



Winter
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Hello South Coast

Community Bank · South Coast

Community funded support

Last edition we said Spritz & Glitz was coming. Well, it came, went and was brilliant. In May, just over 100 wonderful women filled Ocean Vibe Ulladulla for a night of frocks, live music, raffles and four short, sharp lifestyle sessions across health, wealth, fitness and self-care.

The best part? Together we raised \$12,000 for the Cancer Support Foundation of Milton Ulladulla, whose work means everything to local people and families when they need it most. Every \$25 ticket went to the cause, with Community Bank South Coast contributing community investment funding, thanks to our customers.

A huge thank you to our brilliant event partners Empower Wholefoods, Totally Fit Health Club and Delicious Vibrant Beauty. Also to the one-and-only Ocean Vibe. We were overwhelmed and incredibly grateful to every local business that donated a raffle prize.

What a beautiful reminder of what happens when community shows up for each other.

See all the images and read more here www.thelocalloop.org.au/spritzandglitz



Chair's message

Welcome to our Winter edition. It has been a busy and heartening few months. We hosted our first Spritz & Glitz and raised \$12,000 for local cancer support, funded vital Marine Rescue work at Sussex Inlet, backed parents and carers through Noah's Inclusion Services, and cheered on local music, theatre and young people right across the South Coast.



We also warmly welcomed our new Branch Manager Bec Tapper to the team and couldn't be happier with her appointment. On behalf of our Board, thank you for backing a model that puts local at the centre of everything we do.

Mike Devlin
Chair



Scenes from Spritz & Glitz







Care close to home

For local people and families facing cancer, support that stays close to home can mean so much.

That's why this all matters so much.

Thanks to the generosity of everyone who came along, donated, sponsored and supported Spritz & Glitz, \$12,000 has been raised for the Cancer Support Foundation Milton Ulladulla.

A huge thank you to every person and business who helped make this possible.

And to our Community Bank South Coast customers, you should feel proud too. Your banking helps us keep backing local causes, local care and local people when it matters most.

Read the full story here <https://www.thelocalloop.org.au/post/support-close-to-home>



Local impact, national recognition

Two wonderful community stories coming to life.

We've been lucky enough to film Growing Together South Coast and Treading Lightly with Bendigo Bank, capturing the real purpose and passion behind their community work that we've supported.

We are so pleased that these local organisations will be showcased for their work nationally when released on social media by Bendigo Bank.

This is the sort of impact everyday community banking has for us locally. Our customers can be really proud of these stories being told around the country.



Community impact stories

Backing Parents and Carers

Local parents and carers deserve practical support, and people who understand the journey. We said a big 'yes' to funding Noah's Inclusion Services Parent Connect Program, a free service for parents and carers of children living with disability, additional needs or developmental delay.



The support means Noah's can run in-person Parent Connect events in Ulladulla over the next 12 months, with one-on-one support and group sessions where families can talk things through and build their network.

Noah's Inclusion Services CEO Alice Lans said "We are incredibly grateful for the continued support we receive from Community Bank South Coast and their customers to help us provide therapy, education and support for children in the Ulladulla region with disabilities, additional needs or developmental delays and their families."



Cuppa for a cause: Biggest Morning Tea

In late May we popped the kettle on and hosted Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea at the branch. Treats, friendly faces and the chance to make a small donation to a really important cause. Thank you to everyone who came past and helped turn morning tea into something a little bit more.

Community impact stories

Here is a great story: we have returned \$1.6 million in profits to local projects since 2004.



Helping keep Sussex Inlet safer

When someone is in trouble on local waterways, Marine Rescue NSW Sussex Inlet volunteers are often first to respond, from Wreck Bay to St Georges Basin, the Sussex Inlet bar and river, and Swan Lake. Thanks to our customers, we provided \$8,000 to support their operational costs and keep these dedicated volunteers doing vital work.

Our Community Engagement Manager Caroline Boland and Director Gavin Hart popped over to hear about the impact their work has and learn how it all began (essentially as Coastal Patrol, run out of the back of a shop). Their training, time and commitment make a real difference across our community.

Read the full story here www.thelocalloop.org.au/post/helping-keep-sussex-inlet-safer



A weekend full of music

Milton you absolutely rocked. The Milton Folk, Jazz and Blues Festival filled the town with more than 70 free performances across 20 venues and our Community Engagement Manager Caz was everywhere.

"It was such an incredible event. The town was buzzing, the music was brilliant and we really got to see our community come together to support each other," she said.

We loved seeing groups we have supported backing each other too, with Mollymook Surf Life Saving Club on first aid, Treading Lightly recycling event materials and Shoalhaven Palliative Care lending a hand.

Our new Branch Manager Bec came along to meet people and soak up the atmosphere.

