

# Growing our community partnerships

In July, East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg **Community Bank®** branches summer sponsorships were announced, and we are pleased to welcome the following community partners:

- Banyule & Districts Netball Association
- Olympic Colts Cricket Club
- Heidelberg Occasional Child Care Centre
- SPX Waterdale Players
- · Banyule City Council
- Rosanna Bowling Club
- Ivanhoe Bowling Club
- Alphington Bowling Club
- · Heidelberg Bowling Club
- Ivanhoe Cricket Club
- Rosanna Cricket Club
- Banyule Cricket Club
- Heidelberg District Cricket Umpires Association
- Open House
- Residents Group 3081
- 96.5 Inner North East Radio
- OLMC Heidelberg
- Ivanhoe Knights Basketball Club
- East Ivanhoe Primary School

# And the winner is... the youth of Heidelberg West!

Celebrating the power of partnerships in the community, East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg Community Bank® branches were part of a team recently awarded the Australian Business and Arts Fund (ABAF) **Toyota Community** Award, for the claymation DVD project, "UNEARTHED 3081".

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The DVD was created through Youth Foundations Victoria (YFV) West Heidelberg, a program developed to work with Heidelberg West youth to equip them with valuable life skills in philanthropy and recognising their local community needs.

UNEARTHED 3081 was created by students aged 10 to 14 from Haig St Bellfield Primary, Olympic



ABAF promotes connections between arts and business. Our winning partnership consisted of YFV 3081, East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg **Community Bank®** branches, Banyule City Council, and Banyule Community Health Service.

How inspirational for all the young people involved! We look forward to sharing the news of this award far and wide and celebrating in its significance.

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# Giving back to the community

The tally of community giving was further extended at our recent Grants Presentation event in September.
Staged at the recently completed SPACE Centre at East Ivanhoe Primary School, it was a fitting environment to showcase the facility which the **Community Bank**® branches contributed \$200,000 in funding.

This year, a further \$90,000 was distributed to 27 local community groups, and below is a snapshot of some of the exciting community projects that your **Community Bank**® branches are supporting this year.

Alphington Bowling Club – Continuing their sustainability project, the club is receiving funding to install additional water tanks, enabling the greens to require no town water.

St John Ambulance – Banyule Division: Based in Heidelberg, this group provide volunteer first aid services for community events. Their grant will purchase equipment including a defibrillator and training equipment.



St John Ambulance.

Children's Protection Society – Their grant will allow them to host a communal lunch at their Men's Shed, enabling discussion and engagement with the Somali community.



Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe – The church provides a wide range of outreach programs within the parish hall, and our grant will fund the installation of permanent storage facilities.

Banyule Housing Support Group – This not for profit organisation provides housing solutions for community members in crisis who are at risk or are homeless. This grant will provide basic furnishings and whitegoods. East Ivanhoe **Community**Bank® Branch has long supported this organisation, with grants totalling \$58,870 in the past five years.

SPX Waterdale Players – This group of talented young performers work with a diverse cross section of local youth to become engaged in community through arts performances and programs. This funding will support a 20 week program for 40 participants to developing singing, dancing and acting skills.

Creativity Australia – "With One Voice: Heidelberg Sings" is a program to provide socially and disadvantaged community members the opportunity to learn to sing in a supported environment.

Heidelberg Pre-School – This kindergarten for 72 children currently has no heater.



Heidelberg Preschool people with Kerryn.

Their grant will be used to purchase a heating system to provide a warm learning environment for the cooler months!

Banyule Support and Information Centre – Funding will support the Emergency Relief Program with food vouchers, travel tickets and essential medication.

Hope Springs – This psychosocial rehabilitation service provides pastoral care and activities for people with mental health illnesses and other disabilities. The grant goes towards the springboard outing program operates to provide participants with outings to prevent isolation.

Purely Pensive – This youth based theatre group is run by volunteers who provide an internship program for secondary and tertiary students in the field of theatre production. Funding will support their next production – "Two weeks with the Queen".

Somali Australian Council of Victoria – This group supports the Somali community with integration and engagement with their new life in Australia. The group will use their grant to fund equipment materials to support their education needs of these children, to encourage them to pursue their education.



Somali Australian Council receiving their grant.

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Lower Plenty Dance Group – With up to 100 participants each week, this group provides people with intellectual and physical disabilities an avenue to learn to dance and participate in social dancing at dinner dances. Our funding will subsidise entry costs.

