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Supporting community sport



Newsletter

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Bunyip & District

Welcome to this Spring edition of our newsletter where we highlight some of the ways our Community Bank branches are helping our customers and communities to thrive. Our branches return most of the profit they make to the organisations, clubs and schools in the City of Casey-Cardinia Shire regions.

A few words from Michelle our Senior Group Manager



I have extensive experience working in the finance industry, starting as a teller many years ago. I stayed with the same organisation for over 30 years.

My passion is helping people, and people leadership is a great platform to help our customers

and communities to grow and achieve their dreams, while also having the capacity to help our staff start, grow and establish their own career aspirations.

The difference between my last role with one of the Big 4 banks, and my new role with Our Community Company Ltd, is the passion, care and dedication our staff and board members have for the community.

To be able to see the impact Our Community Company Ltd are having with their support is amazing. I feel very lucky to be a part of this.

On a personal level I have two beautiful children (Chris and Rebecca) and an 18-month-old grandson, Tommy, who is the apple of my eye. In the next four months, there will be another two grandchildren arriving. So I have busy and exciting times ahead.

Michelle Clarke, Senior Manager



Meet Jessica

Jessica Ashenden started with us as our Pearcedale Branch Manager 18 months ago and has quickly developed a great relationship with all the locals. We sat down with her for a chat.

Who is your hero?

Superhero, Tuxedo Mask. Real life heroes are those who volunteer as first responders to emergencies: fire fighters, police, paramedics.

What is your favourite sport and team?

I love watching my daughter play any sport. Currently, she plays netball, basketball and football. I am in awe of her. My football team is Richmond, and I very nearly gave myself the 'Dusty' hairdo in 2017.

What's a hobby or interest that not many people know you have?

At the moment, I get up at 4:30am and run up and down Olivers Hill for an hour, then walk into freezing water at the beach at 6am for nine minutes to raise awareness for the nine lives on average lost to suicide each day.

What makes you laugh the most?

Outside of myself (I'm hilarious), I am a sucker for funny cat videos.

If you're a Pearcedale local give Jess a call on 5978 7566 for an obligation free banking review or a home loan health check.

Better banking. Big local impact.

2024 Community Bank community investment evenings

We've had a busy couple of months hosting our community investment presentation nights for the Community Bank branches at Lang Lang, Pearcedale, Koo Wee Rup, Narre Warren South and Tooradin & Coastal Villages.

The impact was felt with some heartfelt speeches from recipients, including Carolyn from Blairlogie Living and Learning (Pearcedale), Heather from A Better Life for Foster Kids (Koo Wee Rup) and Heidi from Tooradin Kindergarten, and others.

There wasn't a dry eye when Heidi spoke of how our grant for new play equipment allowed one of their students who is wheelchair-bound to now be able to actively participate with his peers.

We celebrated the big impact of our investments for 2024, which included a total of \$448,391 in grants and sponsorships to 102 worthy groups and organisations.

That's money which has been invested back into our local communities – including Bunyip & District – who's event was held earlier this year.

The presence of our community representatives made the events special, and we look forward to continuing to support and grow together.

Rotary Club Casey's long lunch

On Friday 2 August members of our board and branch teams, alongside Bendigo Bank State Manager Rohan Sadler, attended the Casey Rotary Long Lunch in support of Variety Children's Charity.

Guests had the pleasure of hearing from Collingwood legend Nathan Buckley. Community Bank Pearcedale and Narre Warren South proudly sponsored the event.

Over \$8000 was raised on the day, with 50 per cent of the proceeds going towards children's charity Variety (via a local Variety Vic Bash team) and the other 50 per cent supporting the ermha365 Community Connections Program, which helps people with mental health and homelessness problems.

Learn more about Rotary Club Casey and the great work they do at: www.rotarycasey.org



At the Narre Warren South investment evening.



Directors and staff of Community Bank Lang Lang.



At the Tooradin investment evening.



At the Pearcedale investment evening.



With Nathan Buckley at the Rotary Club Casey Long Lunch.

Keeping you safe online

Scams cost Australian consumers, businesses and the economy hundreds of millions of dollars each year. Bendigo Bank's website has information on how to spot the latest scams, keep your identity safe, and how to protect your family and business.

