



3 million wishes come true

We celebrate our communities every day and we are proud to announce we have just given our \$3 millionth sponsorship dollar! It would take three million dollar coins laid end-to-end to cover the distance (7.5km as the crow flies) between our Warburton and Yarra Junction branches!

On every road you travel in our region, at every park or sports ground, school or cultural destination this funding has been used to create something for all of us. That's three million wishes come true!



Sponsorship has allowed the Redwood Community Centre to provide relevant services, run exciting programs and overall to meet the needs of the local community. We would not be helping so many people today if it wasn't for sponsorships.

I can't thank the Warburton and Yarra Junction Community Bank® branches and Upper Yarra Community Enterprise enough.

Kate Barratt – Redwood Community Centre



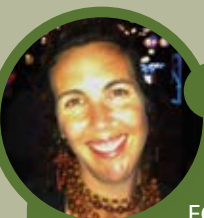
Our sponsors for Warburton Up & Running, held every February, are all local and so not only has sponsorship drawn attention to our event but also to local business and the wider Warburton community. Without sponsorship it would not be possible to put on our event.

David Hoffman – Community Bank Warburton Up & Running



Without sponsorship we couldn't operate – it's that simple. With sponsorship, dozens of us get to create, perform, inspire, encourage and teach theatre, acting and live performance skills.

Claire Bamford – Catprint Warburton Theatre Productions



ECOSS is incredibly grateful for the major sponsorship support we have had for our events over the years of our existence. It's meant we have been able to deliver sustainability education to the community and run big free accessible festivals at ECOSS in Wesburn and Ecotopia at Yarra Junction. We live in a low socio-economic area and without this support we would not be able to make our events so accessible.

Chelsea McNab – ECOSS

Welcome to our new director



We welcome Sarah Ward to our Board of Directors. Sarah works closely with youth in the Valley and is the founder of MISFIT Theatre Company. She was also our Ian De La Rue Youth Initiative Awardee in 2012.

~ The Ian De Le Rue Youth Initiative Award 2015 ~

Five outstanding people show the way of the future

This year we acknowledge five young people in our community as part of our Youth Initiative Award. The contribution made by Aleksei, Harley, Rebecca, Hannah and Steven was held in such high regard by our Board Members it was impossible to isolate just one winner. On behalf of our community, we say thank you to these young people for the opportunities they create for others as leaders in our towns, each of which receive \$1000. Congratulations to:

Aleksei Bondarenko-Edwards (age 24) nominated by Lesley Grimes

Aleksei is a local champion for affordable health and wellbeing. Through his work at the Yarra Centre, he has created positive networks with community health practitioners, and mental health support networks and runs programs to engage with young adults in the local community. He has youthful energy and his skills in marketing and social media have provided new perspectives in connecting his community. He has supported 'Community Bank Warburton Up and Running' to showcase Warburton as a place of recreation and encourage the community to exercise. Aleksei is completing his Masters in Community Development.

Lesley says: 'Aleksei is well connected in our community. He is enthusiastic, positive and motivated to be inclusive of people from culturally diverse backgrounds and is responsive to the needs of those experiencing disadvantage.'



Harley Lubeck (age 19) nominated by Tony Aulich

When adversity struck, Harley rose to the challenge. Re-enrolling back into school, he has grown personally and been committed to making up lost ground. He is a role model to other young men and displays a keen interest in community. He was active in the Warburton Skatepark initiative and recently co-organised a fundraiser for War Veterans.

Harley is heavily involved in the Yarra Junction Football and Netball clubs and coaches their after-school kids football program. He is in Year 12 at the Yarra Valley Community School where he is senior Student Council Representative.

Tony says: 'When Harley was out of action with a knee injury he volunteered instead. He never missed a night or a day and was reliability and initiative personified. He shows other youth they can do it.'



Conquering Warburton

Warburton came alive to the sound of the vikings' call in October with more than 1500 people enjoying activities, food and fun the Nordic way.

We've been proud sponsors of the Nordic Festival since it began and are sad to learn this was the last one. Many thanks for being great sponsorship recipients!



Yarra Junction Table Tennis Club

Meeting every Tuesday and Friday between 9am and 11am at the Yarra Centre, this club provides a great opportunity for people of any age to enjoy a social game of table tennis, and get some exercise while making new friends. Morning tea is a big winner. New players are always welcome and a gold coin donation is all that is required to join the fun. See Egon for more info.

