

Summer  
2022-23



# Newsletter

Community Bank · Casey Cardinia

Lang Lang  
Pearcedale  
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## New Chairperson

Our board of directors has had a change of Chairperson for the coming year with Michael Duff stepping down after 14 years in the role.

Michael will continue with us as a director but has passed the leadership baton on to Gordon Smale who, for the past 16 years, has been our Vice-Chairperson. Michael Bushe (current director) accepted the role of Vice-Chairperson and will support Gordon over the next 12 months. We sat down with Gordon for a Q&A.

### *What are you most looking forward to as Chairperson?*

Continuing to serve the Bendigo Bank customers, shareholders and our communities as best we can.

### *Which community investment are most proud of?*

I'm most proud of the Lang Lang Community Recreation Reserve project. I also have a strong connection to the various local youth development programs. Seeing young people involved in sport, scouting, dance and interacting with each other serves for a better world.

### *What's the most important task for a Chairperson?*

Continuing to have a well functioning and cohesive team at OCC along with servicing our shareholders and communities.

We thank Gordon and Michael for taking on their new roles and know that there are some exciting times ahead for our company under their leadership.

We thank Michael Duff for his long-term commitment to our company for the past 14 years and



Michael Duff  
retiring Chairperson



Gordon Smale  
new Chairperson



Michael Bushe  
new Vice-Chairperson

acknowledge his leadership through both challenging and successful times. Michael's commitment to community can't be underestimated and we look forward to him being a part of the OCC family for many years to come.

## 2023 Community Bank Scholarship Program

Applications for our 2023 Community Bank Scholarship Program, which provides support to students attending University or TAFE for the first time in 2023, are now open.

Scholarships are awarded to cover costs associated with education, such as course fees, rent, purchasing computers, books, equipment or other resources required.

Learn more at one of our branches or go to [bendigobank.com.au/scholarships](https://bendigobank.com.au/scholarships)

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Pictured top: Sponsorship and grants recipients, directors and branch staff at Pearcedale's 2022 community investment presentation evening.

# Community investment evenings

## Returning our profits to your communities

After two years of isolation we were delighted to once again be able to hold our community investment evenings at our five sites recently. Collectively in 2022 we distributed \$86,900 back to community groups.

In the past 24 years, our five branches alone have contributed just over \$10 million in community investment and this has even been amplified with partnering funding from state and federal government in many instances. We are so proud of the impact we have as a local business, supporting our communities in the ways they need.

Examples of our impact include:

- helping young people in our communities attend university via our scholarship program
- encouraging sports participation with subsidies to junior sports fee costs
- enabling community-run transport services
- supporting shop local projects
- supporting initiatives to re-engage at-risk youth.

As a local business, the dollar amount we have contributed is considerable, but more significant is the impact of these dollars have in our communities.

Our vision is to help build better communities. We believe that by improving services, infrastructure and resourcing community groups and schools, we will improve the health, wellbeing and prosperity of our customers and communities.



## Have your say

We want to hear how you would like to see our profits distributed back into your community.

Scan the QR code (right) or go to the online survey at: [surveymonkey.com/r/haveyoursaycommunitysurvey](https://surveymonkey.com/r/haveyoursaycommunitysurvey)



## Tokens of appreciation

The Tokens of Appreciation wall in each of our branches is where customers can choose to allocate their support for local clubs, groups or schools. The tokens are collated and funds given out to the various groups. This gives our customers the opportunity to share where they'd like to see the profits of their banking go. Visit your nearest branch for information.



# \$86,900 reinvested in 2022



## 2022 Annual General Meeting

Our 2022 AGM, led by retiring Chairperson Michael Duff, was held on Wednesday 26 October at the Lang Lang Recreation Reserve.

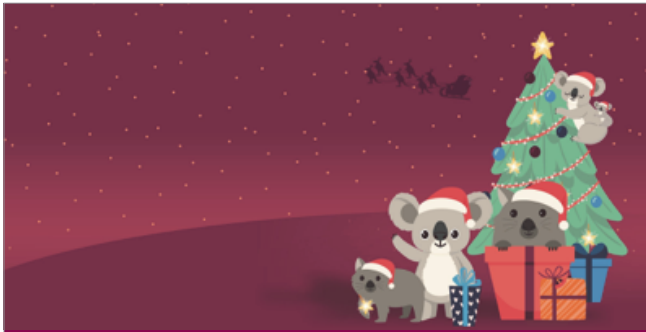
It was great to hold our meeting in person after two years of online meetings.

Our 2022 Annual Report, including financial statements was tabled and accepted at the meeting. You can access the report and other AGM documents on our website at: [bendigobank.com.au/lang-lang](http://bendigobank.com.au/lang-lang)

Current directors Angela Bullen, Michael Bushe and Michael Duff were unanimously re-elected for a further three-year term. Angela Banbury was officially elected as a member of the board.

A dividend of 13c per share to shareholders was announced for the 2021–22 financial year.

Shareholders, directors and staff enjoyed a roast dinner together provided by Country Style Meats Butcher & Smokehouse after the formalities.



## Celebrate the wonderful

However you celebrate, whoever you're with, may your Christmas be merry, always.

During the festive season our branches will close on Saturday 24 December, and reopen Wednesday 28 December.

We will also be closed on Monday 2 January for the New Years Day public holiday.

### Bendigo Bank

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### Local fun fact

The name 'koo-wee-rup' is a Bunurong Aboriginal word 'ku-wirup' and means plenty of blackfish or blackfish swimming, a reference to the fish which lived in the swamplands on the shore of Western Port. The settlement was originally known as Yallock Settlement.

### VICSWIM's learn to swim program

VICSWIM has been providing Victorian children with learn to swim programs since 1976. It is an initiative of Aquatics and Recreation Victoria and the Victorian State Government. Bendigo Bank branches are proud to be the official partner.

The popular program is run at pools and open water venues across Victoria in January every year. It is low cost and open to children 4-12 years of age.

Enrolments for the January 2023 program are now open. There are a number of regional venues for local families to choose from. Learn more and enrol your children at [vicswim.com.au](http://vicswim.com.au)



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## Talk to us today

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