



## Chair's update.

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2020. We hope you all enjoyed the festive season, as we moved into a new decade. The fourth quarter of 2019 was a busy one for the team at your Bunyip & District Community Bank Branch. On the evening of Wednesday 20 November 2019 we held our Annual General Meeting at the Bunyip Hall. We would like to thank all shareholders, recipients of grants, Directors, staff and the community for their support in attending what was a very important event in our annual calendar.

We also took the opportunity to thank Alan Cole (retiring Director) for his outstanding service as a Board Director since the Bunyip & District Community Bank Branch inception and we wish him all the very best for the future.

If you missed the meeting and wish to view the Annual Report, please visit [www.bendigobank.com.au/bunyip](http://www.bendigobank.com.au/bunyip) and click on the 'Investors & Shareholders' link.

Following the devastating Bunyip Complex Bushfires, in March 2019, the Bendigo Bank created a Bushfire Appeal to raise funds. In June 2019, a Bendigo Gippsland Bushfire Appeal Committee was formed. As Chair of the Bunyip & District Community Bank Branch, I represented the Bunyip and district area, along with representation from Mirboo North Community

Bank, Cardinia, Baw Baw and Latrobe Shires, Bendigo Bank and Latrobe Valley Hospital. After much consideration by the Committee, we were thrilled to announce that the Bunyip Complex Bushfire Appeals Committee agreed to fund three local projects for a total of \$21,800. These projects were:

- Bunyip Landcare – supplying a total of 1,500 plants to the Bushfire area
- Cannibal Creek Landcare – supply fences to protect an unburnt sensitive fern gully in Tonimbuk
- Friends of Mt Cannibal & Community Recovery Committee – supply of 400 nesting boxes for local fauna to thrive again in the Bushfire area.

A presentation event and morning tea was held at Peppermint Ridge Farm in Tynong North on Tuesday 17 December where the cheques were presented to representatives of Bunyip Landcare, Cannibal Creek Landcare and Friends of Mt Cannibal & Community Recovery Committee, joined by Cardinia Shire Council Bushfire Recovery team, Deputy Shire Mayor Graeme Moore, the Bendigo Gippsland Bushfire Appeal Committee, and the community. Work by the four committees has already started... stayed tuned for updates.

So, as we move into 2020 the staff at the Bunyip & District Community Bank Branch are proud to support new and existing customers – as funds generated by customers banking with the branch, provide essential support to our community. If you are in Bunyip, drop in and say hi to the team – Nicole Morris (Branch Manager), Kat Gourley and Anne Elliot (Customer Relations Officers) and Nic Jessup and Megan Mathisen (Customer Service Officers).

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families all the best for very prosperous New Year and look forward to you banking with Bunyip & District Community Bank Branch.

**Barry Crees**  
**Chair**



Chairman Barry Crees thanks Alan Cole for his service as a Board Director.

## Grants Presentation Evening.

On Wednesday 20 November Bunyip & District Community Enterprises Ltd held its Annual General Meeting and Annual Grants Presentation Evening. The event was held this year in the Bunyip Hall and was a fantastic night to recognise and celebrate the community contributions for the 2018/19 financial year.

On the night, our Community Bank branch presented grants to a total of \$37,175. Our Chairman, Barry Crees gave a big thanks to the customers of the Bunyip & District Community Bank Branch saying, "you choose to support our small business with your banking, and it is you that allow us to give back to our community, and to our shareholders as without you, none of

what we do would be possible. Our business is banking but our purpose is community and together we will strive to continue to build on and feed into our communities' prosperity rather than feeding off it."

This year's grant recipients were: Bunyip & District Community Market; Garfield Kindergarten Inc; Bunyip Netball Club Inc; Garfield Primary School; Maryknoll Progress Association; Garfield Community Association Inc; Bunyip Hall Committee; The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc (Bunyip Branch) and the Nar Nar Goon CFA.



Maryknoll Progress Association – Alan Cole (Retiring Director of Bunyip & District Community Bank Branch), Kathy Paterson and Vic Willis (Maryknoll Progress Association).



Country Womens Association – Steve Green (Director of Bunyip & District Community Bank Branch) and Elizabeth Pegg (Country Women's Association Bunyip).



Bunyip Netball Club – Chris Kelly (Director of Bunyip & District Community Bank Branch), Carlie Nightingale and Jasmine Gallach (Bunyip Netball Club).



Garfield Kindergarten – Christy Pickering and Julia Johnson (Garfield Kindergarten) and Jim Fitzpatrick (Secretary and Treasurer of Bunyip & District Community Bank Branch).



