

Community Chat

Community Bank · Canberra and Regions

Bigger for protecting our community

StreetBeat is on a mission to place a publicly accessible defibrillator in every residential suburb across the ACT, helping create safer, more resilient communities and potentially achieving a world-first.

Powered by GoodLoop Mutual and local partnerships, the initiative is already making a real impact across Canberra, with AEDs now installed in shopping centres, community hubs and public spaces throughout the region.



At Community Bank Canberra & Regions, part of Bendigo Bank, we're proud to support an initiative that's helping save lives. When someone experiences sudden cardiac arrest, every second counts, and access to a publicly accessible AED can dramatically improve survival outcomes while emergency services are on their way.

Through StreetBeat, local residents, businesses and community organisations are coming together to fund and install life-saving AEDs where they're needed most, from Curtin and Cook to Tuggeranong, Crace and beyond.

Together, we're building safer communities. One suburb at a time.

StreetBeat by the numbers

- 46 publicly accessible AEDs installed
- 78 more currently being prepared for deployment
- Goal: an AED in every residential ACT suburb
- Supported by Community Bank Canberra & Regions, St John Ambulance ACT and local community partners

From Our CEO

As we reflect on the past six months, I'm incredibly proud of the impact our Community Bank network continues to make across the communities we serve.

From local partnerships and grassroots initiatives to major community projects, this period has been centred around connection, collaboration and community impact.

A key highlight has been the continued momentum of the Eurobodalla South Coast MONOPOLY project, celebrating the people, businesses and places that make the region so special, while helping support local charities and organisations.

Across our regions, our teams have continued supporting grassroots sport, local events and community initiatives. This financial year, we've contributed more than \$300,000 back into our local communities, supporting programs, partnerships and initiatives that create meaningful local impact.

Thank you to our staff, customers and community partners for your continued support of community banking and the positive difference it creates locally.

Ivan Slavich

Managing Director

Service One Financial Services Ltd



Supporting Local Clubs

Community Bank Cooma and Batemans Bay proudly support local sporting clubs and community organisations that bring people together and strengthen our region.



Community Impact

- Community partnerships supported
- AEDs installed across Canberra
- Local events and initiatives funded
- Community organisations supported
- Seminars and sponsorships delivered

Community impact stories



Strengthening Safety on Alpine Waters

Community Bank Cooma, together with Bendigo Bank's Community Enterprise Foundation, is proud to support Marine Rescue Alpine Lakes and the incredible volunteers helping keep our alpine waterways safe.

Recently, a new rescue base at Lake Eucumbene was officially opened alongside the commissioning of the new rescue vessel Alpine Lakes 20 — marking a significant boost to emergency response capability across the Snowy Mountains region.

Supported by funding from Community Bank Cooma, the new facility provides secure vessel storage and improved operational capability for volunteers responding to emergencies across Lake Eucumbene and Lake Jindabyne.



Purpose-built for alpine conditions, Alpine Lakes 20 has been specifically designed to operate in the region's challenging waterways and weather conditions, helping volunteers respond more quickly, safely and effectively when every minute matters.

Rhiannon Shaw recently attended the commissioning alongside local partners, volunteers and community representatives, seeing firsthand the impact this investment will have for the region and the dedicated crews who operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week to help keep others safe.

At the heart of community banking is people supporting people and we're proud to stand alongside organisations making a real difference where it matters most.

Together, we're helping create safer, stronger and more connected regional communities.

Celebrating the Heart of the Monaro

Community Bank Cooma was proud to support the 96th Annual Merino Ewe Competition hosted by the Berridale Agricultural Bureau.

A longstanding fixture on the Monaro calendar, the event brings together local producers, industry representatives and community members to celebrate the region's rich agricultural heritage and world-class Merino industry.

We're proud to support the people, events and industries that help keep our regional communities strong and thriving.



Community impact stories



Capturing the Spirit of Eurobodalla

The upcoming Eurobodalla South Coast MONOPOLY edition is more than just a board game, it's a celebration of the people, places and community spirit that make the region so special.

As part of the project, Community Bank Batemans Bay, part of Bendigo Bank, partnered with GoodLoop Mutual to launch the Eurobodalla Community Photo Competition, inviting locals to share what the Eurobodalla means to them through photography.

“This project is about celebrating local stories, local people and community pride.”



The response from the community was incredible, with stunning images showcasing local landscapes, coastal life, community moments and iconic destinations from across the region. Selected winning images will now feature within the official Eurobodalla South Coast MONOPOLY game.