Read the full story here www.thelocalloop.org.au/post/milton-s-music-filled-weekend



Community impact stories

Confident and safe online

Staying safe online starts with feeling confident enough to ask questions. Caz took our Banking Online Safely session to the Shoalhaven Seniors Hub, helping community members pick up practical tips and talk through common online safety concerns. Thanks to everyone who came along, and to Liza Butler for creating such a welcoming space.

Would your community group benefit from a Banking Online Safely session? Caz can come to you. Just reach Caroline at caroline.boland@bendigoadelaide.com.au



Real pathways into hospitality

Our Community Engagement Manager Caroline and new Branch Manager Bec Tapper headed along to the opening of Gaining Through Training, a Shoalhaven Food Network initiative helping local Year 10 and 11 students explore real pathways into hospitality. Through local cafes, restaurants, producers and venues, students get hands-on experience, mentoring and a clearer picture of a future in the industry.



"It was great to learn more about this new program that connects young people with genuine local opportunities," Caz said.

A shout-out too to our colleagues at Community Bank Sanctuary Point & Districts, who put their hand up to support the program. That is the community banking model at work.



Banking brings magic to the stage

Thanks to our customers, we were able to support the Milton Ulladulla Entertainers' latest production, Magic, Myths & Mayhem. Local talent, stunning costumes, music, laughs and a whole lot of energy. It really was community entertainment at its best.

Our Branch Manager Bec Tapper and Community Engagement Manager Caroline Boland loved heading along, with Caz also pulling a shift behind the bar for Rotary.

"Our customers should feel really proud of this one. The Milton Ulladulla Entertainers bring so much joy, colour and talent to our community," Caz said.

Read the full story here www.thelocalloop.org.au/post/banking-brings-magic-to-the-stage



Season's thanks at Mollymook

As the patrol season wrapped up, we joined Mollymook Surf Life Saving Club to thank their lifesavers, emergency call-out team, training crew and volunteers at their end-of-season BBQ. To every member and volunteer, thank you for another season of keeping our beaches safe.



Community impact stories

Recipes that give back

A cookbook might seem simple... but this one is doing something pretty special.

Community Bank South Coast was proud to support Evening View Club to help print a cookbook collated from members' recipes and the results are already being seen.

The cookbook has now raised \$1200, with funds going towards programs that support children and young people with their education from primary through to high school.

It's a lovely example of community spirit in action... shared recipes, common purpose and real support for young people to learn and thrive.

Read the full story here <https://www.thelocalloop.org.au/post/recipes-that-give-back>



Celebrating our volunteers

For National Volunteer Week, we tipped our hats to the people who give their time and heart to make our community stronger. It starts with our own volunteer Board of Directors and stretches right across the clubs, groups and services we support, including the Conjola Stingrays Outrigger Canoe Club (pictured).

From committee meetings to sausage sizzles, your contribution matters more than words can say.

Welcome Bec



We are just so excited to introduce our new Branch Manager and well... here she is.

Bec Tapper joined us after more than 16 years with ANZ, bringing significant industry experience to the role. Bec moved to Sanctuary Point two years ago to be closer to her parents, along with her two children, two dogs and two cats. Outside work, she loves being out and about with friends and family, whether that's at the beach, the movies, lunch, watching sport or simply catching up over a wine. Read below to learn more about Bec and be sure to pop into branch and say hi...

What do you love most about being involved with the Community Bank?

The impact we have in the local community, the sponsorship and the amount of support we give back! My team and of course our customers!

What's the most rewarding community investment project you've been involved with?

Milton Folk, Jazz & Blues Festival.

Tell us something people wouldn't know about you?

I am a qualified chef.

What's your jam, key areas of expertise?

Everything finance. From everyday banking, home lending, commercial and agri.

What's your favourite place in the South Coast area?

Mollymook Beach is stunning.

What words best describe Milton & Ulladulla for you?

Country meets sea.

Where's your next holiday destination and why?

Scotland/Ireland, to see all the castles, greenery and have a Guinness in the local pub.

Tell us about your perfect day.

Sunshine, beach, friends, family and good food.



Doing the do

Community banking is not only about where profits go, but also about showing up. Leah swapped home loans for BBQ tongs at the Bunnings sausage sizzle to lend Rotary a hand, part of our Rotary corporate membership. One snag at a time.

Talk to us today



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A day on the clay

Our branch crew swapped desks for clay at a team night at Mud Ceramics, rolling up our sleeves and each making a bowl of our own, with plenty of laughs along the way. It was a lovely way to get creative and spend time together outside the branch.

Note to self: pottery looks a lot easier until it is your turn!



About Us

We are a local branch with a local purpose. Community Bank South Coast is owned by the community and operated in partnership with Bendigo Bank, which means our profits go right back into our local area. Our community company is Social Traders Certified. Bank with Community Bank South Coast where it is a win-win for you and your community.

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