Volunteers of Banyule – Co-ordinating and promoting volunteering in the community, Volunteers of Banyule will receive funding to update their information kits - encouraging volunteers from different sectors including youth and those with disabilities, resulting in more volunteers matched to services across the municipality.

UCA Rosanna Uniting Church – This church hall in Arden Crescent was built in 1964 to establish a place for the community to gather. The hall is well utilised by groups for dancing, school concerts and functions and their **Community Bank®** branch grant will fund a heating and cooling system for the Great Hall.

Life Activities Club Heidelberg – The Heidelberg Allstars is part of the Life Activities Club and provides an avenue for seniors aged 60 to 70 to dance, sing and perform for their peers at retirement villages. Their **Community Bank®** branch grant will fund costumes for their annual community concert.



Life Activities Club Heidelberg - Allstars.

1st Eaglemont Scout Group – Scouting is a great way to get kids active, develop their skills and encourage community engagement. The grant will fund canoe helmets for the club.

#### Rosanna Golf Links Primary School -

The grant will fund an upgrade to their vegetable garden to enable greater accessibility to kids in wheelchairs – raised garden beds, pathways and sensory access to the gardens.

Yarra Plenty Regional Library Service – The Dog-eared Book Club is for teen readers who meet monthly to discuss books they have read. The service will use their grant to engage authors for talks and workshops to extend the experience for the group.

Open House – The Backyard Sports program is for local multicultural youth in West Heidelberg, offering sports programs that keep them connected in community, develop skills, networks and self-esteem.



Open House Backyard Sports Program.

Banyule Community Health – Their grant will go toward the "Keynote Singers" choir, a group which socially and financially disadvantaged people the opportunity to learn about music and performance, as well as connecting in a variety of ways to improve their overall health and wellbeing.

Banksia Palliative Care – This service supports the delivery of care for terminally ill patients and their families. Their grant will fund the translation of their information into a range of other languages to ensure that non-English speaking families are able to care for their terminally ill patients.

ARC Theatre Group – This youth-based theatre group will receive a grant to support "The Breakfast Club" production, teaching youth not only in musical theatre and signing, but also in play production skills.

East Ivanhoe Pre-School – This preschool are extending their learning area to encompass a protected outdoor space by installing blinds to the undercover area leading to the playground.



#### **OLMC Heidelberg**

Heidelberg **Community Bank®** Branch was the platinum sponsor of OLMCs recent trivia night, which raised more than \$10,000 for the "Chance for every child" justice program in Cambodia. The money will complete the building and equipping of a school village for children in rural areas who may not otherwise have access to education.

#### Heidelberg Community Bank® Branch turns 2!

In only 2 years our community has rallied and Heidelberg Community Bank® Branch is thriving with more than \$80 million in banking business. This far exceeds projections included in the prospectus issued to shareholders prior to opening. A big congratulations to Noel, Sam and the team on their achievements - and to their community for their



#### **Farewell Noel**



continued support.

Senior Branch Manager, Noel Donnelly has announced his retirement. and after more than 10 years of service to our East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg Community

Bank® branches, we farewelled Noel at the end of September. Noel took on the role of Branch Manager, East Ivanhoe Community Bank® Branch when it first opened in 2001, and has guided the Community Bank® branch and his team to a thriving business.

We wish Noel all the very best in retirement and thank him for the huge commitment he has given our Community Bank® branch, and our community.

# Introducing **CommunityPOS** - helping your community

community groups to accept real-time card payments on the day of their event. For further information or to use the facility please contact Greg Arnott on 9497 5133 or email Greg.Arnott@bendigobank.com.au

### So... what is community banking?

Many people ask us what community banking is, and why we have so much capacity to return money to the local community. Our Community **Bank**® branches exists to provide a highly competitive and local banking service which will return the maximum possible benefits back to the community.

This is achieved through a partnership with Bendigo Bank and our local community Company (Heidelberg District Community Enterprise Ltd) which is owned by local people who receive a dividend for their investment in establishing the two branches. After operating expenses are met, the branches can return 80 per cent of their profits to the local community through community grants and sponsorships.

Since inception in 2001 East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg Community Bank® branches have returned more than \$1.5 million in grants and sponsorships.

With your continued support our ambition is to be returning \$1,000,000 each year to our community by 2015.

#### raise money Schools, clubs and not-for-profits that bank with East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg Community Bank® branches are able to apply for temporary access to our mobile EFTPOS machine, ideal for use at fundraising events, registration days, membership drives or school fêtes. The facility is a quick, low cost solution for

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