



From the Chairman.

2020 has started off with a number of tragedies that have bought out the best in our community. The bushfires that raged across our state and country have caused people to rally and donate money, goods and time to help people in need. The Seddon Community Bank Branch has been busy with customers and locals who have come in to make donations, purchase the special Boomerang Bushfire Appeal Bags and our Facebook and Instagram have never been busier as people let us know the details of their fundraising activities so we can share it.

At last count \$37 million has been donated to the Community Enterprise Foundation™, who are already working with affected communities to deliver grants and relief and will continue to do so for many years to come. It will take some time for these communities to recover but Bendigo Bank will continue to support them as we have done for decades. Community Bank branches across the country are working to understand how we can use our community development skills and programs to rebuild, and then some!

We have been staggered by the generosity of people in our community including, the CWA of Footscray who organised a stall

at Bunnings in record time, the sewing bee at the Footscray Finds Market and the Chinese Business Association who raised an amazing \$101,195 in one evening at Happy Receptions. Our CEO Andy Moutray-Read and I were on hand to receive the cheque on behalf of the Community Enterprise Foundation™ and the hospitality and kindness were wonderful. Perhaps asking me to join in the singing of 'We Are the World' might be a slight cause for regret.

Whilst we have been supporting the broader community, our core purpose is to support the people of the inner west. We continue to do that with our sponsorship and grants program and we are looking forward to bringing you our sixth Community Pitch event on 27 May. If you are part of a community group that needs funding or a business that wants to connect with your community then please contact us.

Sarah Franklyn
Chairman



Above: Sarah recently attended the ACBA fundraising dinner.



Above: If you're wondering who was in the Piggy suit at the recent Australia Day Parade in the CBD, it was none other than our Chairman, Sarah Franklyn. Top: Celebrating the launch of Community Pitch 2020.

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Branch update.



What a busy last three months with staff members celebrating milestones, community campaigns and some great news for first home buyers.

The start of the year has seen the festivities continue with two birthdays, four wedding anniversaries and one new addition to the family. We've celebrated an important milestone – World Nutella Day along with looking forward in the coming months to celebrating Teena and Esha's 11 years with the Seddon Community Bank Branch.

Our community campaigns finished the year on a high with our annual Toy Drive in partnership with West Welcome Wagon to help provide Christmas gifts for local refugee families in need. The drive was such a success that Sue from WWW required several trips to collect all the donated gifts. Christmas and the end of the year is always a good time to reflect, it never ceases to amaze me by the generosity of our local community, each one of us truly can make a difference.

Our community campaign for March involves partnering with the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre to help raise awareness and generate food donations. The ASRC relies on community donations to stock their shelves with 90% of their food and

essential grocery items donated.

We kicked off school banking with Piggy making an appearance at the local primary schools to the great excitement of the kids. Crowd control was required but happy to report that Piggy came out unscathed.



On the banking front, it's good news for first home buyers with banks partnering with the state and federal governments to make home ownership more obtainable. We're proud to be a participating lender in the Australian Government's new First Home Loan Deposit Scheme initiative. Designed to help first home buyers purchase a property faster, the Scheme acts by lowering the deposit needed to take out a home loan.

The Australian Government, through the National Housing and Finance Investment Corporation (NHFIC) will guarantee the difference between your deposit (of at least 5 percent) and 20 percent of the value of your home. This means first home buyers can enter the market sooner and be exempt from paying Lenders Mortgage Insurance (LMI), which can potentially save them thousands.

Bendigo Bank has also teamed up with the Victorian Government in a pilot shared equity scheme to help up to 400 low to medium income-earning Victorians buy their first home.

The HomesVic scheme shares the upfront costs of purchasing a home by taking up to 25% of a proportional interest in the property. A home buyer contributes a minimum 5% deposit and Bendigo Bank can provide the remainder of the purchase cost via a home loan. HomesVic will maintain its proportional interest in the property and receive it back when the property is sold or if the homeowner elects to buy it back.

