



Contributions.

Contributions were recently made to the following groups:

Beaufort Ranger Girl Guides	Beaufort Primary School
B4B	Beaufort Secondary College
Skipton 175th Birthday Committee	Beaufort Football Netball Club
Streatham & District Historical Society	Grenville Cricket Association
Beaufort & District Adult Riders	Beaufort Football Netball Club
Beaufort Secondary College	Ararat RSL
Beaufort Community House & Learning Centre	Burrumbeet & Windermere Racing Club
Beaufort Agricultural Society	Beaufort Golf & Bowls Club
Crossroads Fire Brigade	



Beaufort **Community Bank**[®] Branch again sponsored the 2015 Burrumbeet Park & Windermere Racing Club for the New Years Day Petrogas Regional Burrumbeet Cup. The sum of \$1,650 was given to the club to support the Kids Zone Playground which was free to all the children in attendance.

The weather was perfect for the meet and a great day was had by all. Congratulations and thank you to the Burrumbeet Park & Windermere Racing Club for another successful day. There were 4,500 people in attendance on the day with 1,200 of those being children. A great family day out.

Grants.

Four local groups were successful in this years' Beaufort **Community Bank**[®] Branch Grants Program. They were the Pyrenees Arts Council receiving \$4,600 for its new Art Trax Gallery in Beaufort, Lexton Community was awarded \$2,800 for a new transportable BBQ, Skipton Pre-School received \$955.65 for a Budding Scientists and Fabulous Catering program at the kindergarten and lastly the Beaufort's Men's Shed received \$1,500 for new tools and equipment.



AGM.

We held our Annual General Meeting on 22 October 2014 at the Beaufort **Community Bank**[®] Branch Complex. Over 60 people were in attendance on the night. The evening commenced with entertainment from the Beaufort Secondary College Choir and finished with a lovely supper from the Crossroads Fire Brigade. Directors David Foy and Sarah Hawker both retired their positions as Directors on the Board and Megan Read has been appointed as a new Director.

Megan runs a farming enterprise at Stoneleigh with her husband and two boys. Megan has operated her own business in Ballarat in Allied Health Industry and holds a Diploma in Applied Science and is a committee member of several groups and has a strong commitment to rural communities and "getting ahead". Megan enjoys challenges and has a great passion for the region and its people and we believe Megan will be a great asset to the Board and we wish her all the best in the coming years.



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Directors: Tim Chandler (Chairman) John Athorn, Jane Briody, Sharon Roxburgh, Alexander Carson, Robert Byrne, Nigel Ponder and Megan Read.

Young Directors.

Beaufort **Community Bank**® Branch has recently appointed Bianca Gerrard who is in Year 11 at Beaufort Secondary College as the Board's Young Director for 2015.

Profile.



My name is Bianca Gerrard and I am currently undertaking year 11 VCE at Beaufort Secondary College.

I am an active member of the Beaufort Ranger Guides and I am also a Junior Leader for the Beaufort Fairy Wren Guides. Apart from guides my hobbies include tennis, piano, saxophone, cake decorating, sewing, fire brigade, helping on the farm and public speaking.

Once I finish year 12, my ambitions are to study Primary Teaching, specialising in the field of Arts and Music at ACU in Ballarat to become a qualified Primary School Teacher. I would also like to become a Guide Leader and stay an active member of our community. As a young Director I hope to be a voice and representative for the youth of the community, learn about being

a member of a Board, understand the process of a meeting and learn how the Beaufort **Community Bank**® Branch works.

Drivers Education program.

The Drivers Education program was again a huge success in 2014. A course was held during the week commencing 1 December and another held on 19 January. Emily Crowley from Beaufort Secondary College and Tahyna Robson from Lexton both participated in the earlier session whilst Bianca Gerrard and Monique Flenley both of Beaufort participated in the January session. This year we hope to hold the course during the June school holidays so keep your eye out for advertisements.



\$1 million launch.

The \$1 million barometer in community contributions for the branch is slowly rising, now sitting at \$971,000. We have until 30 June to distribute \$1 million to the community.

New shareholder tells his story.

Well it appears that I am one of the newest investors in the Beaufort **Community Bank**® Branch, having just purchased some shares in this community organisation.

Why? Well I am a member of two community groups in Burrumbeet, who have been the recipients of community grants courtesy of the Beaufort **Community Bank**® Branch.

So if Beaufort **Community Bank**® Branch is prepared to invest in our community, I felt the need to support them back, and this is my way of doing this.

I first shifted my banking across to the Beaufort **Community Bank**® Branch. Six years ago, when I first saw the investment that Bendigo Bank was making in the community, I spoke with the then Manager Jenny Sheriff. So my acquirement of shares is a natural progression of supporting something that I see is doing some good in the community and saying, that if you support us, I will support you.

I do hope that the Beaufort **Community Bank**® Branch keeps up this good work now and into the future.

Alan McCartney
Shareholder and Farmer from Ercildoune

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