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Bright Community Bank® Branch



\$125,000 in community contributions

Below are the community groups who have received grants or sponsorships:

- Bright and District Pony Club
- Bright Debutante Ball 2011
- Bright Police Station
- Bright Veteran Golfers
- Alpine Carers Support Group
- Bright Bowls Club Inc
- Bright Rockabilly Music Festival (RIO)
- Bright P-12 College
- Alpine Probus club of Bright Inc
- Bright Croquet Club
- Bright Wanderers Cricket Club
- Bright P-12 College
- Bright Art Gallery
- United Bright Football & Netball Club
- Bright Fun Run
- Upper Ovens Valley Landcare Group
- Bright Golf Club
- Bright 150th Committee
- Bright Vehicle Preservation Society
- Freeburgh Recreation & Public Hall
- Harrierville Primary School
- Probus Club of Bright
- Porepunkah Playgroup
- Porepunkah Primary School
- Myrtleford Men's Shed
- Myrtleford Friendship Playgroup
- North East Fitness Challenge

Bright's 150th celebrations



Bright is turning 150 this year and there are plenty of activities planned throughout the seasons with none of them bigger than the Bright Autumn Festival 50th Anniversary Gala Day Parade.

The Bright **Community Bank**® Branch was assisted by various community groups who participated by carrying banners showing locals and visitors alike the contributions made by the Bright **Community Bank**® Branch.

Mark Ditcham looked the part dressed as a Bank Manager from 1862. Our sponsorship of the celebrations helped the Alpine Shire to promote Bright and highlight the vast range of activities to do and places to see in the region.



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

Branch Manager's report



Welcome to this edition of our latest Bright **Community Bank**® Branch newsletter.

As you can see by the photos and stories

we have again been active with our involvement and support of local groups, clubs and events.

Bright **Community Bank**® Branch has also had some changes over the past few months.

We farewelled staff member Marney Ellis who took an opportunity to travel overseas for an extended period. Marney was a valued and popular member of our team and we wish her all the best. Our new member of the team is Naomi Gibson. Naomi has links to the area and a good background in banking and will be a great addition to the branch. Naomi started on Monday 4 June. I encourage you drop in and say hello.

Bright Community Financial Services Ltd has also recently taken over the Agency at Myrtleford. This is now known

as the Bright **Community Bank**® Agency and is located in the Dickens Real Estate office at 97A Myrtle Street, Myrtleford.

This is an exciting addition to Bright **Community Bank**® Branch and we look forward to being able to assist the people of Myrtleford by giving them a banking opportunity that will benefit their local community.

Our goal remains to be an asset to local communities. We aim to grow with the community and help deliver employment opportunities, retain local capital and provide financial assistance by supporting projects initiated by the community.

We would like to thank our customers for choosing Bright **Community Bank**® Branch for their banking and in turn supporting their local community.

Making a difference in your community can be as simple as moving your banking to Bright **Community Bank**® Branch.

Mark Ditcham
Branch Manager

Hall gets a boost with seating grant



The original Freeburgh Hall was built in 1905 but was declared unfit for use in 2005, just two months shy of it's 100th birthday.

The Freeburgh Recreational & Public Hall Committee with local assistance built an impressive new Hall and made it available to the community as a fully functional community facility.

The committee partnered with the Alpine Carers Group to apply to the Bright Community Grants Program to purchase chairs for the hall. They aptly named their venture "Bottoms Upon Magical Seating".

The chairs had to comply with Occupational Health and Safety guidelines and commercial standards as the hall is a public facility requiring adequate and sturdy chairs.

Also, the chairs help to provide a clean, safe facility for all members of the community to use in all circumstances, gatherings, celebrations, information sessions, weekly health sessions and unexpected meetings in times of natural disasters.

The joint venture received a \$5,000 Grant from the Bright Community Grants Program which has enabled 50 chairs to be purchased for the hall.

Bright Community Grants Program is administered by Community Enterprise Foundation™ in partnership with Bright **Community Bank**® Branch.

Bright Police – Trailer purchase \$2,000



Members of Bright Police approached Bright **Community Bank**® Branch for help with the purchase of a trailer to carry two off-road motorcycles donated by Honda as part of a program initiated by the TAC.

Four police officers were selected for training in the use

of off-road motorcycles. The trailer will assist by transporting the motorcycles to help make the program a success. It is envisaged the initiative will have a positive impact locally by reducing off-road trauma incidents as well as reducing traffic law breaches.

Bright Fun Run – Gold sponsorship \$3,000

The fun run was supported by Bright P-12 and for the second year Bright **Community Bank**® Branch as event gold sponsors. After its success last year, the event was going to be bigger and better with an anticipated 300 runners taking part in the 2, 5 and 10km running events as well as a 2km family-friendly walk.

The branch was able to provide running bibs to give participants their individual number as well as great coverage for the bank with advertising through Bright and surrounding areas. The fun run raised \$7000 to go towards projects at the school.



Myrtleford Agency



In late May, the Bright **Community Bank**® Branch welcomed the addition of an agency at Dickens Real Estate in Myrtleford.

The agency provides on-line, real time transactions for existing and new Bendigo Bank customers in Myrtleford.

The agency will be staffed by Dickens Real Estate staff with Branch Manager Mark Ditcham attending the agency weekly and as needed.

The agency is open Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 5.00pm and on Saturdays from 9.00am to noon.

Good for **U**
AND your
community

With every product or service Bendigo Bank offers, money goes back into the community to support local projects and initiatives.

It means that as a customer you benefit from competitive products and great service and get the satisfaction of knowing your banking is contributing to your community.

So make a difference. To your own banking. And to your community. Call into Bright Community Bank® Branch or phone 5755 1932.

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Chairman's report



The summer and autumn period have been an extremely busy one for Bright **Community Bank**[®] Branch.

We have been involved in many successful community events and activities, including the Audax Alpine Classic, RIO Festival, Bright 150th Festival, and the Bright Fun Run to name a few.

It is five and a half years since the branch opened its doors and in that time the branch has contributed over \$125,000 back to the local community through sponsorships, donations and grants.

The milestone of our first profit at the end of our 5th year, will now allow Bright Community Financial Services Ltd to contribute even more money back to the local community and also hopefully in the form of shareholder dividends.

At this point I would like to thank our shareholders for their patience, as without you, we would not be able to move towards this exciting new stage of community contributions.

Returning community contributions is the next and exciting phase of our growth. We aim to strengthen the community by engaging community groups and shareholders through community forums. Forums enable the community as a whole to be part of growing our capacity. The forums enable us all to contribute to the success of the community. Successful customers lead to successful communities which make for a successful **Community Bank**[®] branch.

Finally, the branch's success rests with the community. Our ability to increase our community contributions and potentially pay a dividend back to shareholders is determined by our banking growth, so I encourage all shareholders to talk to Mark and the branch team about how we can help meet your banking needs.

Geoff Tually
Chairman



Harrietville Primary School

Harrietville Primary School has received a Bright Community Grant of \$3,900 to enable the purchase of four netbooks and desktop computers for the school.

This important upgrade now means the school has a reliable bank of computers that can service a whole class.

The netbooks mean students can now be involved in group computer sessions for classwork and not all at the one workstation.



Watch the **Community Bank**[®] story at www.bendigobank.com.au/snapshots

U can find our branches at...

Bright – 2/104 Gavan Street, Bright VIC 3741 Phone: 5755 1932 Website: www.bendigobank.com.au/bright
Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm and Saturday mornings 9.00am – 12 noon.

Agency

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