

## 2010 Annual General Meeting

More than 40 shareholders attended the Neerim District Financial Services Limited 2010 Annual General Meeting where acting Chair, Chris Jensen announced a dividend of 12 cents per share for the 2010/11 financial year.

The dividend will be paid to shareholders by the end of 2010.

Current Directors Jim Cunliffe and Robert Evans were returned to the Board and Ken Kercheval of Jindivick was elected to a vacant position. The Chair welcomed and congratulated all directors on their election and membership of the Board.

At the board meeting held following the Annual General Meeting, Mr Chris Jensen was elected Chairman of the company for the ensuing year. Chris has been acting Chair since June 2010, following the granting of leave of absence to Paul Bright.

Greg Howson was elected as Deputy Chairman and Robert Evans elected as Treasurer.

Board members were elected to the following sub-committees:

Marketing & Sponsorship:  
Finance and Audit:  
Staff Relations:  
Shareholder Relations:  
Business Development:

The Board wishes all shareholders a very safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous 2011.



## New Branch Manager



The Neerim District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch has appointed former Bendigo Bank Business Banking Manager, Tim Gilmore as the new Branch Manager.

Tim has built a strong career in banking, including three years in Business Banking and seven years as Branch Manager at the Bendigo Bank Warragul branch.

Neerim District Financial Services Chair, Chris Jensen, said Tim's appointment would usher in a new era for the branch.

Now with Tim on board, we hope business levels will continue to increase as he works closely with local individuals, families and businesses, +Mr Jensen said.

Mr Gilmore said he looks forward to working hard in the branch, so significant returns can continue to be made to shareholders and the community.

My aim in taking on the role at Neerim was to build on the already strong relationships the branch has with its customers while adding value to the bank and its shareholders, +Mr Gilmore said.

Tim is married to Wendy and has 4 children with another one on the way.

## 2010 Community Grants

The 2010 round of Community Grants attracted 12 applications, totalling more than \$417,000.

The Board, in conjunction with the Community Enterprise Foundation, the charitable arm of the Bendigo Bank, allocated grants to four applicants, with additional funds reserved for the Neerim South Stadium gymnasium.

The successful applicants were:

**Neerim District Soldiers Memorial Hospital**  
\$27,500 was allocated towards the purchase of a Soluscope 3CCC PAA Automatic Endoscope Reprocessor.

**Neerim & District Lions Club**  
\$7,255 toward the purchase of a new trailer for their wood raffles and a photocopier.

**Neerim Cemetery Trust**  
\$ 2000 toward the purchase of a computer to record details of the cemetery

**Neerim District Agricultural & Horticultural Society**  
\$2355 to purchase a new multifunction printer/copier to allow for more efficient printing of documents associated with the annual show.

**Neerim South Primary School and Neerim District Secondary College Councils Cooperative**  
The Board in 2009 awarded the Cooperative \$25,000 to go towards the building of a gymnasium at the Neerim South Stadium. In 2010 the Board have agreed to contribute a further \$25,000.



Grant recipients pictured with Branch Manager Tim Gilmore (left) and Chair Chris Jensen (right) following presentation of 2010 Community Grants

## Who's Who on the Board

### Chris Jensen – Chair



Chris Jensen was appointed Director of the Neerim District Financial Services Limited in March 2000.

He was appointed acting Chair in June 2010 and at the Board Meeting held in October, was elected unopposed as the Chair.

Chris works as an Ambulance Paramedic for Rural Ambulance Victoria, beginning as a casual officer in 1998 and appointed permanently in 2001.

He has extensive banking experience, having worked for the State Bank of Victoria and Commonwealth Bank of Australia for 20 years. He is a committee member of the Neerim District Soldiers Memorial Hospital Board.

Chris is married to Jan and they reside in Neerim East. Chris has lived in the Neerim District since 1988 when he and Jan decided they wanted to raise their two children in the country. Both of their children are now grown up and Chris describes himself and Jan as now being empty nesters.

### Have you moved or are you considering moving?

If so, please advise the company secretary of your new contact details.

We would also like to record your banking details in our records so we can pay your dividends directly into your bank account.

Please send updated information to:  
Company Secretary  
Shop 3 115 Main Rd Neerim South VIC 3831

# Computers for Primary School Students

*The following article was written by Jennie Proust, Principal Neerim South Primary School and published in the School Newsletter on 4 November 2010.*

Last month, I had the pleasure of submitting a proposal to fund 1:1 Netbook computer access for 2011 Grade 6 students to our local Neerim District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch.



***On behalf of the students, staff and School Council we would like to acknowledge and applaud the Neerim District Financial Services Limited for their desire and generous support to enable local students every opportunity to enrich their learning opportunities 24/7.***

I'm absolutely delighted to announce that the Board of the Neerim District Financial Services Limited have supported our proposal. They have decided to underwrite the purchase of the Netbook computers and trolleys to enable all our 2011 Grade 6 students to have 24/7 access to a computer in their final year of primary schooling.

This will mean that all Grade 6 students will be using their own Netbook throughout the year to access learning tasks, locally and globally, across the curriculum.



As a school we have long held the view that the use of Netbooks will enhance and enrich the learning experience for all students.

We have a vision of 1:1 access for all our students and are diligently and energetically working our way towards this. A huge commitment financially for a school our size. These latest acquisitions mean that we have passed the 1:2 ratio (58%) of Netbook access.

***We hope that our community will support our community bank so that they can continue to fund local community projects.***

***After all  
"Strong Community = Strong Schools,  
Strong Schools = Strong Community"***

***There is no doubt that we all benefit if we all work together.***

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## **Neerim District Secondary College Computers**

In addition to funding the computers for the Neerim South Primary School, Neerim District Financial Services Limited has also committed to underwriting the purchase of Laptop computers for the year 7 students at the Neerim District Secondary College in 2010.

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## Shares Available

There are currently interested parties looking to sell shares in the Neerim District Financial Services Limited.

If you are interested in purchasing or selling shares please contact the Company Secretary (03 5628 1717) or the Branch Manager (03 5628 1079).

*Under law the Company cannot provide advice or guidance to sellers or purchasers on the price of shares.*

*This is purely a decision between the parties involved.*

## Contact

Call in and see us at Shop 3/115 Main Road, Neerim South and you will receive the friendly, informed service for which Bendigo Bank 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.

## Congratulations

During the recently completed Netball season, the Powelltown Football & Netball Club's A Grade, B Grade and C Grade teams were all successful in winning their respective premierships.

This was a first for the Yarra Valley Mountain Districts League.

As the major sponsor of the club, Neerim District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch congratulates the club and all the girls involved.

