

Newsletter

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Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and are feeling refreshed for 2025. Welcome to the Summer edition of our newsletter where we highlight our activities in late-2024 and 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.

Coastal Villages Community Buses

We are proud to be long-time supporters of the Coastal Villages Community Buses, also fondly known as the 'Bendigo Bank buses'.

Are you having a club, group or family outing over the holidays and can't all fit into one vehicle? Need to pick up visitors from the airport who'll have too much luggage to fit in your car? The Coastal Villages Community Buses could be the answer to this.

For a low cost you can travel together in the 12-seater automatic, fully registered and insured bus. No special licence is required—anyone over 25 years of age with a full driver's licence can drive these vehicles.

Book with Louise on 0447 321 652 and find them on Facebook.



Hi Kylie!

We caught up for a Q&A with Kylie Lee—our branch manager at Community Bank Tooradin & Coastal Villages. Kylie has worked for our company in various roles for the past 10 years and has been branch manager at Tooradin since July 2023.

What's a fun fact about you that most people wouldn't guess from your job?

I love to do long charity walks to challenge myself. I love the training and pushing myself.

Can you tell us about a book, movie, or TV show that you love and why?

Love Actually. It has become a tradition in my house to sit down with my girls and watch it every year.

What football team do you barrack for?

North Melbourne. I know they are not great at the moment, but I was lucky enough many years ago to see them win a grand final. I'm looking forward to the glory years to come.

What makes you laugh the most?

I love going to see Jimeon in concert. He just makes me laugh. I am seeing him again in March.

Describe what community means to you?

Connection, personal relationships, difference.

If you're a Tooradin & Coastal Villages local give Kylie a call on 5998 3038 for an obligation free banking review or a home loan health check.

Cover pic: Lang Lang foreshore at sunset, courtesy of Lang Lang photo comp entrant, Joanne Saunders.

Better banking. Big local impact.

Giving back to our communities at Christmas

Thanks to the generosity of our customers we were able to help many in our communities at Christmas time. Our branches operated as drop-off points, and we partnered with some fantastic community groups to pack and distribute donated food and gifts.

It was a pleasure to work with: Have a Little Hope, Lions Club of Tooradin, Lang Lang Community Centre, Lang Lang Primary School, Peninsula Toy Run, A Better Life for Foster Kids and Bunyip Primary School.

Together we managed to:

- collect over 150 gifts
- put together 40 hampers for local families
- fill several trolleys with food donations.

A huge thank you to everyone who pitched in—whether it was through donations or volunteering. Your kindness has made a real difference, helping to brighten the holiday season for those in need.

Honouring Max Papley OAM

Directors past and present of Our Community Company Ltd, gathered in November at Shanika's Pakenham for a special luncheon to honour Max Papley, our inaugural chairman, in recognition of his recent Order of Australia Medal.

Max attended the celebratory luncheon with his wife Laraine and granddaughter Jade. The board of Our Community Company are delighted to welcome Jade to our board as a community observer—continuing the Papley family legacy.

The event was a tribute led by former company secretaries, Tania Hansen and Laura Healey, who both worked closely with Max. They spoke of Max's leadership and commitment to our communities.

From his instrumental role in establishing our local Community Bank branches to his extensive contributions to local sports and community organisations, his impact has been profound.

Again we thank you, Max, for the legacy you've built, your outstanding service, and your dedication to creating stronger, more connected communities. Our community is stronger and richer because of you.



At the luncheon event to honour Max (seated centre).



Narre Warren South



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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

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Region Awards Night

Bendigo Bank's Outer East Region Award Night was held in November 2024 and hosted by our friends at Pearcedale Cricket Club. We are incredibly proud that our branches were recognised with four awards.

Community Bank Tooradin & Coastal Villages took out the awards for: Deposit Growth, the Rising Star and Operational Excellence

Community Bank Narre Warren South won the Community Spirit Award for their engagement with Oakgrove Community Centre (see right).

Community Bank Lang Lang was runner-up for the coveted prize: Branch of the Year.

These awards reflect the dedication and hard work of our fantastic teams and their commitment to customer service excellence.

Thank you to our staff and customers for being part of this journey—here's to more big achievements ahead!



Some of our staff at the Region Awards Night in November.

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Hus (left) and guests at the Oakgrove Community Centre annual dinner.

Oakgrove annual dinner

The Oakgrove Community Centre's annual dinner, brought local residents together for an evening of celebration and connection in late-2024.

Distinguished guests at the dinner included: federal member for Holt, Cassandra Fernando MP and Cr Kim Ross (Casuarina Ward rep) from the City of Casey.

As big supporters of the Oakgrove Community Centre, our Narre Warren South branch manager, Hus Suleyman, also attended. The branch has supported the centre's women's wellbeing group for the past seven years and we look forward to continuing our relationship. www.oakgrovecc.org.au

Shareholder AGM update

Our 2024 Annual General Meeting, led by chairperson Gordon Smale, was held on Thursday 7 November at the Lang Lang Bowls Club.

The company's annual report and financial statements were tabled and accepted at the meeting. The documents are on our website at: bendigobank.com.au/lang-lang. If you would like a hard copy, email us at: admin@ourcommunitycompany.com.au.

In other business, a shareholder dividend of 26c per share was declared for the 2023-24 financial year. Directors Glenn Barwick, Angela Banbury and Andrew Bullen were re-elected for a further 3-year term. Shareholders also unanimously approved to amend to company's Constitution to increase board director numbers from 10 to 12 members.

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2025 Community Investment Program

Our 2025 Community Investment Program opens on 27 January and is accepting grants and sponsorship applications from clubs and groups in our local areas.

For further information contact your local branch (see back page) or visit www.ourcommunitycompany.smartygrants.com.au

Applications close on Friday 4 April.

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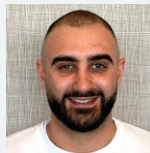
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Joshua Busuttil

We welcome Josh: a new volunteer director



We are excited to introduce a new volunteer company director to Our Community Company, Joshua Busuttil.

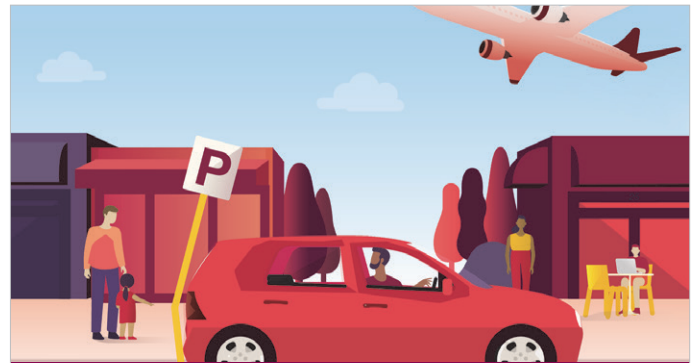
Josh grew up in the small town of The Basin at the foot of the Dandenong Ranges and moved to Tynong North in 2020. He and his husband haven't looked back and love being involved in the community.

Josh was a former director of Community Bank Bunyip & District and is thrilled to continue to support the area as part of our team.

Josh is a commercial lawyer and currently general counsel at Yarra Trams. When not in the office, he loves being outdoors: enjoying gardening and exploring rural Victoria—especially the High Country.

Josh was asked what drew him to become a Community Bank director. "I wanted to become more involved in the community and actually feel a sense of community, which was part of the reason for moving semi rural. Being a Community Bank director allows me to apply my skills and expertise in a meaningful way and physically see the communities in which we operate benefit from the work we all do."

Welcome to the team Josh.



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