For further information about these schemes, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

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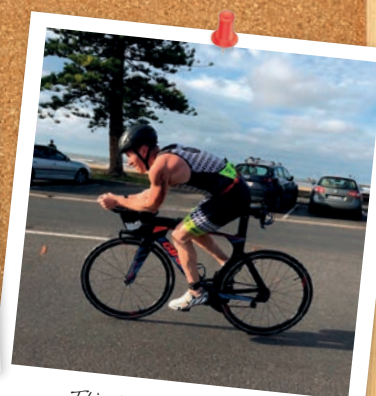
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A perk of the job is getting out and about in the community



Ash and his gorgeous family



This is how he relaxes!

*Ashley Coles,
our Branch Manager*
Ash joined the team three years ago and has created an amazing team environment at our branch. His weekends are devoted to family life, growing veggies and gardening and an occasional triathlon.



Join us in supporting the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
by donating to our

ASRC Food Drive

1st - 31st March



Requested Items include:

tinned tuna in oil - basmati rice - honey - tinned fruit
tinned tomatoes - tomato paste - jam - peanut butter
savoury & sweet biscuits - breakfast cereal
instant coffee - coconut cream - dried spices
tinned peas, corn, carrots

Drop off points include:

Seddon Community Bank Branch
Footscray North Primary School
Footscray West Primary School
Wembley Primary School

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MAD Youth raised \$646 running a sausage sizzle at Footscray Finds Market in January



The branch team helped Seddon Boomerang Bags sell Bought to Support bags and raise \$400 for the appeal



The local community joined Maryhnong Boomerang Bags at Footscray Finds Market to sew over 100 joey pouches

Bendigo Bank Bushfire Appeal

In January, the branch team joined MAD Youth, local Boomerang Bags groups and local businesses to fundraise for the Bushfire Relief Appeal and support the Animal Rescue Craft Guild.



Inner West Community Bike Hub.

Since starting up in September 2019, Inner West Community Bike Hub has donated an incredible 262 recycled bikes back to those in need in the inner west community. That's an average of ten bikes a week!

The bikes are part of a donate and recycle program developed by Footscray Community Bike Shed, where donated bikes are repaired and recycled by a dedicated group of volunteers every Saturday at the Bike Hub. The volunteers have been overwhelmed with donations, so the program has now extended to Monday evenings to try and keep up with demand.

In recent weeks, the Bike Hub partnered with Brimbank Council's Resource Recovery Centre which receives unwanted goods for recycling, including bikes, and already 41 bikes have been donated.

Hours of operation

Bike servicing, repairs, sales and donations

Monday – Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm

Community Bike Shed Volunteer Program

Saturdays 10.00am – 5.00pm

Mondays 5.30pm – 8.30pm

Members Day

Sunday 10.00am – 4.00pm

Location

38 Moreland Street, Footscray

Learn more: www.communitybikehub.com.au



Community Pitch.

This year is our sixth Community Pitch and we're excited! Since its inception in 2015, Community Pitch has connected 44 businesses to contribute close to \$110,000 to 48 local community groups! This funding has supported 83 programs and projects in the inner west community, which wouldn't have happened without the generosity of our Pitch Partners.

Key dates: **Open now** – Business (Pitch Partner) applications

1 - 30 April – Community Group applications

Monday 4 May – Finalists notified

Wednesday 27 May Community Pitch event

Learn more: www.iwce.com.au/community-pitch/

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You're invited to Community Pitch 2020

For community groups, it's a great opportunity to fund your latest program or project and also collaborate with local businesses

For businesses, it's a wonderful way to donate and get face to face with the people you're supporting while also helping your local community

Wednesday 27th May
6.00pm - 9.30pm
Happy Receptions
199 Sunshine Road Tottenham

For more information -
www.iwce.com.au/community-pitch/



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Recent sponsorship and grants.

Seddon Christmas Fair	Share the Dignity	West Welcome Wagon	The Movember Group
Bushfire Disaster Appeal	Hyde Street Youth Band	Yarraville Cricket Club	Maribyrnong Swifts FC
Yarraville Seddon Eagles FC	West Footscray Roosters FC	North Footscray FC	Westside Cycle Club
Parkside Football Club	Footscray North Primary School	VU Western Spurs	St Augustine's Primary School



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