



## ABC EMERGENCY RADIO

### – safety first

**SPONSORSHIP \$20,000**

by Lindy Schneider

**T**he Warburton Emergency Planning Group (WEPG) formed in 2012 to provide a direct link for Warburton residents with the range of emergency services we rely on every day. The WEPG volunteers have already had several successes, and the most recent one is set to improve radio reception, particularly in out-of-range areas.

The Community FM re-broadcast radio solution involves the installation of a satellite to FM translator that will provide the Warburton Valley with full time ABC774 FM re-broadcast services.

The permanent ABC Emergency Radio re-broadcaster will be located on Mt Victoria providing coverage to the Upper Yarra including Don Valley, Launching Place, Yarra Junction, Reefton and beyond. It will ensure reliable radio messaging via ABC 774 at all times, but especially in times of bushfire and other emergencies.

Warburton Emergency Planning Group have been allocated sponsorship of up to \$20,000 and are now seeking the balance of funds from Emergency Management Victoria (EMV). Yarra Ranges Council have also contributed to the feasibility study, broadcast licence and Mt Victoria site application negotiations making this a truly combined initiative.

Installation timing is currently undetermined as final funding from EMV has not been committed, but is actively being pursued.



L to R: Kevin Bargar, Tony Van Muers, Melanie Bouck, Julian Guess, Gordon Buller, Jim Child, Corinne Bowen

Kevin Bargar, WEPG spokesperson, said, 'The lack of radio service has been widely discussed as one of the key risks for people living in our community. This installation has the potential to save lives.'

Getting ready for summer means many things in a community such as ours. Fire preparation is an essential part of living in a natural environment. Ensuring every resident has access to detailed information about emergencies is a vital community service we cannot live without.

Thank you WEPG for all that you do to improve the safety of our communities. For useful information on emergencies and their potential impacts where you live, see [www.warburtonemergency.org.au](http://www.warburtonemergency.org.au)

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### Scholarships 2017

Applications for our 2017 Scholarships program open on 14 December 2016. We have been supporting six young

local people in the early years of tertiary education and you could join them! Receive financial support for travel or accommodation, books and study needs. See our website for eligibility criteria and applications forms.

We know living in the Upper Yarra can make tertiary study more difficult and through the Scholarship program, we support young students from our community to realise their dreams!  
[www.upperyarra.net.au/youth/scholarships](http://www.upperyarra.net.au/youth/scholarships)

## Warburton Preschool 50th Anniversary \$4,200

### Education

In 2017, the Warburton Preschool turns 50! To celebrate this milestone, staff and families will be engaging locals and visitors in a range of events including

an exhibition at the Waterwheel, a mural commission, a presentation plaque, an historical publication and entertainment for children. Warburton Preschool is deeply embedded in the past, the present and the future of Warburton family life. Volunteers are welcome to get involved. Have you got any memories from attending Warburton Preschool?

If you'd like to be part of this nostalgic display, they'd love to hear from you. [www.facebook.com/warbykinder](http://www.facebook.com/warbykinder)



## Shade Sails for All Saints Kinder \$6,600

### Recreation

All Saints Kinder, in response to increased requirements for outdoor playtime for their preschool children, have recently created a new sandpit area

incorporating natural play resources such as rocks, wood, grass, shrubs and sand. Adequate shade will enable all the children to safely play out of the elements, not just in summer but all year round, and will also ensure the kinder meets Sunsmart shade requirements.



## Thermal Imaging for the Warburton CFA \$3,833

### Community Services

Thermal Imaging Cameras (TIC) are handheld devices that visualise variations in temperature and can

show 'hotspots'. They can be used in both wildfire and structural fires and in search-and-rescue operations. Having a Warburton-based TIC ensures a rapid response time and increases our capacity to support other brigades. TICs are used to ensure a fire is fully extinguished and have even used to find people lost in the bush.



## New website

### Community resources

Our website [www.upperyarra.net.au](http://www.upperyarra.net.au) was launched recently and we hope you've had a chance to check it out.

