



Supporting Ambulance Victoria and the “Good SAM” initiative – A word from Ambulance Victoria

When someone suffers a cardiac arrest, seconds count. In fact for every minute that someone in cardiac arrest goes without CPR and defibrillation, their chance of survival drops by 10%. Victoria has one of the best out of hospital cardiac survival rates in the world, but this could be better. That is why Ambulance Victoria has partnered with Good SAM to help us work with the community to ensure timely CPR and Defibrillation arrives to all cardiac arrest patients when they need it.

As much as we would like it to be the case, an Ambulance will not be at every cardiac arrest in a matter of a few minutes, but with Good SAM a trusted responder from within the community can be.

When someone calls 000 for a suspected cardiac arrest the 000 operator will provide telephone CPR instructions and dispatch our Ambulance Community Officers and Paramedics to come as quickly as they can. The Good SAM app then takes the location of our registered trusted responders (people such as doctors, nurses, fire fighters, surf life savers and off duty ambulance personnel etc. who live in your community) and tells them that someone nearby is in suspected cardiac arrest so that they can provide help until an ambulance can arrive.

Importantly where an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) is nearby and available, Good SAM will tell the trusted responder where to find it so they can get the AED and use it to save a life! Rest assured that if we send someone to come and grab your AED for a Good SAM alert, Ambulance Victoria will ensure that we restore it to working order (i.e. replace the pads etc.) for you.

Ambulance Victoria estimates that nearly 2,500 AED's are bought but not registered every year. That means that we can't tell someone who might be able to use it where to find it. If your sporting club, workplace or community group has an AED then you can help us to save lives. Make sure it is registered (visit

www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/register) and have a conversation about putting it somewhere that anyone can access it. Having an AED locked inside a building is no good to anyone without a key – an alarmed AED cabinet costs less than \$400 and will make your AED accessible to anyone at any time. We know some people are concerned about vandalism and theft, but our experience across Victoria has been that this is not the case. Ambulance Victoria and the Neerim District **Community Bank**[®] Branch are really keen to see all AEDs in the Baw Baw district registered and outside and publicly accessible.

If you are from a smaller outlying community then sadly the chances are that if someone suffers a cardiac arrest it could be a friend or relative, so making sure there is an AED nearby is really important. There are a number of grants and the like available for AEDs and if you are not sure how to go about it, drop in and speak to one of the Ambulance Team at Neerim South.

The Neerim District **Community Bank**[®] Branch are committed to helping Ambulance Victoria achieve their goal of making all AED's accessible to the public. We are re-visiting all community groups that we donated an AED to and offering them an AED alarmed cabinet to help this process along. We thank all the groups getting on board with this initiative which ultimately may end up saving your own life or the life of someone you love.

Ross Salathiel,
Paramedic Community Support Coordinator West Gippsland



Community Hub.

Neerim District Financial Services are exploring a potential Community Hub, to be located at the Neerim South Recreation Reserve, and we are seeking your input.

We arrived at this point after hosting the Community Forum in November 2017. We collated the community's feedback and ideas and believe the Neerim District would benefit by consolidating the communities needs into one large project.

We have engaged a local professional who has drafted a hub plan. It is purely a draft, to display our initiative and does not represent the finished product. After a number of meetings, we have gained interest from the following parties:

- Baw Baw Shire
- Regional, State, and Federal Government
- Gary Blackwood
- AFL Gippsland
- Latrobe Valley Authority (LVA).

We are also exploring collaborative project funding with Federation Training and Emergency Services.

We anticipate that potentially this project could benefit the following community groups/businesses and more:

- the football/netball club with potential for a women's football team
- the tennis club
- the cricket club
- the scouts and guides
- a community function centre
- a community gymnasium
- a community men's shed
- a community playground
- a community garden
- a child care centre
- a community library
- a food bank
- multi use spaces for private instructors e.g.: pilates, dance or councillors and tutors.
- A business centre.

This is not everything. There are many more ideas we can explore down the track. These are a few suggestions.

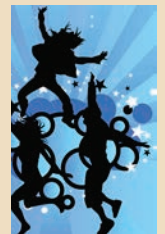
We will endeavour to share all ongoing, relevant information with you, and will continue to consult the wider community. It is important to understand this would be a council run project if it came to fruition. The Neerim District **Community Bank**® Branch is simply gaining financial interest in order to get the project off the ground.

We need your help, and we need it now. The momentum behind this initiative will not continue unless we have the support of the community and community groups. If your community group recognises the benefits to the Neerim District, please provide a letter of support.

Please share this at your next meeting(s). Letters of support can be emailed to ndfs@ndfs.com.au or mailed to Neerim District Financial Services. 143-145 Main Neerim Road, Neerim South, Vic 3831.

Bill Cumming Young Achiever Award 2018.

Nominations are now open for the Bill Cumming Young Achiever Award. Bill was an active member of our community encouraging young people to strive for excellence. This award is presented annually to a worthy recipient in his honour.



Nominees must be aged between 15 and 25 years of age and have achieved in one or more of the following fields; technology, arts, music, community service, sport or study. Nominees must also reside in, or have a connection to, the Neerim District, and have demonstrated initiative in the pursuit of their goals.

Nomination forms are available from Neerim District **Community Bank**® Branch and should be submitted by 30 September 2018.

