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Neerim District Financial Services Limited

New branch

Since the last newsletter plans for the new branch and Community Business Centre have been moving forward at a fast pace. The old house on the block was demolished and cleared and the architects have been busily finalizing the drawings. The result we hope will be a building that everyone will be proud of.

In the past month the Board has received planning and building permits and a contract has been let following an extensive tendering process.

The contract to erect our new branch has been awarded to Kubale Constructions from Warragul. Tim Kubale is no stranger to the district having been educated at Neerim District Secondary College. Kubale Constructions employs and use many local contractors which was a requirement of the Board in assessing the tenders.

On 26 March 2013 the first sod was turned on the site by Jim Cunliffe (NDFS Director) and Tim Kubale (Kubale Constructions) with other Directors looking on.

Construction is due to start shortly and we expect to be in the new branch around September.



Above: Tim Kubale, Samantha Charles, Ray Childs, Paul Bright, Susan Allen, Jennie Prout and Jim Cunliffe in front of new premises.

Far left: Demolition of old house.

Middle left: Clearing the block.

Left: Tim Kubale and Jim Cunliffe turning the first sod for the new branch.



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Above: Neerim District Seniors enjoying Christmas Lunch.

Seniors Christmas lunch

Annually the Neerim District **Community Bank**[®] Branch entertains members of our senior community with a special Christmas luncheon. In early December nearly 100 people gathered at the King Arms Hotel in Neerim South for a traditional Christmas Lunch. Unfortunately the power was turned off in the town but the Hotel staff did us proud by providing a beautiful feast for all those who attended.

An enjoyable day was had by all.

Noojee train move

The Noojee District Historical Society was awarded a grant in the 2012 Community Grants round to assist them with the costs of developing the Noojee Historical Park, in particular to move the J550 locomotive from the Rotary Park in Warragul to Noojee.

After many months of planning and obtaining approval moving day arrived on Sunday 24 March 2013. With the meticulous planning and assistance from Olsen Heavy Haulage the move went smoothly and the Locomotive is now settling in at its new home in Noojee. Congratulations to all involved in this exciting project.



Top: The train ready to be loaded onto the low loader for transport to Noojee.
Above: Noojee Historical Society members pictured in front of the Locomotive in it's new home.

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Branch contacts

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**[®] Branch is renowned.

The branch is staffed by the following team members:

Branch Manager Tim Gilmore

Customer Relationship Manager Maureen Johnston

Senior Customer Service Officer Karen Johnson

Customer Service Officers
Jenny Cooper, Donna Field, Brigitte Jansen

For all your banking needs call into Neerim District **Community Bank**[®] Branch or telephone us on 5628 1079, we welcome your enquiry.

Farm World

For the first time in many years Neerim District **Community Bank**[®] Branch together with five other **Community Bank**[®] branches from West Gippsland and Rural Bank had a stand at the 2013 Farm World Field Days at Lardner Park.

Staff from the branches manned the stand over the four days of the event. It is hoped to participate in this event again in the future to espouse the benefits of believing in your **Community Bank**[®] branch.



Cricket clubs successes



Buln Buln Division A 20/20 Champions.

Neerim District **Community Bank**[®] Branch sponsors three District Cricket Clubs. During the 2012/13 season the clubs were successful in winning several premierships.

Neerim District **Community Bank**[®] Branch congratulates the Buln Buln Cricket Club in winning eight competitions – Division A, C and D in the 20/20 Competition. Division 1 and 3 in the one day competition and Division 1, 6 and Under 14's in the Two Day Competition.

The Jindivick Cricket Club's Division 4 team were successful in the One day and Two Day competitions. Unfortunately, the Neerim District Cricket Club did not win any premierships but were very competitive in a tough competition.

Well done to all involved.

Who's who in the branch



Brigitte Jansen

Brigitte has lived in Neerim South for a little over four years moving to the district from Narre Warren. She has considerable experience in the banking industry having worked for the ANZ for 18 years followed by six years with Bendigo Bank before a change to a medical receptionist for four years.

But the call of the banks was too great and in 2010 she returned to banking when employed as a Customer Service Officer at Neerim District **Community Bank**[®] Branch.

Brigitte was born in Germany, the eldest of six children. She is married to Andrew and they have three children Daniel, Elisa and Ainsley. Brigitte is also the proud grandmother of four year old Nathan.

Outside work hours Brigitte enjoys reading, crosswords, crafts and gardening but travel is her first love of which she hopes to do more in the future particularly overseas. She lists her proudest achievement as her family of whom she is extremely proud.

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Youth Foundation Neerim District

Youth Foundation Neerim District provides funding, leadership skills and resources for local youth led projects that help young people make a real difference in their communities.

It began in 2006 when Bendigo Bank along with a number of its community partners in conjunction with the Victorian State Government identified the need for such a project. Youth Foundation Neerim District was launched in 2008. Youth Foundation Neerim District was the eighth site to be launched. By June 2011, \$50,000 had been granted to youth organisations in the district for youth led projects.

In 2012 Lead On Australia, a Community Development organization which is managed by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank, took over the responsibility for administration and coordination of the network from the Office for Youth. The network is now governed by its member communities, with a Network Advisory committee selected from across the Youth Foundation member communities.

The Youth Foundation Neerim District is supported by a Local Support Committee which includes; members of the community, directors of the NDFS, staff and students from NDSC.

In 2013 Youth Foundation Neerim District wants to hear from the young people. "What you would do with \$1,000?"



Above: Aaron Webb, Samantha Charles, Tom Jolley, Caitlan Jolley.

For more information and ideas:

Leave your name and contact details with the staff at Neerim District **Community Bank**® Branch.

Join us on a Thursday 4.00pm at the Business Centre.

Email:
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Youth Foundation Neerim District congratulates Samantha Charles



Samantha Charles has been a member of Youth Foundation Neerim District from 2008. As a 2012 ABC Heywire Award winner, she attended Parliament House Canberra for the annual youth summit. The summit extended over a week with young people from Christmas Island to the Gulf of Carpentaria to Hobart, meeting to discuss their ideas with our country's leaders.

Samantha said she was nervous ahead of her pitch, but her group delivered once the presentation started. Her pitch centred around a fund for regional youth to pay for projects that will improve their community. Having been involved in a similar project in her home town, she wants to see it spread out to other parts of Australia.

When we got on stage it was like we'd climbed up a mountain - it felt like the journey was over and it was very empowering. The feedback was really good and we had a few people who are interested in getting our idea up and running."

During the week, the ABC Heywire Award winners have learnt how to formulate, refine and pitch their ideas in a persuasive and professional manner, alongside a suite of social activities. "It's been overwhelming but inspiring at the same time," Samantha said. "It reunites our community spirit that we have, and we want to take that back and try and change our little towns and make them better."

Since the Canberra experience Samantha has also addressed over 400 delegates at the **Community Bank**® Victorian State Conference in Bendigo.

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