

Keeping in touch with our communities

In these strange times of lock-down and social distancing, many of us have felt that keeping connected with people in our communities has become unusually difficult. For some, this means real isolation and loneliness. Fortunately, we are lucky enough to have many groups already poised to help us keep connected and share stories. The Board recognise that now, when people are unable to meet and gather as they normally would have, the need for printed communication is greater than ever. They are delighted to maintain support of the following publications:

Rosebud Police Senior Citizens Register: \$5000

RPSCR communicates with its entire client base 3 times a year via 4 page newsletters. This newsletter is a vital form of communication for many isolated and elderly people. It was introduced in 1995 when the census revealed there were in excess of 10,500 local residents aged over 60. That number has increased significantly since then.

The register aims to make older citizens feel safer, to have contact that they need and to eradicate abuse of the elderly, amongst other things. RPSCR is supported by police but run by a dedicated group of volunteers.

For more information visit: <http://www.rosebudseniors.websyte.com.au/>

Lions Club "Hill 'N' Ridge" Newsletter: \$2000

Initiated in 2009, the Hill 'n' Ridge Community Newsletter aims to provide a voice for local organisations to share their information and activities. It also aims to develop cohesiveness by highlighting various community personalities. Geographically, it focuses on the areas of Red Hill and Main Ridge, but also includes stories and people from neighbouring areas such as Arthur's Seat, Shoreham and Flinders, with readership even extending as far as the UK!

The Hill and Ridge Newsletter is but one of the many activities supported by the local Lions Club. Lions are people who get involved in humanitarian efforts locally, nationally, and internationally.

For more information visit: <https://lionsredhill.vic.lions.org.au/projects> or email: lionsnewsletter1@gmail.com



Safety Beach Sailing Club

Safety Beach Sailing Club is open to all in the community, whether you are a sailor or not. The club welcomes social memberships for people from the community to come down and make the Safety Beach Sailing Club their "new local". With unprecedented views of Dromana Bay, there is no better place to come and unwind in the newly renovated club buildings, boasting a fireplace, new bar and that view.

From its birth in 1967, the Safety Beach Sailing Club has seen a lot of change. As a major stakeholder in the Safety Beach area, the sailing club has been a beacon for community engagement since its inception. Now in its 53rd year, the club is more relevant than ever as more and more people move to the Peninsula.

The construction of the Martha Cove Marina has seen this family focused club become the home for Keelboat racing. Ten years after the first keelboat joined the club, the club now homes the fastest growing Keelboat fleet on the bay with well over 60 Keelboats on its register and more to come.

Safety Beach Sailing Club offers a range of programs for anyone who is interested in

sailing, whatever their skill level. The junior program is open to all young people, who are ably welcomed and mentored by former junior members of the club. The "Women on Water" program has been a welcome addition to the club's offerings, giving women of all ages the opportunity to participate in this very gender friendly sport. With regular Keelboat and "Off the Beach" sailing programs being run all year round, membership at the Safety Beach Sailing Club offers exceptional value.

Bendigo Bank has been a long-term supporter and sponsor of Safety Beach Sailing Club. The funding received has been instrumental in helping with the purchase of assets for both Junior and Training Fleets. This year's sponsorship of \$2000 will go towards the purchase and installation of weather equipment at the club which will make for safer sailing for all our fleets.

To find out more visit: www.sbsc.net.au
www.facebook.com/safetybeachsailingclub/
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Melissa Bosomworth
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How long you have worked for the Bendigo Community bank?
15 years, with 30 years total in banking. I have experience in every role from Customer Service to Financial Planning to Home lending

Where do you live?
Mornington

Tell us a little about your family?

I am a mother of two busy teenagers, a daughter at Uni and a son in Year 11. And a gorgeous and naughty little Cavoodle puppy that we love dearly but drives us all nuts!

What clubs you are involved in?

What you like to do in your spare time?

When the kids and I were younger we were constantly out and about, Red Hill Football Netball club, Mornington Gymnastics, Breakers Basketball, etc. Now days the kids are studying and working part-time so things have changed a fair bit. I imagine they will change again and I will be more involved in other clubs down the track. Life takes you in many different directions! My hobbies are home improvements, on a seemingly never-ending basis! LOL. And relaxing with friends around the fire.

What is your favourite place to go on the Peninsula?

My favourite place to go on the Peninsula is the beach. I try to walk along the foreshore to work (I park about 15mins away from work) when weather permits.

And when I get to work my favourite thing to do is order a coffee. The whole team often starts the day with a bit of a boost from Blackthorn Café in Dromana - Delish.

What you love most about working for Bendigo Community Bank?

I love my workmates and my customers. COVID19 gave me the chance to work from home and I was surprised. I really, really missed them! LOL. I realised those interactions are a key to happiness. I also love the fact that my work has meaning in the community. It may seem like our grants are just figures banded about, but they mean clubs and groups can provide real and meaningful things to their members and support those in need. I often have a tear in my eye on grants nights.

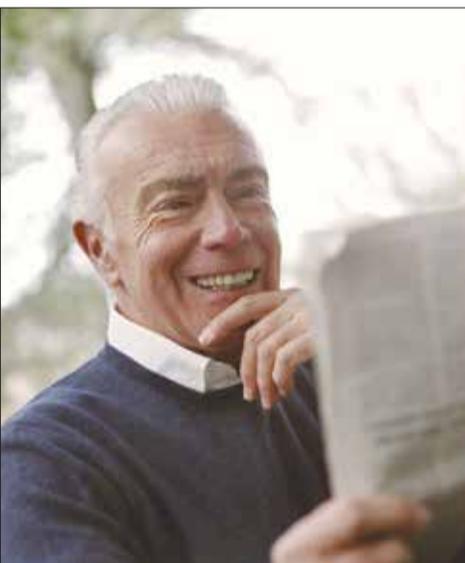
What is your proudest achievement?

I played against the under 21 Australian Netball team - years ago of course!

Oh, and my children. They are my world - even though they can't wash dishes, they make me very proud every day.

Anything else you would like to add?

Seeing and helping my customers to accomplish their goals is the most rewarding part of my daily job. Nothing better than that smile when they've finally set a goal in motion or made a dream come true. I know the team here feel the same. Looking after others makes everyone happy.



We're here for you

Bendigo Bank has committed itself to the care and wellbeing of Australian communities for over 160 years.

Now, more than ever, we're here to help see you through COVID-19.

Talk to us about how we can help.

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