Sport



The Ian De Le Rue Youth Initiative Award 2015

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Rebecca Lumsden-Keys (age 22) nominated by Sarah Ward-Brumhead

Rebecca is a director of MISFIT Theatre and is responsible for all theatre promotions, which includes encouraging young at-risk people and youth of all abilities to participate. She has profiled the stories of more than 140 young people through the MISFIT Facebook page encouraging a deeper level of understanding and providing a voice to youth in the valley. She is also bringing her leadership and organisational talents to The MISFIT Project, a social enterprise dedicated to driving opportunities for young people. She is involved with River Valley Church, and is one of the organisers of Warburton Carols by Candlelight. Rebecca is a mother, a student at Deakin University and co-owner of a photography business. Sarah says: 'Bec has a passion for youth empowerment and works hard to create a better future for young people in the Upper Yarra Valley.'



Hannah Mahoney (age 15) nominated by Kate Barratt

Hannah understands one person can make a difference. She is a true advocate for Warburton and proudly volunteers at Koha Community Café, Redwood Kids Resilience Building mentoring program, the local school and the community gardens. She is considerate and passionate in her commitment to help and motivate others. She is currently Junior School Captain at Upper Yarra Secondary College. She recently offered 'Free Hugs' in Melbourne to spread the message of kindness.

Kate says: 'Her dedication and kindness has made a lasting impact on the Redwood mentoring program and its kids.'

Steven Sanders (age 24) nominated Barry McDonald

When the Powelltown Football Club needed an Under 18 coach this year, Steven stepped up as a leader. Steven has, through his patience and determination, created a culture of hard work and a challenging, yet safe environment for the players who all look up to him, and despite not winning a game all year have remained committed and connected. Steven always leads with the values of honesty, respect and integrity. Barry says: 'Without Steven's drive, commitment and passion for his players there would be twenty young men without a football team.'



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Warburton Primary School cooks up kid-friendly kitchen



With just one cooking station in a makeshift kitchen, the children at Warburton Primary School only got hand-ons in cooking class once every 6-8 weeks. All that has changed with their new 'Kid-friendly Kitchen' with every child from Foundation to Grade Six now having the opportunity to learn how to prepare and eat fresh

used for the breakfast and hot lunch program, to cater for school events, and to create produce for markets and fundraisers.

The primary school has participated in three stages of our Special Effort Fundraising program to raise funds for the various stages of the kitchen project.

Parent Andrew Hunter says, 'The SEF provided us with the opportunity to get serious about our fundraising efforts.

We realised that we needed to be more strategic and look for creative ways to raise bigger amounts of money more readily.'

One of the goals of SEF is to create new customers and many school families opened accounts. The

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then matched donations \$2 for every \$1 deposited. 'With lots of families doing this, we made steady progress toward what seemed a huge goal at the start,' says Andrew.

We congratulate the school community for their efforts and for the milestone of their 140th year in operation, which they celebrated at Springfest on October 31. The school's long history is also a bright future, especially now for kids in the kitchen.



Having the Community Bank behind the project gave it credibility when we approached other sponsors

healthy, school-grown produce every week.

The kitchen and garden program is integral to the schools curriculum, providing important opportunities for integrated learning; literacy in recipe reading, maths in measuring ingredients, a passion for good food and essential social skills.

With movable benches and a commercial quality fit-out, the kitchen is a valuable asset to the school community. It will also be

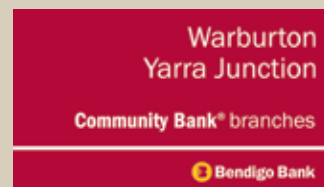
The Community Bank® story

Supporting your Community Bank®

The Warburton and Yarra Junction Community Bank® branches are operated by the community and for the community under franchise by the Upper Yarra Community Enterprise (UYCE).

The core purpose of our Community Bank® is the advancement of the Upper Yarra community. This is achieved through the allocation of sponsorship funding that is generated via a profit-for-purpose business model. The Community Bank® prospers because of the support of local people doing their everyday banking at the Warburton or Yarra Junction branches. Staying local is essential to our local economy.

More than \$2.7 million has been invested in worthy local community-based projects and organisations since our Community Bank® was established in February 2000.



Supporting your community through Sponsorships and Donations

Your Community Bank®, in conjunction with UYCE, distributes funds to community projects through Sponsorships and Donations. Every year, important investments are made in areas as diverse as sports and recreation, education, arts and culture and civic organisations that support the successful operation and growth of essential community initiatives.

Applications for sponsorships and donations are accepted four times a year. Submission dates for 2015 are **November 23** and for 2016 **February 22, May 23, August 24 and November 23**.

Sponsorship is the purchase of an association with an event, activity or organisation. Applications are accepted based on their ability to increase Community Bank® awareness and patronage, and communicate key messages regarding community development. They must also benefit the community in some way. Proposals cannot be submitted for past events.

For friendly assistance with your sponsorship proposal, please call in to one of our Community Bank® branches or phone 5966 9028.

You can support the continued prosperity of your community everyday by simply doing your banking at your Community Bank® in Warburton or Yarra Junction.

