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Hello Kyabram

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Business breakfast backs local enterprise

There's something pretty special about a room full of local business people before the sun's properly up... ideas flying, connections forming and that quiet confidence that Kyabram is full of doers.

In February around 70 locals came together at the Kyabram Club for another fantastic Kyabram Business Breakfast, hosted by the Kyabram Development Committee. We were proud to support the morning as another way we can stand behind a different part of our community, our business industry.

The highlight was certainly hearing Rohan and Susie Bennett from Intersports Bennetts share their 30 years of experience running a business here in Kyabram. It was real, practical and full of the kind of local insight you only get from people who've weathered all sorts of business seasons... all while staying apart of our community.

Our Branch Manager Mel attended with members of our team, alongside volunteer Director Alicia Cunningham who enjoying the chance to listen, learn and meet local operators who keep our town moving.

Event organiser Laura Brady said, "We were absolutely thrilled to collaborate with Community Bank Kyabram and bring the Kyabram Business Breakfast to our town for its third event. It's a fantastic opportunity for like-minded people to come together, share their stories and connect with each other."

"It's also wonderful to attract local sponsors like Community Bank Kyabram, who see the vision and value in what we're doing," she said.





Chair Message

Investing in Our Community, Together

Autumn is a great time to pause and take stock of what makes our town tick... the people who show up, local businesses that back themselves in and community groups creating moments that bring us together.

In this edition you'll see a snapshot of that in action, from the Kyabram Business Breakfast where local enterprise was front and centre, to the exciting start of Renee Pichler's Fairley Leadership Program journey, plus a few community stories that remind us why the community banking model matters.

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Vince Curtis
Chair



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We're looking for Directors who are keen to be part of all this!

We're Kyabram & District Community Ltd, the community company behind Community Bank Kyabram. Over the past 10 years, we've returned more than \$400,000 of profit to our community through grants, sponsorships and partnerships.

Want in?

We're looking for passionate, skilled people to join our volunteer Board of Directors and help shape what we do next. If you've got experience in finance, risk management, governance, strategic planning, management, HR and/or community connectiveness, we'd love to hear from you.

As a Director, you'll help drive our strategy, set our goals and make decisions that have a lasting impact on our branch and our community. You'll be part of a community-minded team that's committed to making a real difference.

Keen to step up?

Call **Michelle Baker on 0407 763 789** or email coysec@kyabramcommunity.au for more information. Apply before Friday 17 April 2026 detailing your expression of interest including a resume. To find out more about us visit www.kyabramcommunity.au.

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Investing in local leaders... Renee begins the 2026 Fairley Leadership Program journey

We're proud to back the people who show up for Kyabram, the real doers, the ones who see a need and look at building something better for our community.

That's why we're delighted that Renee Pichler has been awarded the first Kyabram Community Scholarship for the 2026 Fairley Leadership Program.

"I am thrilled to be the recipient of the first Kyabram Community Scholarship for the 2026 Fairley Leadership program. I am excited to be associated with Community Bank Kyabram which has a strong presence in our community as a bank that gives back and is community focused!", she said.

A local who leans into community

Renee moved to Kyabram with her husband and children in January 2019, drawn to country life and the chance to be closer to grandparents. Together with her husband she grows and preserves much of her family's food on their three-acre property on the edge of town.

But it wasn't long before Kyabram pulled her into community life.

"As a local I have seen the impact the Community Bank has made in Kyabram in its support of clubs and community projects," she said.

Renee is in her second term as Secretary of KDC, serves on the Scouts committee, is a member and regular guest speaker at the Kyabram Garden Club, contributed to the Seed Library, and launched Blooming in the Dry, supporting rural farming women and raising awareness of mental health. She also home schools her children.

Why the Fairley Leadership Program?

"This year is about connecting with like-minded people who are passionate about leading in their community," she said.

"I wanted to join the Fairley Leadership Program to strengthen my skills to become a strong leader and advocate for the Kyabram community."

The Fairley Leadership Program is specifically designed to develop and maximize an individual's capacity for community leadership. It's a unique and immersive program that enables participants to realise their potential and demonstrate leadership in action.

