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Bright **Community Bank**[®] Branch

February 2013

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DeFib for Life

Bright **Community Bank**[®] Branch joined forces with Alpine Health to provide six potentially life saving Defibrillator machines (DeFibs) to community groups in Bright and Myrtleford. Four of the automatic defibrillators will be allocated at the Bright Sports Centre, Bright Golf Club, Myrtleford Men's Shed and Myrtleford Sports Stadium. The other two will be made available to other community clubs and their events on a per need basis.



Switch to Save

More than 13,000 households participated in the Bendigo Bank's Switch to Save Program. The Embertech Smart Switches can save households in excess of 10 per cent in their electricity costs and helping the environment at the same time. Bright **Community Bank**[®] Branch was able to donate \$850 to Bright P-12 College for the 50 households in Bright and surrounding towns that signed up for the program. The funds will go to the Parent and Friends network "wish list".



Bank to pay first dividend

The Board of Bright **Community Bank**[®] Branch is very excited to announce a five cent unfranked dividend will be paid to all shareholders in February this year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our loyal and valued shareholders, as Bright **Community Bank**[®] Branch doors would not have opened six years ago if it hadn't been for their outstanding support.

Many will remember the mail outs, market stalls and info nights held around town to rally support. Local residents purchased shares for a dollar each and close to \$700,000 had to be raised in order for doors of the **Community Bank**[®] branch to open. Finally enough capital was raised and the official opening took place on 24 October 2006.

Just over six years on and this first dividend payment marks another exciting milestone in the history of Bright **Community Bank**[®] Branch.



Bright Community Financial Services Limited

2/104 Gavan Street, Bright VIC 3741 ABN 93 117 798 553

Directors: Mark Howard, Geoff Tually, Mark Beyer, Sabine Helsper, Adrian Ciolli, Stuart Hargreaves, Jan Vonarx, Adam Williams.

Chairman's report



At the November Board meeting I was elected as the new Chairman, replacing Geoff Tually.

Geoff has been our Chairman for a number of years and I would like to thank him for his guidance

and support. Geoff is remaining with the Board and will be working heavily in the agri-business area.

By way of introduction, I have been involved with Bright for over 17 years with flying and business interests in the town. For the past three years I have had the pleasure of living here and I am now involved with the RSL and Porepunkah airfield.

My business experience has been as a Chairman and Director of a number of public companies plus general management roles in property, procurement, IT and legal areas. It is my hope that I can share this experience with the Board and staff to ensure we provide the best **Community Bank**® branch.

You have a group of dedicated volunteer Directors and fantastic staff who have developed the branch to a \$65 million business in six years. We are now planning to expand the Myrtleford agency, along with Bright into the agri-business in conjunction with Rural Bank, a Bendigo Bank business.

This work, plus our great range of banking facilities should allow us to expand our revenue and hence our funds available to grow our communities. What is pleasing is that we will be able to pay our faithful shareholders a dividend. Thankyou!

Mark Howard
Chairman

Scholarships

Bright **Community Bank**® Branch has been able to assist three local students with a scholarship to further their education in 2013. Max Carter and Matthew Donehue from Bright P-12 College and Benjamin Bennett from Marian College Myrtleford were awarded \$1,000 each. Both Max and Benjamin will be attending university and Matthew is starting an apprenticeship.



CommunityPos

In addition to our **Community Bank**® branch branded marquee and banners, which are regularly used by local community groups to assist in promotion and fund raising activities, Bright **Community Bank**® Branch now has a mobile Eftpos machine available for casual use. CommunityPos can be used to give local community groups the opportunity for card based sales (debit and credit cards) and secure sales that may not otherwise have happened and another means of support.



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\$13,000 presented at AGM

We were proud to hand out funding totalling \$13,000 at our AGM last November. Community grants are handed out once a year at our AGM Handout Night. The last round of grant recipients included:

Myrtleford Festival

Harrietville CBI Committee

Alpine Anglican Parish

Bright Art Gallery & Cultural Centre

Bright Fire Brigade

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