The site is easy to navigate and does an excellent job of telling our community sponsorship stories. You can even apply online for sponsorship in one easy click.



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## Bringing to life

Suyin Chan, Angela Rivas and Paul X Stoney

# My Place, My Community

By Lindy Schneider

**N**ow in its fifth year, our 'Upper Yarra - My Place, My Community' photo competition and calendar provides a compelling insight into life in the Upper Yarra Valley as seen through the lens of everyday photographers.

It's never an easy job to select the 12 images that are featured in the calendar but with 'People's choice' voting and a number of key awards (and a prize pool of almost \$2000), we are grateful for the input of all those who helped 'narrow the field'.

Our judge Paul X Stoney is a lifetime professional photographer who lives in the valley. His task to select the 'Judge's Choice' was a challenging one given the high calibre of the entries this year. He looked for the story within each image to find something that spoke uniquely of life in our community. 'Our proximity to nature is one of our greatest assets, but also brings with it some risks. The image I selected – 'Burn Off Lil' Joe' by Angela Rivas – truly reflected the beauty and the terror of where we live.'

When considering the entries in the Under 18 section, Paul was struck by the love and friendship conveyed in Maddy Bennett's image of her sister and favourite chicken.

Our community came together to celebrate the exhibition opening night, which this year saw a record number of entries with more than 120 photographs. A fitting tribute to the people, places, natural beauty and diversity of the Upper Yarra Valley.

The 2017 calendar is a complimentary gift from both the Warburton and Yarra Junction branches – in fact it's so popular we have to print 2000 of them!



## Behind the scenes – taking the winning photo

Angela Rivas was driving home on the night of a burn off on Mt Little Joe last May when she saw an image she just had to take. From her vantage point in Surrey Rd she set up her camera on the roof of her car to photograph the flames against the night sky. She used a long exposure time (almost a minute) and if you look closely you will even see a plane flying through the photograph! Angela's winning photo is on the front cover of our 2017 calendar.

## The Community Bank® story

# Supporting your Community Bank®

**T**he 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 \$3.4 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

**Y**our Community Bank® 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. Sponsorship Submission dates for 2017 are **February 22, May 23, August 24, 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:  
[upperyarra.net.au](http://upperyarra.net.au)



Judge's U18 Choice: Friends – Maddy Bennett



Directors' choice: Humility – Linclon Steppings /Humble High Balance



People's Choice: Lyrebird Display – John Bramley

### Get ready for next year's competition!

#### How to take a great 'My Community' photos:

1. Look for a new angle on a well-loved subject.
2. Find a unique situation or setting that no one has explored before.
3. Capture the quirky or the unusual in our towns – perhaps an event, festival or gathering.
4. Think about a great story you can tell and photograph it.
5. Be camera ready and start today!

# Touring our towns

Finding new ways to  
explore and stay healthy

By Lindy Schneider

**W**hat makes a healthy, happy community? Great recreational opportunities, especially those for unstructured activities such as walking and cycling, are key to a 'good life' and the Upper Yarra Valley has much to offer its residents and visitors.

In fact, in a recent survey, 97% of Yarra Valley people said that they had participated in walking on a monthly or greater basis in the past 12 months.\*

While we might have our preferred regular walks to go on, it's great to consider what else is out there, and good quality information and maps are essential when exploring the hills and valleys where we live.

In conjunction with Warburton Valley Community Economic Development Association (CEDA) and Yarra Ranges Tourism, Warburton and Yarra Junction Community Bank® branches have committed to funding support for a significant Trail Mapping project.



**"The project will, for the first time, provide detailed information regarding the diversity, challenges, accessibility and proximity of the many trails in our backyard."**

## Lending Specialists – Dan and Carla



Our new dedicated lending specialists are available during branch hours by appointment. Make an obligation-free time to chat to Dan at Warburton or Carla at Yarra Junction and find out how our home loans and suite of products (including insurance, savings and term deposits, personal loans and more) could enhance your financial situation while also supporting your community.