"Thank you, Community Bank and Warramunda. Your contribution to the Kyabram Community Scholarship by investing into the Scholarship is also investing into the leaders of the future," she said.

Renee will be sharing her experience with us as the year progresses.

Read more www.kyabramcommunity.au/post/investing-in-local-leaders



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After impactful news directly?

Are you enjoying our newsletters? Want our news, impact stories and community updates delivered straight to your inbox (if they're not already landing there)?

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Let's be friends!

If you haven't already, jump on your socials and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @communitybankkyabram for local impact stories featuring your clubs, organisations and the community.

At the end of the day, the more the community supports our branch, the more we can, in turn, support the local community. It's a win-win!

We'd love to show you more of what we do each week.

Say hello to Kyabram Community!



Kristie has been busy showing us around the new home of our community company website and we think you're going to love it... if you don't already. This is us behind the scenes of Community Bank Kyabram running a local, community company that exists for good!

It's where you'll find:

- Our Community Impact Snapshot
- Stories of how we've returned over \$400K in profits to local projects
- Details on how we do business for good
- How to apply for community investment funding (when rounds are open)
- A library of branch newsletters
- Inspiring local impact stories and practical resources!

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Community impact stories

Return of the community carols

After a heatwave forced a change of plans, the Kyabram Community Carols in the Park came back swinging and what a night in the lead up to Christmas! Over 800 people showed up, sang their hearts out and reminded us just how strong our community spirit really is.

We were proud to get behind the event, with our Community Investment funding helping cover the fireworks (epic!), toilets (essential!) and fun stuff like the petting zoo!

Here's what this night meant for our town:

- It brought people together from (toddlers to grandparents) and made everyone feel like they belonged.
- It showed the love for local events including a shoutout to the Kyabram Ministers Fellowship for pulling together a brilliant evening.
- And it's lit a spark for more community fun in the future!

Massive thanks to everyone who came along and made it special.

Events like these showcase the power of the community banking model and we can only support them because of our customers. If you're ready to support a branch, that supports our community, we'd love you to get in touch.

Read more www.kyabramcommunity.au/post/return-of-community-carols



Future-focused planning at reserve

Our Community Engagement Lead Nattalie Joinbee visited the Kyabram Racetrack and Recreation Reserve (KRRR) to hear firsthand about an ambitious plan to secure the site's long-term environmental sustainability.

The complex covers nearly 40 hectares and is home to multiple community groups including Parkland Golf Club, Kyabram Trotting Club, Kyabram Urban Landcare Group and the Small Bore Rifle Club. At the heart of the challenge is water, essentially how to use it more efficiently, manage flood risk and preserve the surrounding vegetation.

KRRR is proposing the construction of an underground irrigation pipeline that would immediately benefit all user groups. This is with the intention to future-proof the site, reduce environmental impact and enable better maintenance and landcare outcomes across the precinct.

Nattalie was invited to tour the site on a very hot afternoon, guided by KRRR Chairman Paul Price and Secretary/Treasurer Don Cook (pictured).

"It became clear this is more than just an infrastructure upgrade, it's about collaboration and creating environmental outcomes for generations to come," she said.

The visit was a chance to understand the project's scale and whether there may a proposal from the organisation in the future. (NB: this is not a project we've funded).

Read more www.kyabramcommunity.au/post/future-focused-planning-at-reserve



About us

We're a local branch with a local purpose. Community Bank Kyabram is owned by the community and operated in partnership with Bendigo Bank. That means our profits go right back into our local area to help our community thrive.

Chances are you've seen our impact in action, at your club, your school, your community group or a local event. Bank with Community Bank Kyabram where it's a **win-win for you and your community.**



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Our Leadership Team

Chair: Vince Curtis **Company Secretary:** Michelle Baker

Treasurer: Lisa McPherson **Directors:** Dale Denham, David Blake, Ian Hamono, Alicia Cunningham, Dean Ciavarella.

Community Engagement Lead: Nattalie Joinbee

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