



**Community** grows here  
Celebrating 12 Years in Buninyong

# Community Impact Snapshot

## Buninyong & District Financial Services Ltd.

### Our Vision

A thriving, resilient and inclusive Buninyong and district.

### Our Purpose

We exist to build connections, facilitate conversations and leverage the resources of our community partners.

21/22



Pictured: Glenice Wood Lake (read Glenice's story here)



## Welcome from the Chair

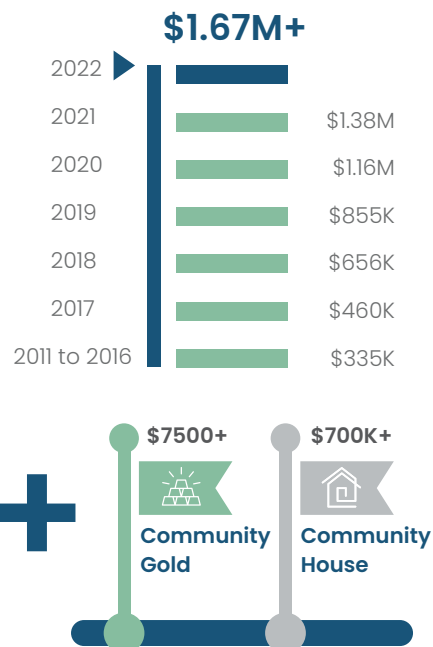
– Ian Corcoran

Our Board operates a banking business under the Bendigo Bank banner to make profit for reinvesting back into the local community. The 2021/2022 period has been a year worthy of celebration. A major project was the completion of the Warrenheip Street redevelopment bringing transformational change for Buninyong. We welcomed the City of Ballarat mobile library service back to the Community House and collaborated with organisations such as Federation University, Committee for Ballarat, Phoenix College and the Victoria Police Blue Edge program.

More recently, we celebrated winning at the Federation University Commerce Ballarat Business Excellence Awards in the WIN TV Customer Service and Cafs Social Change Maker categories.

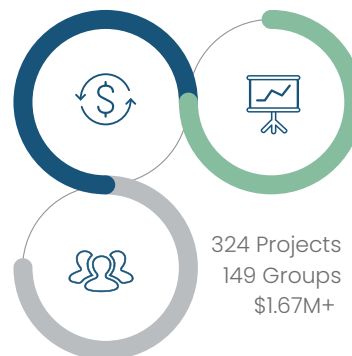
Our future Community Investment strategy will reflect a more deliberate and purposeful approach to community development.

## Cumulative Donations Grants & Sponsorships



## Cumulative Distribution of Investment

**12** Twelve Years Supporting Community Sustainability

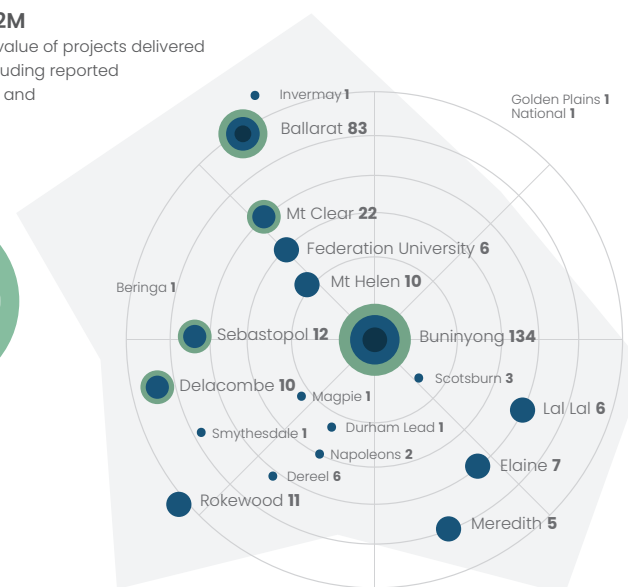


## Empowering our Community

The Community Bank Business Model creates shared value for all stakeholders – community, customers, shareholders, employees, and the environment. As such our Community Bank is a family-owned business. Bendigo Bank owned by members of the local community.

Directors of our Buninyong community-owned company are local volunteers, working in the interests of their community.

