



Winter
2024

Community News

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Welcome to Winter and our community newsletter, where we will share a story or two about our recent activities in the community, from club visits to a sausage sizzle, events, some cute cats and new sponsorship and partnership announcements.

Community Bank Southern Peninsula, a truly local bank, is community-owned and has three Peninsula branches in Rye, Rosebud, and Dromana, as well as a dedicated lending hub in Rosebud. These branches are operated with the support of Bendigo Bank to deliver banking services under a franchise arrangement.

As a community bank, our business model is driven by a purpose: to benefit the community that supports us. This means most of our profits are reinvested directly into the community that generated it.

Happy Birthday July!

It's your birthday month, let's celebrate.

Our branch staff appreciate your support and always look forward to your visits. We want you to have a fantastic birthday and invite you to enjoy coffee and cake at one of our local cafes.

If it is your birthday month, you can visit one of our three local branches, Rye, Rosebud, or Dromana, and we will give you a coffee and cake up to the value of \$15.*

Mark this in your calendar!

*Don't forget to bring your banking ID.



Bulls Eye

Community Bank Southern Peninsula has joined the stampede!

We are thrilled to announce our sponsorship and partnership with the Karingal Bulls Football Netball Club and Karingal Bulls Junior Football Club.

We admire their dedication to inclusion and participation, as they believe that no one should stand alone. And we agree!

We recently installed our signage and were excited to be at training to take these fun pictures.



Community Funding Awards

We have served the Peninsula for over twenty years, returning nearly 10 million dollars to the community. At our recent funding awards, 45 clubs and community groups were recipients, with over \$200,000 in funding being awarded. Many of these recipients have received community funding for over fifteen years, and we also welcomed new recipients.

The evening was held at the Rosebud Country Club, a great venue, and we thank them for always being accommodating and hosting us. It was a fun evening with a buzz as we celebrated our community. Funding nights can only happen because of our loyal customers, community groups, and clubs who do extraordinary things that add to the prosperity and build a more extensive, better, stronger, and more engaged community.

We look forward to seeing how these funds will impact your organisations and this community, and we will share these stories and pictures via social media, so make sure you are following us.

We love our local businesses and would like to thank them for their donations and helping us create the best door prize. Rowena from Rosebud Toy Library was the lucky winner.

Our next opportunity to apply for funding opens in September and this will be communicated via our social media channels. You need to be following us to receive the information.

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Proud Sponsors Heart and Soul Community

Fiona and her leadership team had a fabulous day at the Rosebud Football & Netball Club Sponsors lunch.

The RFNC is a passionate group that delivered great speeches on the day. We learnt about their club development plans, the focus on their junior teams, the facility upgrade, and how they support their community groups, like Vinnies Kitchen Rosebud.

Comedian Dave Thornton was hilarious; we became content as we had the front table. Thank you for the belly laughs!

This club is a community with a community focus, and we are proud sponsors. Thank you for a great day.



Light Up Autism

We want to take a moment to acknowledge Sean and Mikaela Appleford, who represented the Light Up Autism Foundation on the awards night. Sean's wife and Mikaela's mother, Bianca, was the founder and president of the organisation. As many of you in our tight-knit community would be aware, Bianca sadly passed away just after Easter after a long and courageous battle with cancer. We express our heartfelt condolences to the Appleford family.

Bianca advocated for our schools' individualised learning and support of neuro-diverse children. She was suitably honoured in 2020 with an Order of Australia Medal for services to people with autism. Community Bank Southern Peninsula was an early champion of the Foundation, first awarding community funding in the Summer of 2013. After our last funding evening, we will have awarded a total, over the lifetime of the Foundation, to \$93,000.

We were so happy to have Sean and Mikaela present on the night and to receive their 2024 funding, and we express our gratitude for continuing Bianca's Foundation work.



