



# Neerim District Community Bank® Branch Newsletter November 2011

## Community Grants

This year the Neerim District Community Grants program received 25 applications for nearly \$280,000. The successful applicants and their projects are detailed below.

### Jindivick Hall Committee Inc \$8500 for a new hall veranda

The Jindivick Hall is the central focus for the community of Jindivick and is used by groups for activities, functions and in times of emergency. The Committee plans to erect a veranda across the front of the hall to provide shelter to the hall entrance and the town's disabled toilets.



Grant Recipients: (L . R)  
Andrea Schellekens (Neerim Hall Committee), Mitch Rosin, Stephen Keating, Jessica Lechte (Buln Buln Primary School), Lindsay Hansford (Noojee Historical Society), John Batt, Beth Delzoppo (St John's Op Shop), Greg Eversteyn, Charles Bransgrove (Neerim Junction Mechanics Institute)

**Sponsorships and donations granted in 2011 brings total returns to the Neerim District community to more than of \$1.0 Million**

**A further \$290,000 has been returned to shareholders in dividends**



Beth Delzoppo and Paul Bright cutting cake to celebrate \$1 million back to the community

### Neerim District Rural Primary School \$1500 for instruments for their Violin Music Program

Neerim District Rural Primary School conduct a Violin music program where all students learn to play violin. This grant will enable the school to purchase appropriate sized violins and music stands for the students

**Mawarra Centre Inc.**  
**\$5756 for new computers**

The current computer room at Mawarra Centre contains computers that were donated to the organisation more than five years ago. The grant will enable them to purchase modern computers, offering users the latest technology. The Computer Room is used by Mawarra clients plus community groups such as U3A, Warragul Community House and Scope.

**Neerim South Public Hall Committee**  
**\$4532 to refurbish hall and kitchen floors**

The grant will enable the Hall Committee to refurbish the floor of the main hall as well as upgrade the floor in the kitchen to meet health standards.

**Anglican and Uniting Churches**  
**Parish of Neerim South**  
**\$500 for new fittings for St John Op Shop**

The Op Shop has recently moved into new premises and the grant will enable them to make the interior more functional and welcoming for volunteers and customers.



Beth Delzoppo and John Batt accepting grant to Op Shop from Rob Evans, Director NDFS

**Neerim Junction Mechanics Institute**  
**\$750 for new foyer seating**

This community asset is used by a number of groups including yoga and exercise classes, book club, craft meetings and community functions. Currently there are no comfortable seats in the foyer. This grant will enable the functionality and ambience of the facility to be improved.

**Neerim Memorial Hall Committee**  
**\$2620 for installation of split system air-conditioning in the meeting room**

We all know the feeling . going to a meeting where there is no heating in winter and cooling in summer. The grant to the Neerim Hall Committee will enable them to install a split system unit in the hall's meeting room making it more appealing to use.



Andrea Schellekens accepts grant on behalf of Neerim Hall Committee from Chris Jensen, NDFS Director

**Buln Buln Primary School**  
**\$3560 for commemorative paving project**  
Buln Buln Primary School recently completed a multi-purpose building as part of the 'Building the Education Revolution'. Community members have purchased named pavers to be installed in a commemorative path, linking the new building to other school buildings. The grant will enable the path to be laid and additional pavers purchased.



Ken Kercheval, Director NDFS presenting grant to Stephen Keating, Jessica Lechte and Mitch Rosin from Buln Buln Primary School

**Noojee & District Historical Society Inc  
\$2000 to develop a website**

Noojee Historical Society will use their grant to establish a website. The society is currently managing some crown land to develop and recreate the original railway station, woods shed and timber mill. The website will enable the society to enhance communication within the community about their projects.

**TOTAL value of grants in 2011 was  
\$29,538**

In addition to the above grants the Company is working closely with the Primary and Secondary School Co-operative to establish a gymnasium at the stadium. More details will be announced in the near future.

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**“Drouin West student wins  
“Bill Cumming” Young  
Achiever Award”**

Katherine Charles from Drouin West has been awarded the Neerim District **Community Bank**® Branch Bill Cumming Young Achiever Award for 2011.

Ms Charles was nominated for the award by Neerim District Secondary College Principal, Michaela Cole, for receiving the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Award in 2009, which grants her a Melbourne University scholarship.

Neerim District **Community Bank**® Chairman, Paul Bright, said Ms Charles involvement with State Schools Athletics competitions and awarded a category runner-up in the Lions Youth of the Year makes her a ideal award recipient.

“Prior to his sudden death in 2009, Bill Cumming was an active member of the Neerim community, encouraging local young people to achieve their best, no matter what activity they were involved in,+Mr Bright said.



Katherine Charles is presented with her award by Paul Bright Chairman NDFS.

“The Bill Cumming Young Achiever Awards were established in Bill’s memory to acknowledge the achievements of a young person from the district, and we are pleased to support this initiative for the benefit of our community.”

Wife of the late Bill Cumming, Christine Cumming said she and her family were proud to offer the award to Ms Charles.

“Katherine’s nomination was excellent and she obviously demonstrates initiative in all she has taken on in her young years.”

“The diversity of her interests and her achievements, volunteer work, academic success, sporting and peer support mentoring, are quite amazing and we wish her all the best for the future.”

The Board and staff of Neerim District **Community Bank**® Branch congratulates Katherine on her well-earned award.

Absent: Tony Allen (Executive Officer).

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## NEW BOARD MEMBER

At the 2011 Annual General Meeting of Neerim District Financial Services Limited, Peter Bain was elected to the Board of Directors.

Peter is the Owner/Manager of Neerim South Foodworks supermarket and although he has only been a resident of the district for a short time he has shown a keen interest in assisting the various groups of the district.

Christopher Jensen, a foundation Board member and Susan Allen were re-elected for a further three years.

At the first meeting following the AGM, Paul Bright was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year with Chris Jensen as Deputy Chair.



NDFS Board (L-R) Back Tim Gilmore (Branch Manager), Ken Kercheval, Chris Jensen, Jim Cunliffe, Peter Bain. Seated: Susan Allen, Paul Bright (Chair), Tracel Devereux.

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