

# Neerim District Community Bank<sup>®</sup> Branch

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## Heart starters for clubs

Neerim District Community Bank<sup>®</sup> Branch in partnership with St John Ambulance Victoria has presented four sporting clubs and two CFA branches with life-saving automatic defibrillator units.



L-R Angus Macgillivray, Jim Cunliffe (Neerim District Bowling Club), Chris Jensen, NDFS Ltd, Martin Wells St John's Victoria, Michael Urie, Neerim Neerim South Football Netball Club, Tracel Devereux, (Hidden) and Paul Bright NDFS inspecting a defibrillator at the launch of the program.

This follows St John's new community program, *Heart Start*. Launched last month, the program will see more than \$385,000 worth of lifesaving defibrillator equipment and training given away to Victorian sporting clubs ahead of the 2012 winter sports season.

The program comes in response to the spate of cardiac arrests that occurred at community sporting events last year, and St John's desire to help avoid preventable deaths in the 2012 season. St John's vision is that all of Victoria's 2,300+ community sporting clubs involved in vigorous activity will be equipped with defibrillators and training by the start of the 2014 amateur sport season.

The life saving units were presented to the following clubs;

- Buln Buln football and netball clubs
- Neerim Neerim South Football/Netball Club
- Jindivick Cricket Club
- Neerim District Bowling Club
- Noojee CFA Unit
- Neerim South CFA Unit

The St John program is in response to cardiac arrests that occurred at community sporting events last year to help avoid preventable deaths in the 2012 season.



L-R Stephen Horton, CEO St John's, Paul Bright, Chair Neerim District Financial Services Limited, John Ladds and Matt Cumming, Neerim Neerim South Football Netball Club.

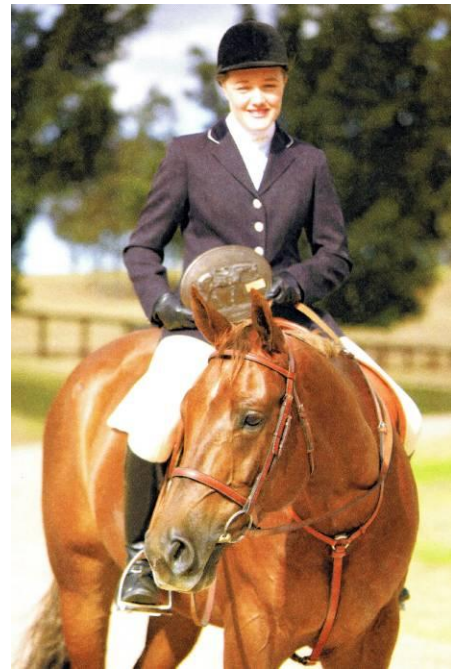


L-R Stephen Horton, CEO St John's, Paul Bright, Chair Neerim District Financial Services Limited, Brian Barwick and Phil Coombs, Neerim South CFA Unit

Paul Bright, Chairman of Neerim District Financial Services Limited, the company that operates Neerim District **Community Bank®** Branch, said the Board saw the branch's involvement in the program as being a big step towards equipping sporting clubs and community groups with defibrillator units that may help to save lives.

“Access to a defibrillator is the most important factor in saving a life following cardiac arrest according to St John Ambulance, and we wanted to ensure the best possible chance of a good outcome for our communities,” Mr Bright said.

“Whether you are a footballer, volunteer or a supporter, we're committed to supporting groups in our community that aim to make better the lives of local people.”



Lance Melbourne (Buln Buln Football Club) and Bronnie McDougal (Buln Buln Netball Club) thank the Community Bank for their donation.

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## Neerim rider selected for Australian Youth Team

Nineteen year old Neerim South resident, Liz Christian has been sponsored by Neerim District **Community Bank®** Branch after being selected in the Australian team to compete at the Quarter Horse Youth World Cup to be held in Kreuth, Germany in July 2012.

The Youth World Cup is held every two years and the team representing Australia consists of five riders, a reserve and leadership members who were selected for their riding ability, team work and show results.

2012 will not be the first time Liz has been selected in an Australian team having attended the 2010 Youth Quarter Horse World Cup in the USA. She was also a member of the Australian teams which competed in the Trans Tasman events in 2009 and 2011.

The team will be riding new horses in Germany as they cannot take their own. Each team competing from the 16 countries will draw for a group of horses which they will compete on.

The five team members will compete in many events including: Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Trail, Reining, Cutting, Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle and Hunt Seat Equitation.

Neerim District **Community Bank®** Branch congratulates Liz on her achievements and wishes her every success in Germany.

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## Tennis is a smash in Buln Buln

Buln Buln Tennis Club recently received a three-year sponsorship from Neerim District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch.



At the presentation of the sponsorship Club President, Ted Osler, said “As a junior club it was difficult to raise funds and that the support of the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> was warmly welcomed.”

Buln Buln Tennis Club has about 25 juniors who compete each week.



## Pony club sponsorship

Neerim District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch has recently entered into a sponsorship arrangement with Neerim District Pony Club.



Neerim District Pony Club works with families to nurture and promote the enjoyment of equine activities in the young. They welcome beginners and nervous riders as well as instruct the more advanced at the higher levels.

The pony club hold monthly rally's at the Neerim Recreation Reserve where any budding rider is most welcome.



## Who's who at the branch



### **Karen Johnson Senior Customer Service Officer**

Karen started work at the branch in late 2010 after moving to the district from Melbourne.

Karen is self motivated, enthusiastic and enjoys a challenge. In the past she worked for Bluescope Steel and assisted her husband Ian (Jonno) with their business Rowville Coaches (until sold).

Karen aims to deal with day to day responsibilities to the best of her abilities and attempt to exceed customer expectations.

Karen lives in Neerim East with her husband Ian and her small but increasing menagerie of farm animals.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Neerim District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch sponsors many sporting clubs in the district. During the summer season the following clubs won their respective premierships.

**Neerim District Bowling Club**  
Division 2 and Division 5 - Premiers

**Buln Buln Cricket Club**  
Division 1, Division 4 and Division 6 - Premiers  
Division 1 20/20 - Winners  
Division 1 and Division 4 – 1 Day Premiers

**Buln Buln Tennis Club**  
Division 1 Junior Boys - Premiers

Our congratulations go to all the teams on their successes.

## Contact

Call in and see us at Shop 3/115 Main Road, Neerim South and you will receive the friendly, informed service for which Neerim District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch is renowned.

The branch is staffed by the following team members:

**Tim Gilmore**  
Branch Manager

**Maureen Johnston**  
Customer Relationship  
Manager

**Karen Johnson**  
Senior Customer Service  
Officer

**Jenny Cooper**  
Customer Service Officer

**Donna Field**  
Customer Service Officer

**Brigitte Jansen**  
Customer Service Officer

For all your banking needs call into Neerim District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch at Shop 3, 115 Main Road, Neerim South or telephone us on 5628 1079, **we welcome your enquiry.**