

New Manager at branch.

Neerim District Community Bank® Branch just got Bigger.



Brendan O'Brien.

Brendan O'Brien is the newest member, joining the team as Branch Manager. Brendan has worked in banking and finance for over 28 years – including corporate, commercial, business, agricultural and domestic finance experience.

Brendan said he was excited to get down to work at Neerim District **Community Bank®** Branch and supporting the local community to be **Bigger** and better.

“We understand community objectives and work towards building long-term sustainability,” Brendan said.

Neerim District Financial Services Ltd Chairman Tim Kubale in welcoming Brendan to the team said that **Community Bank®** branches Australia-wide have contributed more than \$130 million to communities across Australia, and locally the Neerim District **Community Bank®** Branch had provided more than \$2 million to groups and projects.

“Whether it’s a home loan, personal loan, credit card, investment, insurance, financial planning or business solution we have the relevant product for your needs,” said Mr Kubale.

“The more support we can get from our customers and wider community, the more money we can distribute to these worthwhile causes,” he added.

Brendan urged locals to come into the Neerim District **Community Bank®** Branch and meet with him to discuss all their banking needs. He can also be contacted directly on 03 5628 1079.

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2015 Charity golf day.

After many months of planning more than 100 golfers teed off in the inaugural "Bendigo Bank Charity Golf Day" at Warragul Country Club on 27 February 2015.

The event was the brainchild of a group of Ladies from the Country Club who wished to raise funds for the West Gippsland Hospital in Warragul. In mid 2014, they approached the Bendigo Bank branches in the area seeking some help. The four **Community Bank**® branches at Bunyip, Drouin, Neerim and Trafalgar joined with the Warragul branch to help plan the day.

In addition to the golf a major raffle was conducted with five prizes of goods to the value of \$1,000 for each prize.

Golfers came from near and far for a fun day of golf and raise some much needed funds for the hospital. The result of the day was a magnificent donation of \$20,000 to the hospital.

The Neerim District team for the day comprised Tim Kubale, Peter Bain, Brendan O'Brien and Michael Whitford. Whilst they did not win, they did the branch proud. In addition to the playing team the branch supplied representatives to man the 7th hole where players competed for a prize by shooting for a circle on the green, although a Par 3 of only 135 metres it proved a challenging task.



Above left: Neerim team on 7th tee. Above right: Branch Managers (L-R Phil Drummond (Trafalgar), Craig Black (Drouin), James Ross (Warragul), Sue Dubbeld (Bunyip) and Brendan O'Brien (Neerim) pictured with Dan Weekes CEO West Gippsland Hospital Warragul.



Organising Committee photographed with Dan Weekes after presentation of cheque.



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Twenty 20 cricket finals.

The Neerim District **Community Bank**® Branch is a major supporter of sporting clubs in the Neerim district.

This season the branch has been the major sponsor of three district Cricket Clubs – Neerim District, Buln Buln and Jindivick.

Recently all three clubs made it to the grand finals of the Warragul and District Cricket Association's Twenty 20 competition played at Yarragon. In B Grade the Neerim District Team were victorious over a gallant team from Ellinbank. Whilst in D Grade Buln Buln came out easy winners over Jindivick.



Top right: Quick single by Neerim Batsmen.

Above: Neerim District victorious B Grade Champions. Right: Buln Buln CC D grade premiers.



Planting day at wetlands.

The Neerim South Wetlands are coming to completion with the Official Opening to be carried out on Sunday 15 March 2015. Everyone is invited to come along and have a look at this latest addition to the Neerim South Landscape.

The Wetlands project started way back in 2006 during the extended dry spell when the Neerim South oval was in dire need of some water. Over the following seven to eight years many solutions to the problem were discussed until a site was found. Many months of hard work followed raising the necessary funds including an \$85,000 grant from the Neerim District **Community Bank**[®] Branch.

In 2014 the first sod was turned and the project got underway. Now the project has been completed and the Recreation Reserve has never looked better with ample water being pumped up from the wetlands to keep the grass growing, much to the chagrin of the cricketers who are now finding it hard to hit a four.

The Neerim South Wetlands are a valuable asset for the community and will be there for many generations to enjoy.



Pictures from top to bottom show the 'before' and 'after' of the wetlands.



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Young Leaders to China.

The Neerim District Secondary College was one of five schools to be represented in the Victorian Young Leaders to China in 2014. Youth Foundation Neerim District was happy to support our local students.

The program immersed the students in an intensive educational, communication, cultural and leadership program that coincided with the Second Summer Youth Olympic Games.

School days started at 8.30am with morning sessions consisting of Speaking and Listening, Reading and Writing. Afternoons were spent covering cultural activities.

On their return two students spoke in Mandarin at the Grant Presentation for the year and had everyone sitting on the edge of their seat. Well done to all involved.

Comments from the students during the trip reveal the benefit such a program had our local students:

"This trip has allowed me to learn a lot about China and myself. I think I know a lot more about my limits and the way I think. It has also helped me steer out of my comfort zone. I think I will be able to do more things in the future now that I have experienced this trip." **Tom**

"The whole experience has been very overwhelming. I have enjoyed every second of this trip from socialising with the public of China. Although it has been so fun being here, I miss everyone back in Australia so much. In class we've studied the culture of China, language, characters and reading." **Jake**

"In a few days ago we have been through a lot, like the five-hour trip Shanghai to Nanjing, to shopping and having fun at the Yuyuan Market. School is going smoothly and we are all learning lots, however tension is building up as we're pushing to finish our performance in time for graduation." **Jordan**

"This trip is an amazing experience. I am so happy and glad that I was given this opportunity. I have learnt so much about the culture and schooling life in China." **Andy**

"My buddy, Judy, is a really nice girl and she is always teaching me about her family and I am sharing my life with her. With Judy I have been shopping, played badminton, played basketball, had dinner with her family to help celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival." **Jessica**

Top: School opening. Middle: Speaking at the Annual General Meeting. Bottom: Bamboo dance.



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