

Community Grants Program 2016 - banking locally benefits the local community.

\$27,202 donated to community groups.

Thank you to all the community groups who submitted applications to the Community Grants Program. A total of \$27,202 has been distributed to the following successful groups:

- Willaura & District Community Development Group Inc. -\$1,000 Willaura's Big Night Out 2016
- Streatham & District Historical Society \$1,000
 Preserve & display items of historical interest
- · Lake Bolac P-12 College \$4,000 Outdoor classroom
- Willaura Fire Brigade \$2,752 Smoking Safely "Smoke Generator" Equipment Project
- Lake Bolac Community Complex & Lake Bolac Eel Festival - \$3,300 11th Lake Bolac Eel Festival
- Willaura Memorial Hall \$2,000 Willaura Hall Acoustic Rectification & Stage Upgrade
- Lake Bolac Family Day Care
 \$5,500 Infrastructure upgrade
- Willaura & District Community Development Group Inc. - \$1,000
 Willaura Harvest Cut Out 2017
- Wickliffe Recreation
 Reserve \$5,000
 Refurbishment of
 community centre outdoor
 area
- Lake Bolac Cemetery Trust
 \$550 Install Water Tank
- Willaura Health Care
 Auxiliary \$1,100 Willaura
 Healthcare Outdoor
 Market 2017.



Lake Bolac Cemetery Trust Committee Member George Murray pictured accepting a cheque from Branch Manager Trevor Link to install a water tank at the cemetery.



EGHS CEO, Nick Bush and Willaura Auxiliary member, Jane Millear received the \$1,100 cheque from **Community Bank®** Branch Manager, Trevor Link, with Mr Link saying, "We are very pleased to be able to give back to the community who have supported our local branches at Willaura & Lake Bolac."

Change your clock - change your smoke alarm battery.

Daylight saving time commences on Sunday 2 October. This year the Willaura/Lake Bolac **Community Bank**® Branch is again pleased to offer a free replacement smoke alarm battery to each residence in the districts serviced by the **Community Bank**® branches. Batteries are now available for collection from Willaura or Lake Bolac branches. Recipients of batteries may be required to produce ID verifying their residential address.

Community Grant Fund – dividend donations.

The Willaura, Wickliffe, Lake Bolac, Woorndoo and Tatyoon Cemetery Trusts have each received \$275 recently thanks to the generous shareholders who chose to donate their 2015 dividend to the fund.



Committee Member David Barry from the Woorndoo Cemetery Trust pictured accepting a cheque from CSO Simone McDonald.

Photo at top of page courtesy Peter Pickering.

Willaura/Lake Bolac Financial Services Limited 70 Main Street, Willaura VIC 3379 **ABN** 83 108 159 422 **Directors:** Colin McKenzie (Chairman), Lyn Webster (Secretary), Jane Blackburn, Robert Fraser, Rowley Paterson, Colleen White, David Hucker, Lisa Wills and Davina Stacv.

Changes to the **Community Bank®** company Board.

Heather Fleming and Scott Price have both stepped down from the Board to spend more time with family and on their farming operations. Both Scott and Heather have been involved with the **Community Bank**® company from its origins being part of the original Steering Committee some 14 years ago. They have also held additional positions on the Board during their tenure with Heather spending time in the Secretary role and Scott as Treasurer. Both have made an outstanding contribution in building and promoting local banking services within the community and we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them on their achievements and thank them for their efforts.

New addition to the **Community Bank®** company Board.

Davina Stacey has joined the **Community Bank®** company Board. Davina and her husband Brian, run a farm in Wickliffe and have two children. Davina works at Gorst Rural and also provides Rural Financial Counselling services within the district. With her farming background and being a qualified CPA Davina is an excellent addition to the Board and has already settled into the new role well.

Welcome to our new casual staff member.

Next time you visit one of the branches you may notice a new face to our team. Donna Gannon started with the Willaura/Lake Bolac **Community Bank**® Branch team in July and she is in the midst of her teller training. We appreciate your patience while she settles into her new role.

Annual General Meeting.

To be held on Thursday 27 October 2016 at Willaura Memorial Hall 7.30pm. All shareholders, family and friends welcome. RSVP to the branch is essential no later than Monday 24 October.

Guest Speaker is Neil Manning (Ararat Rural City Council) who is a qualified Geologist and will speak about Stavely Minerals and the geology of the area in general

Spring Cleaning Copper Coin Drive.

Don't know what to do with those old 1 cent and 2 cent coins? Bring your unwanted coins into the **Community Bank®** branches during the month of October and donate them to a worthy cause. Proceeds will go to the Lake Bolac Family Day Care Centre to assist with facility improvements and Willaura Playgroup who has recently commenced meeting again.

Congratulations to the MDFL and MDNA winners!

The Willaura/Lake Bolac

Community Bank® branches
and Dunkeld Community Bank®
Branch are proud to be the
major naming rights sponsor
for the MDFL and congratulates
all of this year's Grand Final
winners. Our communities may
be small but they're important.
Like our Community Bank®
branch, hard work and plenty of
support reaps rewards that are
wide reaching for us all. Good
for you and your community!



Branch Manager Trevor Link with MDFL Board Members enjoying Grand Final Day at Glenthompson.

Willaura/Lake Bolac Community Bank® Branch

Willaura

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Opening hours: Tuesday and Thursday 11.00am – 4.00pm,

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