For further information about the Bill Cumming Young Achiever Award contact 5628 1079 or 5628 1106.



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Around the grounds.

Local footy.

The Warragul and District Junior Football League home and away season finished a couple of weeks ago and the Ellinbank and District Football League home and away ended on 18 August. We would like to congratulate all our sponsored clubs on a fabulous season, and wish those playing in the finals series the best of luck!



Local cricket.

Registration is now open for most cricket clubs.

Neerim District Cricket Club (NDCC) registrations for all teams from Junior Blasters to A Grade are open online now at www.playcricket.com.au and search your local club.

NDCC also have a new magazine called "The Stag" with everything you need to know about what's happening this season. You can pick up a copy at IGA, Neerim South Milk Bar, Jindi Pig, Neerim South Timber and Hardware and Rexel Warragul.



NDCC have a season launch on 4 October and a family Halloween party on 31 October.

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Local tennis.

Neerim District Tennis Club had their registration day on Wednesday 22 August from 5.00pm – 6.00pm.

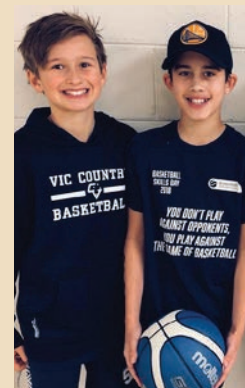
Neerim District Bowls Club.

Neerim District Bowls Club is holding a free school holiday program – 'Learn Lawn Bowls'. This three day program is available to children ages 12 and up (parents welcome to stay for a cuppa), in the first week of the school holidays starting Wednesday 26 September 2018, 10.00am and finishes before 11.30am at the club, 16-22 Main Road, Neerim South. Phone Colin on 5628 1467 to register.



Neerim District Junior Basketball Club.

Congratulations to two of the Wolves club juniors who have been selected (of only three in our region) to attend the BVC Jamboree. 1,000 of the best players from across the state tried out at nine different regional venues and only 120 males and 120 females were selected to represent Victoria Country Development Team in the Jamboree at Echuca. Congratulations to Neerim Wolves players Riley Morehu and Ewan Croucher (pictured) on being chosen to attend this prestigious event.



AGM, sponsorship and grants.

The Neerim District Financial Services Limited has previously held the AGM and grant presentations in October and Sponsorship presentations in March and August.

We have decided this year to host all of these events on one night. This will take place on Tuesday 30 October at the Phoenix Rooms, Neerim Recreation Reserve at 7.00pm. The AGM will take place first followed by presentations, finger food and drinks. Invitations will be formally sent out at a later date.

As of 30 June 2018 we have facilitated the return of \$2.72 million back to the community.

Piggy at pre-school.

Piggy took a stroll down to Mary Beck pre-school recently to visit the children who were dressed up for book week. He delivered a sports pack full of balls while he was there – an initiative of the Neerim District **Community Bank**® Branch this year. The children loved Piggy and asked him to visit again soon.



Neerim – Neerim South Football Netball Club kitchen upgrade.

Back in 2016, The Football Club applied through the Neerim District **Community Bank**® Branch Grants Programme for funds to upgrade their kitchen.

The Phoenix rooms are used by many community groups and locals for such things as school assemblies and exams, funerals, 21sts, club functions, end of year concerts, presentation nights and AGM's.

Since the kitchen and rooms were built 27 years ago, the population of Neerim South has tripled and use of the rooms has increased. With the addition of the newly formed Neerim District Junior Football Club, the kitchen now generates 120 plus meals on a Thursday night for club members and local families.

At the end of 2017, after having sourced the remaining funding, planning commenced, and works were carried out in March.

Upgrades included:-

- New walk in area with pantry, storage and a commercial two-door freezer

- New commercial service refrigerator
- An additional two-basket deep fryer
- A custom made stainless steel island bench on castors with built in bain marie, a service pass with heated lights, four lockable drawers and enough storage to house all pots and crockery and trays beneath
- New stainless steel bench
- A stainless steel cover for the double sink to be converted to more bench if required
- Freshly painted throughout.

The majority of funds were invested in the Island bench which can be relocated in the future if ever required.

Many thanks to Matt Cumming and Aiden Dibsedale, Nick Humphrey, Darren Cornwall and Danny Sheehan for their in-kind contributions to the project and to Simon Duck and Rosie Smith for their valuable advice. Mostly thanks to the Neerim District **Community Bank**® Branch for recognising the importance of this upgrade and helping us fulfil this goal.



Did you know?



Did you know that the Neerim District Financial Services Limited Board Room is available for community groups to use free of charge? If you need somewhere to hold your next meeting, make a

booking to use our boardroom at the **Community Bank**® branch.

Our boardroom can also be hired by businesses. Hire rates and other info can be obtained in the branch or phone 5628 1106.

Branch contacts.

Call in and see us at 143 Main Neerim 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:** Brendan O'Brien
- Customer Relationship Manager:** Maureen Johnston
- Senior Customer Service Officer:** Karen Hart
- Customer Service Officer:** Donna Field
- Customer Service Officer:** Paula Guy
- Customer Service Officer:** Melissa Furneaux

For all your banking needs call into Neerim District **Community Bank**® Branch at 143 Main Neerim Road, Neerim South or telephone us on 5628 1079.

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