Beyond celebrating local pride, the project is also helping give back to the community, with proceeds supporting local charities and organisations across the region.

The Eurobodalla South Coast MONOPOLY edition is expected to launch later this year.



Let's talk about your home loan ☕

With the current cost of living, now is a great time to review your home loan and make sure it's still working for you.

Whether you're looking to refinance, buy your first home or simply explore your options, Sarah is here to help with a friendly, no-pressure chat over coffee.

Enquire now. Contact Sarah locally at Community Bank Batemans Bay on 0478 435 802 or email sarah.roberts@bendigoadelaide.com.au

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10 Years of LifeUnleashed

Community Bank Canberra & Regions was proud to celebrate 10 years of LifeUnleashed by Integra Service Dogs Australia — an organisation making a meaningful difference in the lives of veterans and first responders across the country.



The milestone event was an opportunity to hear first-hand from veterans and first responders whose lives have been positively impacted through the support, companionship and confidence these highly trained assistance dogs provide every day.

Over the past decade, LifeUnleashed has built an incredible reputation for delivering high-quality assistance dog services grounded in trust, partnership and ongoing support. Their work continues to make a lasting difference for individuals and families navigating complex challenges.

It was also a privilege to see some of the service dogs in action and gain a deeper understanding of the important role they play in supporting mental health, wellbeing and independence.

At Community Bank Canberra & Regions, we're proud to support organisations that create meaningful local impact and strengthen the wellbeing of our communities.

Congratulations to the entire LifeUnleashed team on this incredible milestone and the life-changing work they continue to do every day.

Community banking in action.



What does inclusive sport look like?

For Junior All Abilities Touch Football Canberra, it looks like creating a space where every child feels welcome, supported and part of the team.

Through connection, teamwork and participation, initiatives like this help build confidence, friendships and opportunities both on and off the field

Supporting stronger, more inclusive communities.





Say hello to GoodLoop

A new home for local stories, community impact and the projects helping create positive change across our region.

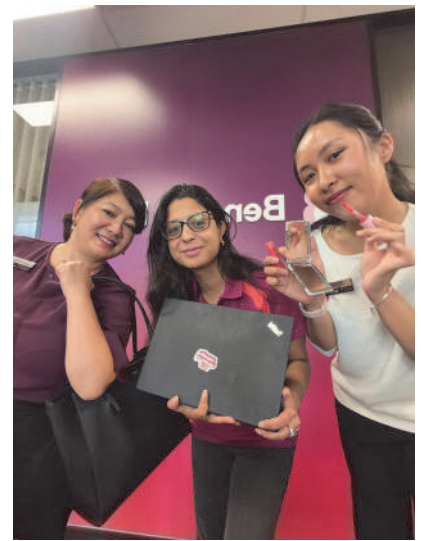
GoodLoop exists to showcase what community banking can achieve when local people support local communities.

Explore:

- Community impact stories
- Local partnerships and initiatives
- StreetBeat updates
- Community events and projects
- Financial wellbeing and seminar resources
- The people and organisations making a difference locally

Proudly community-led, purpose-driven and focused on creating stronger local communities.

Discover more at: www.goodloop.au



Celebrating Women in Our Communities

Our branches recently came together to celebrate International Women's Day, recognising the incredible women who help shape our workplaces, communities and local regions every day.

From community events to networking opportunities, it was a wonderful celebration of connection, leadership and support across our branch network.



Thank You, Yvonne

This year, we also celebrated the retirement of Yvonne Armstrong following her incredible contribution to Community Bank Newcastle and the local community.



Yvonne's dedication, leadership and genuine care for customers and community have left a lasting impact across the region, and we thank her for everything she has contributed over the years.

We wish Yvonne all the very best for the next chapter.

Around the Region

From local events and community partnerships to sponsorships and volunteer initiatives, our teams are out and about supporting the people, organisations and causes that help our communities thrive.



Your better banking, big impact:



Community Bank Newcastle Helping bring the Newcastle Show Farmyard Nursery to life for locals.



Community Bank Canberra & Regions supporting the Royal Canberra Poultry Show, helping celebrate local agriculture, community spirit and regional traditions.



Community Bank Batemans Bay out and about at the Rotary Batemans Bay Markets, connecting with locals and supporting our community.



Connecting with local residents and businesses at Denman Prospect Community Centre, providing personalised banking support and building stronger community connections.

It's a win-win when you bank with us. Banking convenience for you creates community support for all.



Community Bank Cooma supporting Morning Tea at Nell's Café and helping raise funds for cancer research and support services.

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