Stay up to date on the latest information, head to www.bendigobank.com.au/security

Honouring Max Papley OAM

Congratulations Max

We would like to extend our congratulations to our inaugural chairperson Max Papley, who has been awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) as a part of the 2024 King's Honour Roll. Max was recognised for his tireless efforts serving our local community

Max was one of the key drivers on the steering committee who delivered the opening of our local Community Bank in Lang Lang.

The OAM award also highlights Max's community contribution to sport through participation with Gippsland Power, Williamstown FC, South Melbourne FC and Bunyip sporting clubs.

This award is public acknowledgment of his extensive contributions. We are so proud and grateful to you Max. Through your leadership over many years our communities are a better place for all to be a part of.

According to Tania Hansen, former Our Community Company Director and close friend, Max was a leader who inspired the Lang Lang township to take control of its destiny when so many services had long forsaken the town.

"Having access to local banking services and a sustainable revenue stream, the town could only benefit from a Community Bank branch. Max saw the long term benefits of community banking. He was always thinking ahead and never procrastinated or spent too much time pondering the present," Tania said.

"Under Max's leadership, and while the model was in its infancy, Our Community Company led the Community Bank network with Max championing for Community Banks all around Australia.

"Our Community Company remains much admired, with Max's legacy remaining after 26 years. I loved my time working with Max. I learnt so much from such an encouraging leader, who was always giving of his time and knowledge," said Tania.

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Max and Laraine Papley at Government House.



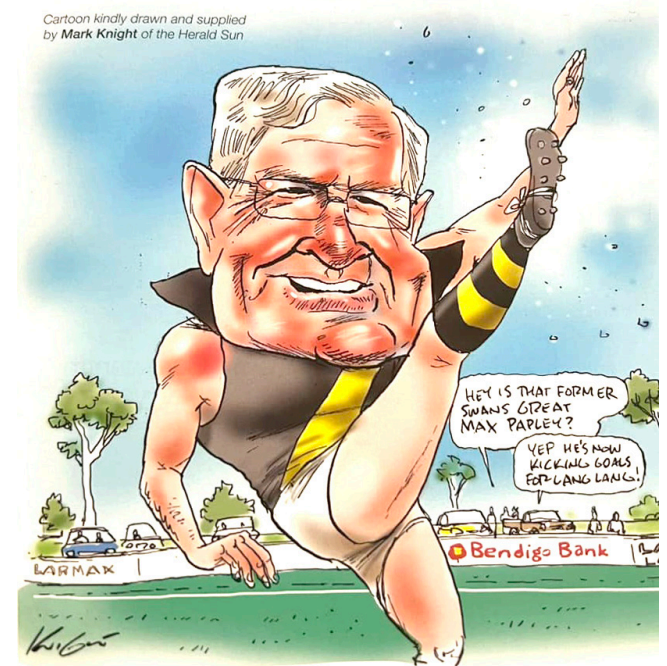
Max receiving his medal from Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC, Governor of Victoria.



Max and the board of Our Community Company in 2017.



Tania Hansen, Max and representatives from Bendigo Bank in 2009.



Max captured by Mark Knight of the Herald Sun.

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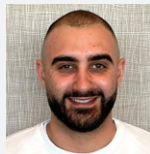
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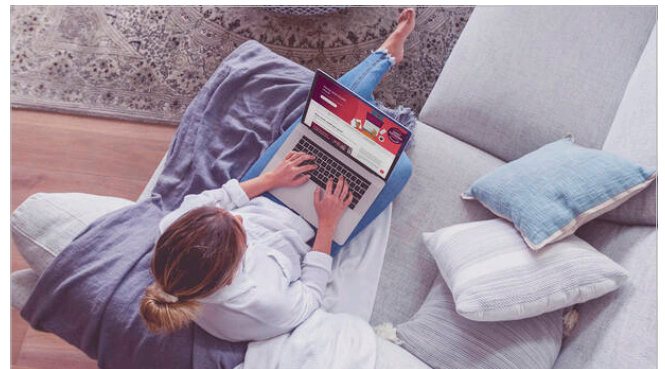
Thanks Di

The staff at Community Bank Pearcedale, take pride in delivering outstanding service. Our Customer Service Officer, Di, recently did an exceptional job handling a complex situation for one of our community groups. They were so delighted with the outcome that they surprised Di with one of her favourite cakes.

Thank you, Di, for your dedication and great work.

Shareholder update

Our Community Company's 2024 Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 7 November at the Lang Lang Bowls Club from 5:30pm. Our directors and staff look forward to catching up with our shareholders at this annual event.



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 your nearest branch.

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