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#### Sports packs distribution

Recently, Board Member Rod Dunlop paid the students from the Invermay School Cluster a visit. The students were excited to be presented with a sports bag full of equipment, valued at around \$600! The sports equipment will be used by the four schools from the Invermay Cluster (Lardner and District, Athlone, Ripplebrook and Longwarry) each Friday when they come together to participate in Friday afternoon electives, which includes a PE and sports option. In addition the schools received some copies of the AFL story for children, "Pencil O'Reilly."



Board Member Rod Dunlop with students from the Invermay School Cluster. Back row: Kirrily Binney (LDPS), Emily Ross (APS), Cooper Tame (LDPS and Adrian Christensen (LDPS). Front row: Maddison Ryrie (RPS), Heath Connell-Rohde (APS) and Corey Ryrie (RPS).



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#### **Community grants**

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Drouin West Fire Brigade - \$20,000

Drouin South Fire Brigade – \$5,000

Following the receipt of a community grant for the erection of an additional shed at the brigade headquarters, the Drouin West Fire Brigade are now able to store all their required equipment, including their new slip on vehicle, in the one area.

The brigade has a long history of supporting Drouin West and other areas in fire fighting and prevention. This was never more evident than during the fires several years ago.

Drouin South Brigade also have recently completed a new station that was assisted by the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch to enable it to better the serve their district.

Both brigades are very active and these grants from the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch enable them to be more responsive and efficient in the delivery of their services.

The Chairman and Directors of the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch attended the official openings during recent times. They were shown through the buildings and given a first hand account of the difference the bank's community grants made to the particular areas.

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# Sponsorship – L2P Driving Program

The Drouin & District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch has again renewed its support for this driving program conducted under the auspice of the Neighbourhood Community House.

The program is used to ensure that young drivers, who for some reason do not have



access to a car or adult driver, are able to met the requirements of hours of practice in a motor vehicle and receive essential training from a full licence holder.

The **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch has supported the program over the past 3 years and see this as a strong commitment to road safety in our community as well as providing young members of the community with the opportunity to gain their licence when it would otherwise not be possible.

The program is supported by other businesses and groups in the district and they all recently came together to view the new vehicle that was made available to the program.

# **Community sponsorship 3BBR-FM**

Local community radio station 3BBR-FM was recently the recipient of a sponsorship of \$2400 to enable them to upgrade studio equipment.The sponsorship followed some previous support that enabled the studio to be user friendly for all community members including the disabled.

The latest sponsorship grant enabled the station to upgrade the mixing desk that it uses in all its broadcasts. The station is involved in community announcements as well as running diverse music programs and community information.



Following the setting up of the desk the station's committee invited the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch to see the new addition in action.

# Branch support – West Gippsland Healthcare Group



The staff of the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch this year joined with the West Gippsland Healthcare Group in their memorial tree program run by Palliative Care.

The program enables the community to come together to remember and celebrate the lives of a lost love one and to remember and acknowledge that palliative care is also about the living who are being supported by the healthcare group.

Each year memorial trees are placed in businesses so that community members can attach a leaf with a message concerning their loved ones who have passed or are currently being treated.

The staff erected the tree in the bank foyer and encouraged members of the community to use the opportunity to grieve and celebrate.

# Marketing/Sponsorship grant – Warragul Football/ Netball Club – 2012 Warragul Gift

Following the success of the Warragul Gift last year, the Warragul Football/Netball clubs have agreed to run the event for a second year.

They are hopeful that following a long absence the Gift can again become a major event on the social calendar in the Gippsland community.

The **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch was the initial major sponsor last year and have agreed to

support the event again this year.

The gift is run by the Victorian Athletic League. The funds raised are used by the club to support both its senior and junior program with special emphasis on the netball program. This netball program promotes participation, good health and inclusiveness.

The event will be held Saturday 15 December 2012 and the clubs are expecting a high



participation from both the public and the runners.



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

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