



## Local primary schools get new community signs

A quick drive along McCulloch Street Dromana up past the Dromana Primary School and you will see the new school community sign, which was funded by the local Dromana **Community Bank®** Branch.

It has taken a lot of hard work by the Dromana Primary School to obtain planning approval and then permits to have the sign erected. However, without the \$7,700 funding from the local **Community Bank®** branch this new sign would not have happened so quickly, if at all.

The local **Community Bank®** Board has also approved a further \$8,500 in funding to the Dromana Primary School, which assisted in the final cost of the new stone works that have been completed at the entrance corner of McCulloch and Ligar Streets.

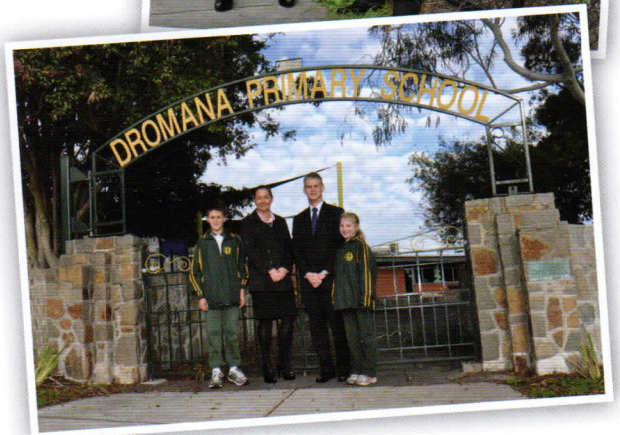
Bronwyn Ralph, Branch Manager Dromana **Community Bank®** Branch said, "The new electronic sign at Dromana PS is a fantastic improvement, it's a great way for the school to let everyone know about their upcoming events."

"And the stone wall is a beautiful addition to the school's entrance and appearance from McCulloch Street. It's been wonderful to be able to contribute to these two new features and this type of assistance is only made possible by the continued support of our great customers."

Then take a drive out along Boneo Road past the Boneo Primary School and you will see their new school community sign, which was funded by Rye **Community Bank®** Branch.

Senior Manager Rye & Dromana **Community Bank®** branches Gary Sanford said, "What a great way for both primary schools to be able to communicate all types of events and messages to the many students, parents and associates of both school communities."

"I am very proud to be representing our local branch customers with this sort of community funding. If it wasn't for our local customer base these types of benefits would not be possible."



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## Dromana's 5th birthday



On Friday 29 June Dromana **Community Bank®** Branch celebrated its 5th birthday. Staff and customers were invited to come along and join us for cake and a sausage sizzle. We have to thank the folks from Rye Lions Club for standing outside in the freezing cold cooking the sausages.

The branch has achieved a lot in its first five years. With current footings more than \$150 million, we have been able to give back to many groups in the local community by way of sponsorships and donations.

We're now looking forward to the next five years!

## Memorial Wall at Rye Cemetery

The Rye Cemetery Trust were delighted to be able to open the 'Rockery Memorial and Wall' on Thursday 10 May 2012.

This project was only possible with the generous support from the Rye & Dromana **Community Bank®** branches and the Rye RSL.

The development of this area for memorial sites, allows the cemetery to offer another beautiful area for the community to remember their loved ones.

The Trust is keen to introduce a 'Friends of the Cemetery' Group and is also seeking local community members to join the Cemetery Trust. For more details contact Norelle at the cemetery on 5985 1343, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.





## School Banking Program

Rye & Dromana **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches currently enjoy a successful school banking program with six local primary schools; Rye PS, Eastbourne PS, Tootgarook PS, Boneo PS, Dromana PS and Red Hill Consolidated School.

When students open an account with us through their school, \$2 is deposited to kick start their savings, and a fee

free passbook account where they can watch their savings grow. Every Tuesday is school banking day where the school office arranges for the books to be dropped off and picked up at the branch.

Every time a child banks with us, their name goes into a draw and prizes are awarded for Most Consistent Savers throughout the year at school assemblies.

Sometimes, Bendigo Bank's mascot Piggy comes along, which the kids (and our staff) really love.

We are also able to offer an account for older students. For fulltime students aged 12 and over we have our student account which includes fee free banking and competitive interest rates on savings and card access to funds.



## Your **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Nepean Football Netball starts up

With the Mornington Peninsula Nepean Football League gearing up for the start of the Your **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Nepean Football and Netball division competitions for 2012, it was fitting that Gary Sanford, Senior Manager Rye & Dromana **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches has been out and about handing out new netballs to the local clubs.

Rye & Dromana **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches are part of a partnership with other **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches on the Mornington Peninsula who have entered into a further three year sponsorship deal with the MPNFL, which also includes the netball divisions.

This season not only will all the footballs have Your **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Bendigo Bank on them, so will all the netballs used in every game in the Nepean Division Netball competition.

Gary can be seen presenting **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup>

logo netballs to the Rye Football Netball Club girls recently, which they will be able to use as training balls during the year. Similar presentations have been made to Red Hill, Dromana and Rosebud Football Netball Clubs.

Gary Sanford said "Thanks to the support of Rye & Dromana **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches we are not only able to provide hundreds of thousands of dollars each year back to the local community, we can supply large quantities of sporting items to local clubs and schools, which is a great feeling".





## Rye CFA order their new truck

Rye CFA members and their auxiliary have spent the last three years fundraising to replace their twenty-four year old salvage vehicle with a new pumper.

The old salvage truck has served the CFA and the Rye community well but a newer better-equipped vehicle a Hino 816 crew cab light pumper was needed to maintain the high standard of protection needed to safeguard our homes and businesses from the threat of fire.

Initially the CFA needed to raise \$210,000, but current dollar values and rising costs blew this cost out to \$268,000. It was an excited Captain Mark Boardman and Second Lieutenant Glenn Diamond along with Third Lieutenant Graham Martin that accepted a cheque for \$39,600 from Rye & Dromana **Community Bank**® branches.

Branch Manager Rye **Community Bank**® Branch, Julie Toward, said the new light pumper would be a constant reminder of the strength of this community's spirit.

"If the new pumper is anything like the one it's replacing it will be around for a further 24 years. The combined community support of such an enormous fundraising has achieved an amazing result. My thanks go to all the customers of Rye & Dromana **Community Bank**® branches who make these sorts of grants possible," Julie said.



Branch Manager Rye **Community Bank**® Branch, Julie Toward and Bendigo Bank representative, Gary Sanford handing over a cheque for \$39,600.

Rye CFA Captain Mark Boardman said he would like to thank the Rye and district community, local businesses and also the wider business community for their donations and support in realizing this fantastic goal.

This donation has enabled the committee to place the order for the new truck and it is expected that it will be commissioned in time to be in use to combat fires that may occur in 2012/13 season.

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