



Bright Riverside Water Play Area.

Bright **Community Bank**[®] Branch, along with the Rotary Club of Bright, the State Government of Victoria and the Alpine Shire are thrilled to be a part of the new Bright Riverside Water Play Area at Howitt Park. Bright **Community Bank**[®] Branch is contributing \$60,000 to the project which commenced construction in March 2014. The updated concept plans look fantastic and we believe the Water Play Area will be a real asset to the local community catering for both local residents and the many tourists who visit Bright and the North East.



Bright P-12 College CPL – drinking fountain.

Bright **Community Bank**[®] Branch along with North East Water and Alpine Shire, donated \$2,000 to a project initiated by students of the Bright P-12 College who attended a leadership school. Two drinking fountains were able to be erected in Bright for everyone to enjoy.

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Directors: Mark Howard (Chair), Mark Beyer, Geoff Tually, Stuart Hargreaves, Adam Williams, Jan Vonarx, Sabine Helsper and Lindal Page.

Shareholders' night.

A shareholders' appreciation evening was held late last year at the Bright Art Gallery & Cultural Centre where shareholders, current and past Board members and



branch staff shared some hospitality and celebrated what Bright **Community Bank**[®] Branch has been able to achieve in its first seven years, including the first dividend payment. Bright **Community Bank**[®] Branch sincerely thanks its shareholders and values their contribution in starting the **Community Bank**[®] branch.

Chairman's report.



It's hard to believe that we are into August and another financial year has ended. For the Board this means audit and our Annual Report preparation.

In this newsletter is an article on the new "Splash Park" in Bright. For your Board, that has been our first major community project. When we committed to fund this initiative we stipulated a number of conditions to ensure a successful outcome.

The main condition was to have a Director responsible to manage this project with the Alpine Shire. Director Sabine Helsper volunteered for this role and carried the Board's authority on financial and project decisions. Soon the splash park will be opened and our success in this venture has been due to Sabine's hard work and dedication. This is an excellent example of the work provided by your volunteer Directors.

Sadly, due to work commitments, Mark Beyer our Treasurer is due to retire from the Board. Mark has provided a huge number of hours over many years and I would like to thank Mark for his work.

We hope to farewell Mark when he is in Bright.

A couple of weeks ago our branch launched our own "pool" with an overnight flood due to a broken tap. Early in the morning Mark, Jill, Pauline and Naomi all pitched in carrying out files, furniture and lots of water! Thanks to their effort we were back in business in two days.

Thank you to our customers for their patience during the flooding and clean up.

Regards,

Mark Howard
Chairman

Bright Golf Club.

Bright **Community Bank**[®] Branch was able to assist the Bright Golf Club on two projects. One was for their 2014 Program which will benefit the club by being able to promote their year round events to its members and beyond. This assists in bringing more people to Bright and surrounds to play at the local course which is a real community asset. The second is for their Annual Tournament held in October which has been running successfully for many years.

Beyond Blue.

Bright **Community Bank**[®] Branch in conjunction with our Myrtleford Agency supported the Beyond Blue Foundation when they conducted an informal presentation evening in Myrtleford in April. Beyond Blue, a national depression initiative, hosted a function held at the Myrtleford Savoy Sporting Club, with key speakers addressing the issue of depression and where to find help and support. It was a valuable and well attended evening.



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Scholarships.

Two Myrtleford students were successful in their application for a Bright **Community Bank**® Branch Scholarship in 2013. Director Jan Vonarx attended Marion College to present student Justin Baldori with his scholarship to help further his career in architecture or physiotherapy. Aiden Varley from Myrtleford P-12 College was also awarded a scholarship to assist with his Downhill Mountain Biking career. Aidan attended the Bright **Community Bank**® Branch Annual General Meeting to accept his scholarship and also brought along his racing bike to show those who attended. We wish both students the best of luck with their future endeavours.



The Myrtleford Art Prize.

Bright **Community Bank**® Branch provided the Myrtleford Art Prize with a \$1,950 grant to purchase display screens for the presentation of artist's work. The Myrtleford Men's Shed were selected to manufacture the screens which will ensure a high level of presentation is achieved for all entrants and therefore making the exhibition more enjoyable.



DeFib's for Myrtleford.

Bright **Community Bank**® Branch joined forces with Alpine Health to donate life saving Defibrillator machines to the Myrtleford Men's Shed, Myrtleford Pool and the Myrtleford CFA. Members of the Men's Shed undertook training to learn how to use the machine, and although they hope they never have to use it, it does give piece of mind that it is on hand in an emergency. The new machine presented to the Myrtleford CFA will be in addition to a DeFib they have purchased themselves. This means the machines will be at hand and ready to use in both their tanker and pumper.

Ovens Valley Wildlife Shelter.

Recently an ongoing sponsorship was approved for the Ovens Valley Wildlife Shelter which will see much needed funds contributed to the care of injured and orphaned wildlife within the Alpine Shire. The shelter is located in Myrtleford and run by volunteer Erin Whitford. The sponsorship will assist with the costs associated with the running of the shelter which includes, but is not limited to, food and formula for the animals, building enclosures and cages as well as other costs incurred to collect injured animals. Erin collects injured animals within the local area and cares for them until they are strong enough to be returned to the wild. Bright **Community Bank**® Branch is committed to helping Erin with the work she does by providing an ongoing sponsorship to help contribute to the care of injured and orphaned local wildlife.



DeFib available to community groups.



Community groups in the Myrtleford and Bright area now have access to a potentially life saving Defibrillator Machine (DeFib) thanks to the Bright **Community Bank**[®] Branch and Alpine Health.

In a joint venture the DeFib's were provided to a number of community groups in the Alpine Shire along with two machines that are stationed at the Myrtleford Agency at the Dickens Real Estate Office and Bright **Community Bank**[®] Branch. The machine can be made available to community groups and their events on a per need basis. For more information please contact the Bright **Community Bank**[®] Branch on 5755 1932.

CommunityPos available to community groups.



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 local community group customers to borrow to accept card payments at fundraising events.

Local community groups are able to apply for temporary access to the EFTPOS terminal from the **Community Bank**[®] branch when holding a fundraising or charitable event. 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 have otherwise been possible.

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