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Community update

Community Bank · East Ivanhoe & Heidelberg



Celebrating 20 years of community banking in Banyule

The 11th of May 2021 marked a significant milestone for Heidelberg District Community Enterprise Ltd (HDCE) as the company celebrated 20 years of operation in the Banyule community.

HDCE is the company that owns and operates the Community Bank branches at East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg in partnership with Bendigo Bank.

What began as a quest to bring a banking service back to East Ivanhoe Village has developed into a thriving local business.

The group of local people who founded HDCE back in 2001 have a lot to be proud of. Our branches have contributed almost \$4 million back into the community via local sporting clubs, schools, kindergartens and charitable organisations, with 176 organisations recipients of support.



Members of the original HDCE Board including Colin Bales and Nan Caple celebrated with the East Ivanhoe branch team on 11 May.

Congratulations Jo-Ann!

Not only have we celebrated a milestone, a loyal and dedicated staff member has also been recognised for 20 years of service.

Jo-Ann started at Community Bank East Ivanhoe before the doors opened in 2001, alongside now retired Branch Manager, Noel Donnelly (pictured right). She later joined the Heidelberg team when that branch opened in 2009, bringing her energy and enthusiasm.

"When I first started I had little kids in primary school," she said. "Now they are all grown up and asking me to help them with their home loans. The time just flies."

We congratulate Jo-Ann on her achievement and thank her for commitment to her clients, colleagues and community. Well done!



Melbourne Polytechnic scholarships

We are proud to support local students studying at Melbourne Polytechnic in Heidelberg. The Community Bank Scholarship Program was recently launched with two sponsorships of \$1,000 each to cover study and travel costs for students who demonstrate a commitment to the local community alongside their study.

melbournepolytechnic.edu.au

Top: The cool kids from Parkside Netball Club.



Our branches are drop-off points for nappies and toiletries for Big Group Hug.

Nappies for those in need

We have long-supported the work of Big Group Hug who provide material support for young families doing it tough. They are in constant need of items like nappies and toiletries for both Mums and bubs. So our branches have become local drop-off points for these much-needed items. Local schools and clubs are supporting the effort by collecting and distributing the contents of the large blue bins you'll find in our branches (pictured left). If your local club, school or kinder is interested in supporting the efforts of Big Group Hug please get in touch with Carly Kluge by email: carly@conceptmem.com.au

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Community sport is back!

After a tough year it has been great to see local sporting clubs back in full swing. Throughout 2020 HDCE continued sponsorship of local sporting clubs, recognising that many would struggle without their regular fundraising and social events and the additional costs of keeping clubs COVID-Safe.

In 2021 the Community Bank branches at Heidelberg and East Ivanhoe are continuing that support – with more than just financial sponsorship. Many local clubs were provided with a marquee for outdoor events and all clubs offered the opportunity for two free SALT (Sport and Life Training) sessions to work with club members in the areas of mental health and wellbeing, resilience and building a positive culture.

Opposite is a snapshot of the local clubs receiving support from us in winter 2021.

- Banyule Junior Football Club
- Heidelberg Junior Football Club
- Macleod Junior Football Club
- Parkside Junior Football Club
- West Ivanhoe Sporting Club
- Heidelberg Football Club
- North Heidelberg Sporting Club
- Marcellin Old Collegians Football Club
- Heidelberg West Football Netball Club
- Ivanhoe Amateurs Football Club
- Eaglemont Tennis Club
- Viewbank Tennis Club
- Parkside Netball Club
- Yarra Valley Hockey Club
- Alphington Bowls Club

Our customers make this happen



Young players at Parkside Netball Club in front of their new marquee.



The Ivanhoe Knights kids enjoying being back together after the long COVID break.



It's great to continue our support of the Macleod Football Netball Club this season.



Great to see the kids at Macleod Junior Football Club back on the field.



North Heidelberg Sporting Club President Warren Haysom with Haylee.

Youth Foundation update

One of our major projects is the Youth Foundation. Now in its 14th year, it began in 2007 in conjunction with the Victorian State Government. As a result of the foundation's projects, hundreds of young people have participated to make their community a better place to live, work and play.