Seen at the Community Funding Awards



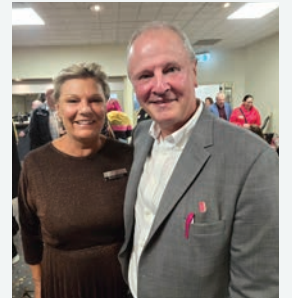
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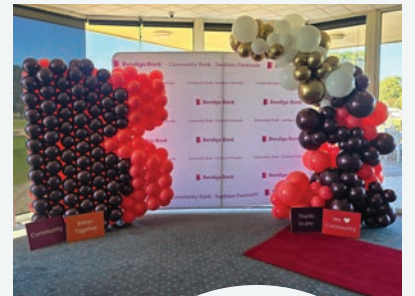
The Portsea Camp



Southern Peninsula Community Support



Dromana FNC



Rosebud Heart Junior Football



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Southern Peninsula Little Athletics



Point Nepean Mens Shed



Boneo Adult Riding Club



Lucky door prize winner, Rowena from Rosebud Toy Library Support.

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Biggest Morning Tea

We had a lovely morning at the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea. Held at the Safety Beach Sailing Club, a gorgeous venue, we had the opportunity to have Bronwyn from Peninsula Home Hospice as the guest speaker. It was a robust conversation about palliative care and the supportive work their teams provide to our greater Peninsula community.

It would only be morning tea with scones, jam and cream; they didn't disappoint! Thank you to Snooks Catering who know how to put on a spread.



Camp Out For Kids Saturday, July 27

The Portsea Camp has provided subsidised and free holiday camps for over 100,000 Victorian children since 1946 with demand for help well over their available funds.

The camp has recently launched its Camp Out For Kids initiative, encouraging us to join the movement to raise money so they can continue providing camps for disadvantaged kids.

Nat, our Community Engagement Advisor, is braving the cold and representing Community Bank Southern Peninsula, which will be interesting as she hasn't camped since primary school. A few words from Nat:

I've had the unique and rewarding opportunity to work directly with our community groups and clubs for the past three months, as I'm a newbie at Community Bank Southern Peninsula! We proudly support over 90 clubs and community groups through sponsorships and donations. My introduction to The Portsea Camp and the opportunity to work with Marita is because of my job.

I've often found myself on Portsea Beach during summer, observing kids on the Flying Fox, imagining the fun but thinking I would never do that. I don't like heights, but it can't be that bad because the laughter from the camp is infectious.

I loved camp and the opportunity to explore new things, be outside and build new friendships, and I was fortunate to attend many camps. So, I am joining the Camp Out For Kids Movement because kids shouldn't miss out on camp, and we need to break the cycle for disadvantaged kids.

I would appreciate your support; please sponsor me to reach my fundraising goal, or join me in registering, and I will meet you at the Flying Fox, its time to face a fear.



National Volunteer Week



We celebrated National Volunteer Week in May, and there was 'Something for Everyone'.

This theme highlighted the wide range of opportunities available, emphasising that there is a place for everyone in the world of volunteering. Whether you are interested in environmental causes, community outreach, education, or other areas, there is a place where your unique skills and interests can thrive.

The week recognised the diverse passions and talents that everyone brings to volunteering. Volunteers play a crucial role in our communities. This year's theme, 'Something for Everyone', serves as a reminder that the world of volunteering is open to all and encourages people to find their unique place.

We extend our gratitude to everyone who has generously contributed their time, skills, and passion to causes that are dear to them and a heartfelt thanks to our Lions Club Members, who you will see out the front of our branches cooking snags for the community regularly. They are wonderful!

[Camp Out For Kids](#)

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Warm and Fuzzy

Fiona and Nat visited Leesa, the Community Animal Shelter Operations Supervisor, and her dedicated team at Mornington's Community Animal Shelter and Pound.

Learning about another community-focused organisation was a great experience, and they got to hang out with some other crazy cats in the adoption room.

The facility's primary purpose is to assist and care for the community's lost, stray and surrendered animals in need. They have cared for cats, dogs, livestock and pocket pets for over 30 years. They are dedicated to positively impacting the lives of all animals that come through the facility and the community they serve and focused on finding homes for their furry visitors. Animals that end up here are loved and cared for until they are rehomed through their adoption program.



Leesa and her team's motto, 'There is someone for everyone'.

The investment that goes into each animal is unique. The entire team are involved in understanding the animal's personality, likes, dislikes, triggers etc. Dogs are street-walked for an hour daily, which helps identify any quirks and we all have those!

What is cool is that they run community-based initiatives, like:

- Free desexing program for Senior Card holders.
- The shelter runs school education tours.
- They partner with Meals on Wheel, another excellent community group that provides leftover meat and vegetables, which are used to make up part of the animals' meals.

Thank you, Leesa and your fantastic team.

If you want to learn more

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