



Community update

Community Bank · East Ivanhoe & Heidelberg

We're here for you

Bendigo Bank's East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg Community Bank branches have remained open throughout this time and continue to support our community with banking assistance. We remain committed to our local giving program, ensuring that local charities, sporting clubs, hospitals, schools and kindergartens are supported.

Here's a snapshot of what we've been up to over the past few months.

Austin Hospital support

From early March, we've been regularly supplying the front-line health care team at Austin Health's Emergency Department with bottled water, morning tea provisions and additional personal protective equipment to keep them safe.

We value this incredible local workforce and appreciate the angst they must have encountered since the COVID-19 pandemic hit our shores.



Our donated supplies being received by the Austin Health team

Assisting the 3081 Angels

The 3081 Angels are a team of dedicated volunteers who support local families with the distribution of pre-loved babies and children's equipment, furniture and clothing.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, donations could not be accepted yet the demand remained high.

Suzanne Crellin, who runs the program in West Heidelberg, requested support from the East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg branches for the purchase of new prams and car seats.

A \$4,000 grant was provided, funding not only the prams and car seats, but also providing additional funds to support their recently-introduced food program. The Angels have been providing pre-cooked meals and food packages to local families, which were delivered by the volunteers from The Old Eltham Collegians Football Club.



Kerryn at the 3081 Angels depot



Meal pack preparation



Araluen clients can now access programs on new iPads

iPads for the disabled at Araluen

Disabled participants at Araluen have been among the most vulnerable during the pandemic – many of whom have underlying health issues. Some have been unable to participate in Araluen’s regular programs in Rosanna and Greensborough.

We’ve recently funded the purchase of 10 new iPads for Araluen, so their clients who don’t have access to technology at home can now access the group’s newly-developed online programs.

A helping hand for local sporting clubs

Many of our local sporting clubs are doing it tough this winter, with seasons either postponed or cancelled due to the pandemic. Many are now grappling with the transition back to training and competition within the restrictions to keep their players safe.

From the outset we committed to continuing our sponsorships of local sports clubs including football, netball, basketball, lawn bowls, hockey and tennis.

Our aim is to reduce the financial impact on the clubs that play such an important role in keeping our community fit, healthy and connected.

We are also offering local sporting clubs access to training sessions run by SALT (Sport and Life Training) which address the wellbeing of the players.



We are continuing to support our local sporting clubs

How to support your community

Our model is simple. You bank with us. Your community shares in the bank’s income. Funds are distributed to local community groups. Good things happen in your community.

There’s never been a better time to consider changing banks. Our Community Bank branches are local, provide exceptional customer service and offer Bendigo Bank’s full range of competitive products and services.

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