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Neerim District **Community Bank**® Branch



September 2012

We are moving

After more than 12 years in Shop 3, 115 Main Road Neerim South the Neerim District **Community Bank**® Branch is moving.

The Board of the Neerim District Financial Services Limited recently took the decision to purchase the land at 143-145 Main Road where a new branch and Community Business Centre will be built.

The current site has become too small for the branch and as business has continued to grow rapidly it was decided that a new bigger branch was needed.

The site at 143-145 Main Road will allow the erection of a building to house the branch and the Neerim District Community Business Centre. The Neerim District Community Business Centre will house the office and Boardroom of the company. The Boardroom will also be available to community groups for meetings.

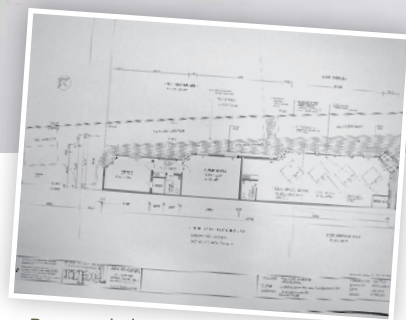
The new bank premises will be a "Bank of the Future" design but will incorporate all of the features found in the current branch and more.



Architect drawing.

The building design is currently being worked on and it is anticipated work will begin on the site before the end of 2012.

More information will shortly become available. So watch this space.



Proposed plan.



Current branch.



New site.

Notice of AGM

The Annual General Meeting for Neerim District Financial Services Limited ABN 46 091 832 923 will be held on Thursday 27 October at Phoenix Room, Neerim South Recreation Reserve at 7.00pm. All welcome.

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Neerim District Financial Services Limited

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Sustainable success



Tim Gilmore, Branch Manager (Left) and Michaela Cole, Principal Neerim District Secondary College (Right) with students discussing the "Switch to Save" program.

Generation Green™ & Neerim District Community Bank® Branch

Bendigo & Adelaide Bank's Generation Green™ launched an energy saving initiative called 'Switch to Save'. With support from the banks 228 Victorian branches, this program will aim to see 22,000 Victorian households lower their energy bills by an average of \$200 a year whilst reducing their impact on the environment by installing approximately 60,000 Embertec SmartSwitches™ to these homes.

The Embertec SmartSwitch™ intuitively turns off unused or dormant televisions and PC's and cuts the standby power to these devices. Standby power equates to approximately 10% of household energy consumption.

The value of these devices is \$100 each and we have been able to secure a fee for service which will allow us to contribute \$15 to a local school for every household who receives the devices.

Neerim District Community Bank® Branch partnered with the Neerim District Secondary College for the Switch to Save program – funds raised will go towards a music/media room at the school. The room will be utilized by a cluster of local schools and community members.

Efforts the branch went to:

- Engaged their local post office to help promote to their local residents
- Local Foodworks supermarket store placed flyers in customers grocery bags
- Staff handing out flyers at local football games – attached was a letter from the school informing them what the funds will be used for
- Branch Manager addressed the local school students about the program and the school promoted the program in their newsletter
- Staff actively promoted the program to customers and asked if they knew others people who may like to register for the program.

Thanks to the efforts of the branch and the Neerim Community 364 households in the area were registered for the program which should see around \$5000 go towards the school music / media room.

Neerim District community connections

Samantha Charles is a great ambassador not only for Youth Foundations Victoria, but Bendigo's Community Bank® model.

At the age of 21, Samantha is one of the youngest people to be elected as a Director on the Board of a Community Bank® company.

Samantha started with Youth Foundation Neerim District four years ago and during that time has worked towards connecting young people with the wider community.

The Youth Foundation has formed a local support group with two Directors, a community representative, staff and students from Neerim District Secondary College and Neerim District Community Bank® Branch staff.

Neerim District is a community with a small number of youth who are taking the necessary steps to achieve big things.



Samantha Charles.



Susan Allen, Jessica Johnson, Jack Erickson, Tamika Clancy and Beth Delzoppo consider Neerim District Youth Foundation project options.

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Neerim South Wetlands Project

A community-led project to create a Wetlands with visitor facilities for the benefit of the community of Neerim South and surrounding district.

Originally developed as a solution for the establishment of a sustainable water supply for irrigating the Neerim South Recreation Reserve during dry periods, the Wetlands project has identified numerous other benefits for the local community.

The Baw Baw Shire Council-facilitated Community Engagement process in early 2007 endorsed the Wetlands project as the Number 1 priority for the Neerim district. Recently the Neerim District **Community Bank**[®] Branch decided to support this project with a grant over 2 years of \$85,000. This grant will enable the project managers to leverage additional funds to complete the project.

Why would Neerim District Community Bank[®] Branch want to support the project ?

The project will:

- Create an aesthetically-pleasing community space (a “park-like” setting) fostering passive recreation and social engagement.
- Create an environmental centre-piece for the community and visitors.
- Harvest storm water runoff from new developments to the east and west and from the drainage system to the south.
- Treat and reuse storm water runoff to irrigate the Neerim South Recreation Reserve.
- Transform an ugly unused and weed-infested swampy piece of council-owned wasteland into an asset valued by the community!

A Sustainable water supply during dry periods

During dry periods, the Wetlands will service the water supply needs for irrigation of the:

- Neerim South Recreation Reserve; and
- Neerim District Secondary College sports ground

And provide an accessible water supply for...

- Neerim South Rural Fire Brigade (CFA) for Fire-fighter training during water restrictions

Where will the Wetlands be located ?

Public access to the Wetlands precinct will be from Railway Road immediately West of the point where the road crosses Red Hill Creek (car-parking will be off-road at this point), and a walking track which links the precinct directly with the Neerim South’s town centre.

The Community Working Group meets monthly to manage the process of developing the project. The group comprises stakeholders or their representatives and interested members of the community.

All members of the community of the Neerim district are cordially welcome to attend these meetings, and to have a say in this exciting project. People wishing to attend a meeting are encouraged to call the Working Group’s Chairperson Mike Haughton on 5628 1419.



Site of the Neerim South Wetlands.



Watch the Bendigo Bank story at
www.bendigobank.com.au/snapshots

Staff profile:



Jenny Cooper.

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Jenny Cooper is no stranger to the Neerim South Community. She joined the branch in 2010 after 10 years running the local Post Office - so most people know her. Jenny currently lives in Warragul in a new home she, and her husband of 27 years, Bruce built after they left the Post Office. They keep busy establishing gardens etc. and have 2 adult children Sarah (21) and Andrew (18). Jenny enjoys catching up with family and friends whenever she can and is starting to enjoy holidays after not having any for the 10 years she was in the Post Office.



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:

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®** Branch at Shop 3, 115 Main Road, Neerim South or telephone us on 5628 1079, we welcome your enquiry.

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