More information:
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Firefit means Fire Ready

When volunteer firefighters from Warburton CFA attend a fire they can be wearing more than 25 kilograms of clothing and apparatus. Add to this extreme temperatures, long hours and all kinds of physical demands from carrying people to working with heavy machinery and handling fire hoses and it's not surprising they need to be fire fit, and fire ready.

Every Tuesday night the Firefit group, which consists of men and women, get together at the Redwood Community Centre to exercise. Training is an hour long session of cardio, strength and stamina training.

It all adds to their focus on improving and providing even better service to the community

And Firefit also carries the extra benefit of social time between members and good health generally. Michael Walden, Second Lieutenant and Training Officer says the all-seasons program is now in its third year and the crew are committed because it all adds to their focus on improving and providing even better service to the community.

Sponsorship of \$4530 will fund the on-

going expenses of a personal trainer, investment in fitness equipment and venue costs.

As we approach the summer season, we can acknowledge the time and energy all the CFA volunteers put into their firefighting duties and in being prepared. Their commitment to be there for us is 24/7 and we can show how much we appreciate all they do by being fire ready and prepared too.

New volunteers are always welcome. Pop into the station and have a chat to Hazel if you're interested.



Sarah, Josh, Tony, Michael and Tim

Free Calendar

Our complimentary 'My Place, My Community 2016' calendar is now available from our Warburton and Yarra Junction branches. Features twelve winning photos from our calendar competition.



Warburton and Yarra Junction **Community Bank** branches
2016 Calendar

Bendigo Bank



Brendan Murphy – Recognition of Outstanding Community Leadership

When Brendan Murphy, 34, from the Warburton Millgrove Football and Netball Club saw on TV that another woman had tragically died from an act of domestic violence, he cried as he related to her father's anguish. He thought about the world he wanted for his baby girl Scarlet and wife Nicole and took the initiative to act. Together with two friends Billy Irving and Rick Liston, he created a one-minute community service video featuring nine young men, from eight local football clubs in the Yarra Valley Mountain District Football and Netball League, to speak out against domestic violence. The video went viral and the message of zero tolerance towards violence against women has now been seen by more than two hundred thousand people nationally.

Warburton resident Julie Hanman saw the video and wanted to nominate Brendan in our Youth Initiative Award; however, when his age precluded his entry, our Board decided that it was important to acknowledge Brendan and his message all the same. Director Jaqui Hall says, 'I had heard Brendan interviewed on ABC radio and thought *what an impressive young man*. Then they said he was from Warburton and I felt immensely proud of him for taking the initiative and speaking out to his peers and the broader community.' We are pleased to have this opportunity to acknowledge Brendan in Recognition of Outstanding Community Leadership

and thank Julie for bringing Brendan's story to the Board's attention. 'I had confidence the Community Bank would listen to me and be able to act in a way many other organisations might not. And they did,' says Julie.

domestic violence is not someone else's problem

Brendan says, 'I am proud and honoured to receive this recognition and appreciate the Warburton and Yarra Junction Community Bank® branches for seeing this as a worthy local issue. But most of all I am proud that this support will help this campaign grow further and continue to push the message out that it's time to speak up.'

Via the #heroesforzeroes social media campaign, Brendan is encouraging other sporting clubs to do the same. He sees peer-to-peer campaigns such as this as a powerful way to get the message across that 'domestic violence is not someone else's problem.'

The Warburton and Yarra Junction Community Bank branches have donated \$5000 to domestic violence services nominated by Brendan. The money will be used to develop a secondary schools competition encouraging local students to create their own video version of the #heroesforzero message and to fund

the continuation of the 'Respectful Relationships' program in schools. Thank you Brendan – you've done your community proud.

Watch the video on You Tube - Yarra Valley Domestic Violence PSA.



#heroesforzeroes

Brendan Murphy with his wife Nicole and daughter Scarlet.

Sponsorships

Congratulations to:

- All Saints Pre School for Shade Sails \$10,490
- Woods Point Gun Club Inc. for Safety, Training and Cup \$3,000
- Little Yarra Market for Entertainment & Music Festival \$2,110
- Mange Management Inc. \$2,915
- ADRA/Redwood Community Centre for The Valley Van Project \$15,000
- Warburton Advancement League for Nordic Festival \$6,000
- YV Community Banks Ladies in Pink for Health & Wellbeing Centre \$3,000
- Warburton CFA for Firefit \$4,530

TOTAL \$3 million

LocalLife newsletter

Do you have a story to share? A cause to promote? Local Life is delivered twice a year to more than 6000 residents in our community as a way of saying thank you for all the wonderful work done by those who use sponsorship funds to create Local Life.

Customers of the Community Bank know their community benefits most when profits are shared locally to build vibrant, sustainable local economies.



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