan Single Source Australia, May 2023. All loans are subject to the bank's normal lending criteria. Fees, charges, terms and conditions apply. Please consider your situation and read the Terms and Conditions, available online at www.bendigobank.com.au or upon request from any Bendigo Bank branch, before making a decision. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited ABN 11 068 049 178 AFSL 237879 A2045548 EXPORT, 05/11/2024

Useful community contacts

Lifeline 13 11 14

Lions Club of Mt Eliza Neil Wingrave 0428 362 755

Mornington Community Support Centre
5975 1644 | [mcsc.au](https://www.mcsc.vic.gov.au)

Mornington Peninsula Shire
Customer Service 1300 850 600
[mornpen.vic.gov.au](https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au)

Mornington Peninsula Toastmasters
Susan McDonald 0439 6508 83
<https://4738.toastmastersclubs.org>

Mt Eliza Chamber of Commerce
Lynne Heggie 0438 547 007
[facebook.com/mtelizavillage](https://www.facebook.com/mtelizavillage)

Mt Eliza Fire Brigade
Emergency: 000 | Station: 9787 2788
Bush Fire Info Line: 1800 240 667

Mt Eliza Neighbourhood House
90-100 Canadian Bay Road, Mt Eliza VIC 3930
9787 8160 | [mountelizanh.com.au](https://www.mountelizanh.com.au)

Peninsula Transport Assist
9708 8241 | [peninsulatransportassist.org](https://www.peninsulatransportassist.org)

Rotary Club of Mt Eliza [rotarymteliza.org.au](https://www.rotarymteliza.org.au)

Speak & Share [speakandshare.com](https://www.speakandshare.com)



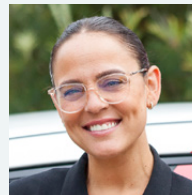
A great summer of cricket

There's plenty of cricket action this Summer. We support four fantastic local clubs with seniors, juniors and women's/girl's teams. They're helping everyone to get on the field to play and enjoy cricket.

Talk to us today



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9.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday
and by appointment at other times

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

Mt Eliza Community Enterprise Ltd

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