Community investment is the visible demonstration of a company's purpose. As up to 80% of our profits are invested in the communities we see transformation, growth, a flourishing of opportunity and opportunity.





## Community Impact Story

We are such big fans of Honey the Storybook Dog (and her sister in-training; Maple). We love supporting the Story Dogs Program to ensure local kids receive the gift of literacy and a life-long love of reading.

Honey and her human pal Jacqui spend time helping children at Buninyong Primary School and in 2021 they also regularly visited Emmaus Catholic Primary School.

She even filmed a segment for the TV show House of Wellness with her little friends from Emmaus.

Jacqui and the dogs often pop into the branch just to say hello and were even part of our business awards judging process.

For more information about our Community Investment Program, eligibility criteria and/or to apply please visit our website.



### Community Impact Story Bank

Read stories about projects we've funded and how they've enriched our local area and contributed towards a thriving community.

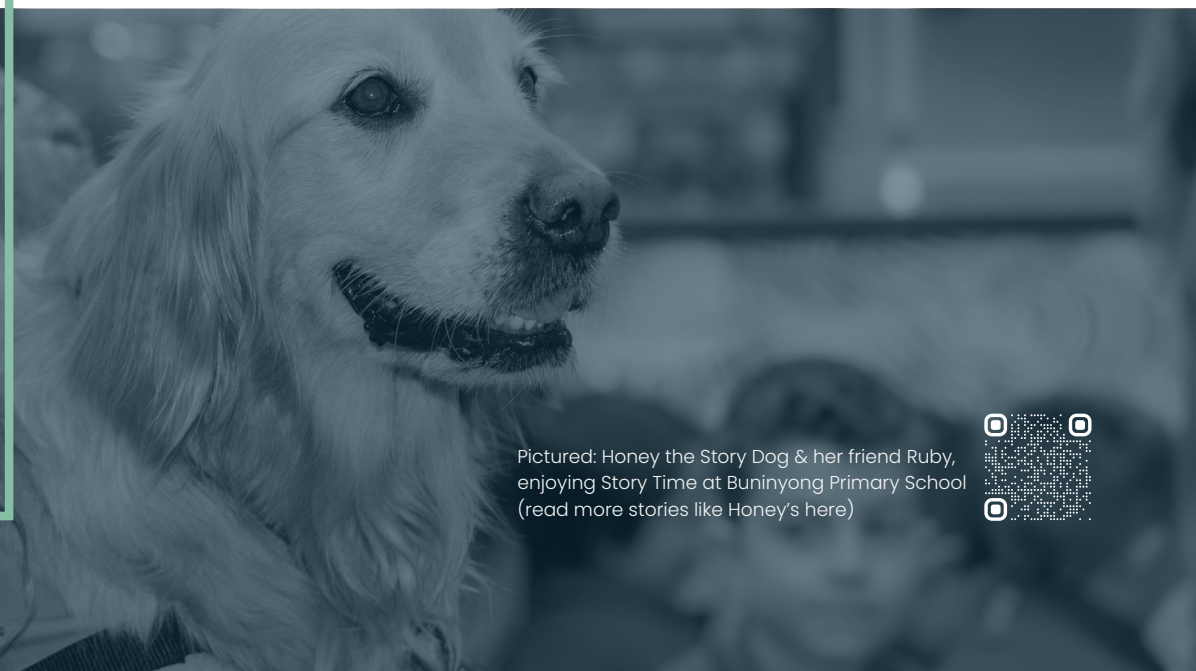
[www.communitygrowshere.com.au/story-bank](http://www.communitygrowshere.com.au/story-bank)



### Community Investment

Our Community Investment Program is focussed on connecting, facilitating, leveraging and leading within our community. View a full list of the 21/22 recipients here.

[www.communitygrowshere.com.au/investment](http://www.communitygrowshere.com.au/investment)



Pictured: Honey the Story Dog & her friend Ruby, enjoying Story Time at Buninyong Primary School (read more stories like Honey's here)







We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land we live and work on, the Wadawurrung. We acknowledge the Wadawurrung elders, past, present and emerging and their culture which has nurtured this land for tens of thousands of years.

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