Nor Nar Goon CFA – Barry Crees (Chairperson of Bunyip & District Community Bank Branch), Phillip and Jeanette Craig (Nar Nar Goon CFA).



Bunyip Community Market – Chris Kelly (Director) and Tony Arrigo (Bunyip Community Market).



## Sponsorship recipients.

Our recent sponsorship recipients for the period between September 2019 – February 2020.

Bunyip & District Community Carols	Tynong Fire Brigade Support Team
Nar Nar Goon Progress Association – Nar Nar Goon Christmas Event	Australian Stock Horse Association
Westernport Catchment Landcare Network	Nar Nar Goon Maryknoll Cricket Club
Garfield Community Association – Garfield Xmas Festival	Rotary Club of Bunyip – Garfield
Bunyip Tennis Club	Garfield Netball Club



Celebrating Christmas at Nar Nar Goon Christmas on Saturday 30 November.



The Garfield Christmas Festival took place on Friday 13 December.



The Garfield Netball Club movie night, held on Friday 7 February.

## Scholarships 2020.

The Bunyip & District Community Bank Branch Scholarship program, which aims to assist a local Year 12 student who is academically capable and community minded, but experiences difficulty in funding the cost of tertiary study for 2020 is now closed.

Our Community Bank branch is proud to support a local youth to further their education, and maybe one day our community will benefit directly from the skills and knowledge they bring.

We have received 11 applications and are in the final staging of selecting the successful applicant. The selection criteria are; a demonstration of academic achievement, community involvement and contribution, leadership roles and financial and/or social challenges. We look forward to announcing the successful applicant in the coming weeks.

## Shareholders' dividend.

The Board of Bunyip & District Community Enterprises Ltd has determined that it will again pay a dividend to its shareholders. This will be the tenth consecutive year that it has done this. The dividend, which will be paid in February 2020, will be 3 cents a share and will be fully franked.

For those shareholders who purchased their shares in 2007 for \$1 and have held them since that time, this will bring the total dividend that they have received over time in return for their original \$1 a share to 35 cents a share.

## New operating hours.

Commencing from 3 February 2020, the Bunyip & District Community Bank Branch will have new operating times, opening at 9.30am on weekdays. Our revised hours will be:

Monday to Friday: 9.30am - 5.00pm

Saturday: 9.00am – 12.00 noon

## Get social – 'Like us'.

Make sure you 'Like Us' on Facebook to keep up-to-date with the latest news and events of the Bunyip & District Community Bank Branch.



## Help us achieve our goals.

Do you have a passion to give back to your community? Do you have experience in business strategy, marketing, social media or business development? You may want to consider becoming a Director of our Community Bank branch. If this interests you, please e-mail [communityinvestment.bunyipcb@gmail.com](mailto:communityinvestment.bunyipcb@gmail.com) for further information.

## Garfield Primary School.

The Garfield Primary School welcomed a brand new archway for the start of the 2020 school year, with many local students excited to see the anticipated new walkway.

The Bunyip & District Community Bank Branch was proud to support this initiative. From the initial concept designed nearly two years ago, two amazing parents have helped redesign the front entrance to the school. Parents Lisa and Dee poured in weeks of their time over the school holidays to ensure it was ready for the first day of school. Their perseverance and commitment to completing the task was outstanding and is to be commended.

"With an incredibly generous level of financial support, our little school has been able to build something for the students that would not have been achievable. This is a true example of a community working together, and a community that we are proud and grateful to be a part of," Garfield Primary School facebook page said regarding the support our Community Bank branch provided to the project.



## Bunyip's AO for the Bushfire appeal.

On Sunday 2 February Bunyip Tennis Club hosted a free community tennis tournament and fun day to coincide with the Australian Open finals. Bunyip & District Community Bank Branch was delighted to sponsor the event which was a great success with lot of members and non members, including families, taking part.

Inspired by seeing their heroes compete at the Australian Open, the tournament attracted players of all ages and abilities, playing in a round robin doubles format. The tournament champions on the day were A Grade doubles pair Tom Nauta and Will Jackson and B/C Grade pair Vanessa Kent and 11-year-old Albert McAuley, playing in his first ever tournament.

The weather was perfect for tennis and the day was rounded off by a BBQ and an exciting raffle draw which raised funds for Mallacoota P-12 School to assist the students following the recent bushfires.



Congratulation Bunyip Tennis Club on a great community event. (L-R) Tom Nauta, President Chris Dicker, Will Jackson.

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