**Call Dan on 5966 2122  
or Carla on 5967 1919.**



Chris Ord, our project organiser, grew up in Warburton and is excited about what trail mapping will mean for the development of adventure tourism in the area. 'The project will, for the first time, provide detailed information regarding the diversity, challenges, accessibility and proximity of the many trails in our backyard,' he says.



Chris Ord

From the popular to the lesser known, whether you're a walker, hiker, cyclist, paddler, horse rider or trail runner, this project will provide a comprehensive overview of the trails that make our part of the world so special – not only for us, but also for the many potential visitors that will come to stay and play.

Walking and cycling maps and information (including photos and videos) will be made available via the website: [Visitwarburton.com.au](http://Visitwarburton.com.au), other digital platforms and will be included in a regional guide map.

\*Recreation and Open Space Strategic Framework 2013-2023

# Moving up with the new Community Bank Bus - \$25,000

**O**ur community is the proud owner of a new Community Bank Bus. Available to local community groups, schools, sporting clubs and local people, the Community Bank Bus is a well established and much valued service that makes not only getting around town but also getting out of the valley more affordable and easy.



The new Community Bank Bus seats 24 people (plus driver, LR licensed) and offers significantly improved features on our much loved old bus including air conditioning, a CD player, power steering and ABS brakes. Jeff Gill of the Warburton Advancement League (WAL), the group that manages the bus, expects the new bus to serve the community for at least ten years!

The Warburton and Yarra Junction Community Bank® branches, who funded the original bus, are pleased to fund this upgrade. Sponsorship funding does its best work when it can be invested in something that can then generate its own income and be sustainable. Bus hire fees are an important source of fundraising for WAL, provid-

ing money that can then be used for other important community initiatives. It really is an 'everyone wins' scenario.

The Community Bank Bus is available for hire any day of the week (24-hours notice appreciated) at low to minimal cost depending on kilometres travelled/hours. (Maximum charge \$250 per day). A driver can be arranged.

In the last year the old bus has been hired more than 150 times – the new bus is ready to help even more community members get moving this year!

For more information/bookings call Jeff on 0437 095 327.

your Warburton or Yarra Junction Community Bank® branch is simply part of belonging to a great community.

- 80% of profits are reinvested in our community – yes 80%!
- Sponsorship benefits every person in our community.

### Open an account today:

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## Sponsorships

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Our community has now benefited from more than \$3.4 million being reinvested back into the projects, groups and activities that you value most. Imagine our towns without all the benefits we enjoy every day. What does all this mean? Banking with

## 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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Request more copies of **LocalLife** at your Community Bank® branch.

## Sponsorships 2016

### August

- Yarra Valley Ecos - Ecotopia Junction Festival \$3,000
- YR Kindergartens - Warburton Preschool 50th Anniversary \$4,200
- Warburton Advancement League - Warburton ABC Emergency Radio re-broadcaster up to \$20,000
- Little Yarra Market - Performers \$2,520
- All Saints Kinder - Sand Pit Shadesail \$6,600
- Warburton Millgrove Sports Club - Table top replacement \$4,800
- Warburton CFA - Thermal Imaging Camera \$3,833
- Warburton Valley CEDA - Run/walk/ride/paddle trail map \$7,000
- Interchange Outer East - Family Fun Day \$1,716

### May

- LinC Church Services Network Yarra Valley - 2016/2017 Cancer Treatment Transport \$14,256
- Warburton Christian Playgroup - Facilitator wages for 12 months \$4000
- Warburton Advancement League - Up And Running Warburton Fun Run \$3,000
- Warburton Advancement League - New Community Bus \$25,000
- CFA Yarra Valley Group - TRIP Presentation \$1,416
- Warburton Advancement League - Quarterly Crafternoons and International Crochet Day \$2,470
- Redwood Community Centre/ADRA - Redwood Fitness Group \$2,250
- Redwood Community Centre/ADRA - Youth Drop In Program \$3,000
- Redwood Community Centre/ADRA - Women's Group For Change \$1,800
- The Gawler Cancer Foundation - Commercial Juicer \$2,000
- ADANAC CYC - Turbo Community Kids Camps \$2,200

**TOTAL \$3.4 million since 2000**

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