This is achieved through a facilitated program which works with young people to explore how they can give back by initiating and delivering community projects.

Over 150 projects have been funded since the program began, including the creation of the 3081 PRIDE t-shirts, bike workshops at Malahang Reserve, a mural project at the Pavilion School, peer-to-peer fitness and wellbeing programs, cultural cooking days, support of females in trades at NCAT and the creation of a Somali women's basketball tournament.

More recently the Bikes4Life project was established by students at Melbourne Polytechnic. The program involved students repairing and restoring second-hand bikes, then donating them to disadvantaged youth. Benjamin Smith, the teacher who worked with the Bike4Life students, was recently recognised for the project and awarded a VCAA VCAL Award (pictured below).

In 2015 the Youth Foundation was expanded into the youth justice system, with the support of 22 other Community Bank branches from across Victoria. A Youth Foundation facilitator works with the Parkville College and Malmsbury sites to support programs initiated by students in youth detention, providing participants with an opportunity to work in teams, build partnerships and see their ideas come to life.

Current projects include the development of a kitchen garden at the Parkville College and the creation of music videos.

bchs.org.au/services/kids-youth-and-families/youth-foundation-3081



Recognising the teachers who have supported their students in Youth Foundation community projects.



Congratulations to the members of Alphington Bowls Club who are celebrating 100 years of bowling.

Alphington Bowls Club 100 year centenary

The members of Alphington Bowls Club recently celebrated the milestone of 100 years of bowling. They marked the occasion with a family day at the club where they showed a remarkable presentation of images and records from the club's 100-year journey. The club has been sponsored by the Community Bank for 13 years receiving over \$85,000 in contributions.

alphingtonbowlsclub.org.au

Community Grants Program 2021

Do you have an idea or a community project that needs funding support? The Community Bank branches at Heidelberg and East Ivanhoe offer grants to local organisations. There is no deadline for applications to be submitted, simply contact one of the branches with an overview of your initiative and they will advise how to apply. Alternatively, contact Carly Kluge on 0417 592 732, email: carly@conceptmem.com.au with an overview of your project.

BANSIC Food Hub

When the pandemic hit, the demand for critical services and emergency relief increased. We were able to support the expansion of BANSIC (Banyule Support & Information Service) to their new base on Oriel Road. We funded a new kitchen, fridges and storage space. The facility is also home to Olympic Adult Education and Himilo. So many of Heidelberg's critical services are now under one roof.

bansic.org.au



We're proud to support BANSIC's new Food Hub on Oriel Road.

A banker that comes to you



Did you know that the Community Bank East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg has a Mobile Relationship Manager?

Syed Zaidi started working with our branches in early 2020. He enjoys getting out and about in the

community and loves helping our customers to meet their goals.

"I operate from Ivanhoe but will go anywhere to help my clients. I am also bilingual and speak Hindi, Bengali and English," said Syed.

"I understand how difficult it can be for both first home buyers and investors. I'm a good listener and go above and beyond to assist my clients."

Syed's mobile service will suit busy people who find it difficult to get into a branch during business hours.

If you'd like to make an appointment call or text Syed on 0408 768 978 or email: syed.zaidi@bendigoadelaide.com.au.

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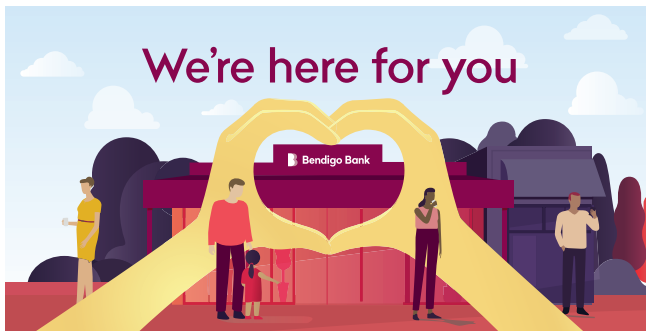
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