

Warburton Community Bank® Branch Bendigo Bank



Warburton banking on educated drivers

Warburton 9 March 2006: Having already delivered generous funding to a range of Upper Yarra community-based organisations over the past six years, Warburton **Community Bank®** has turned its attention to driver education.

Announcing the rollout of its new Community Enterprise™ - Telco Solutions this week, Warburton **Community Bank®** spokesman Geoff Vickers said that profits from their new telco initiative will be used to help our young drivers to become safer on the road.

"Under an arrangement with the highly-accredited Victoria-based Driver Training Academy, Warburton **Community Bank®** branch will offer several five-day driver education courses to selected learner-drivers who live in the Upper Yarra.

"Under our Community Enterprise™ arrangements with Bendigo Bank, telco income will be dedicated to a special fund in order to educate learners about surviving on the road - not just passing their driving test.

"Participants will have the opportunity through a systematic and intensive, theoretical and practical course - to develop not only the driving skills required to avoid accidents, but also to embed the often overlooked attitude of safe, defensive driving.

"We anticipate that these programs, which lead to the nationally-accredited Level 1 Certificate in Road Transport through a series of 16 assessments, will be co-ordinated by local emergency services, our secondary college and community organisations.

"As well as preparing the next generation for survival on our roads, the program includes a special component to educate unqualified instructors - especially parents and guardians - in training our learner-drivers better.

"This is especially important in short-circuiting the tendency to perpetuate bad habits," Mr Vickers said.

Successful applicants must already be learner-drivers and members of families which have subscribed to Warburton **Community Bank®**'s telco solution.

Warburton Community Enterprise™ - Telco Solution offers a range of competitively-priced packages to users of landline, mobile and both dialup and broadband Internet services.

Mr Vickers said that like our banking services, Community Enterprise™ - Telco Solution is about retaining capital within our community.

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