



Being Seen and Boy to Man

a photographic series of our young men

By Lindy Schneider

Local photographer Kate Baker is helping young men realise their voice and their value through a unique series of black and white portraits. The project, which features young men aged between 15 and 19 years from Upper Yarra Valley schools, sporting clubs, theatre groups and community groups, is highlighting the unique role young people play in our community, and their thoughts about today and the future.

During the portrait session, young people can talk about what matters to them. Kate positions her large format camera so it does not come between photographer and subject. This provides for a meaningful and authentic exchange, evident in the portraits and in the hopes and dreams discussed.

Kate says, 'I've been amazed by the deep thinking of the young men I have photographed. They care for their environment and have a love for where they live – and for each other. They recognise the influence of Social Media



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in their lives and the need for connecting beyond screens. They speak of the need for more kindness in the world and are accepting of diversity. Marriage equality and social justice are important to them.'

The project benefits the community by providing young people with a greater sense of self and the important role they

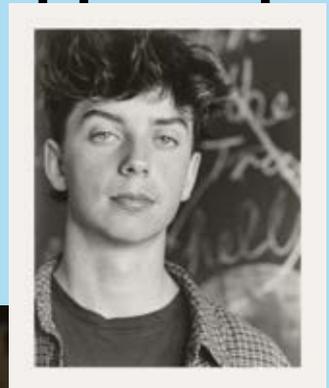
play in our society, and by giving voice to their ideas and identifying shared values and concerns.

The portraits will be exhibited as a 'paste-up' mural on the blue wall near the supermarket in Yarra Junction. 'The portraits will both physically and symbolically embed our youth in our community,' says Kate.

More than twenty portraits will be on display from June for as long as they last. Participants will help in the installation of this unique outdoor public art exhibition.

We are proud to partner with Cire Services Inc and other supporters of this project by providing Sponsorship funding of \$3200. Funding will be used towards exhibition costs, photographic materials, artwork and promotion.

Watch this project develop on Facebook.
com/seenandheardboytoman



From this Place - Inspiring Women Artists of the Upper Yarra Valley

From This Place is a book and exhibition (launching 1 September at the Warburton Arts Centre) that celebrates fourteen local women artists. It is a collaboration between Angela Rivas, photographer, and Lindy Schneider, writer, that explores the story of each artist, and how a sense of place enlivens their work. The project is an inspiration for anyone seeking to develop their creative life. A project of which our community can be proud. Sponsorship funding is contributing to printing and development costs. For more information: www.fromthisplace.net



Arts

Warburton Film Festival \$3000

A fiesta of films awaits cinema lovers on the weekend of 16-18 June 2017 when the Warburton Film Festival celebrates its 34th year. Eight highly acclaimed contemporary feature films will be shown with drama, comedy and documentaries from five different countries. The Warburton Film Festival is the largest of its kind in regional Victoria and attracts locals and visitors alike. Whether you are able to see one film or all eight films, it's a delightful, and often moving, way to spend a weekend in our picturesque town. www.warburtonfilmfestival.com.au

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Community Services

Mower purchase \$8748

The gardens and roadside spaces of Millgrove and Yarra Junction are continually maintained by a small group of local volunteers who figure if they are going to get some exercise walking, they might as well provide a benefit to their community. Michael Corrie and Robert Bedggood, together with Millgrove Residents Action Group (MRAG), have had their job made a little easier with our sponsorship of two new Deutscher mowers. Thank you for keeping our home towns beautiful.



Recreation

Pony Club Victoria – Cross Country Course \$10,000

With more than 5300 members in Victoria, the Gladysdale-based site of Pony Club Victoria is a much loved and used facility for children and adults to grow in skills and confidence in horseriding and horse sports. The construction of a level 1 and 2 Cross Country Course will make this site the location for the State Championships and provide challenge and enjoyment for years to come. Visitors and locals value the beauty of the location and our local businesses and traders benefit greatly from the visitors attracted to the area when events are on.



Community resources

Brand your next event

We have added Community Bank® branded hi-vis vests to our range of items that can be borrowed for your sponsored event or activity. Great for marshalling or to provide high visibility to ensure the safety of your staff or volunteers, these vests come in a range of sizes and can be borrowed from the Warburton branch. There are 20 vests in total. Bookings advisable.





Recognising innovation at the Yarra Junction Women's Football Club

Sponsorship \$4000

By Lindy Schneider

Women's football has seen rapid growth in the past year. According to the AFL Victoria, more than 100 new female teams have been registered since 2015.

The Yarra Valley has joined this fast growing sport with this year's launch of its first women's football club. Based in Yarra Junction, training nights (Mondays and Wednesdays from 5.30pm) are being attended by a wide variety of women ranging in age from fourteen to fifty, and the team has more than 25 members.

Club spokesperson Georgia Strahan says women love the game because 'playing promotes individuality, strong physicality and athleticism. We have mums with young children, young adults and younger girls showing an interest for the future.

They all have a love for the game and the opportunity to play enables them to deepen that passion.'

For many young women with a love for football, the lack of women's teams meant they had to participate in other sports. Georgia remembers thinking *I want to play football, don't tell me that I can't*, so she has played a significant role in establishing the women's team at the club that she loves.

'Now we have the same opportunities to grow, to develop our skills and to support other women and girls who want to play.'

Spectators have flocked to watch the opening games of the season and the team

camaraderie is something people comment on. 'There is a bond between the players and real heart in the game. We've gone back to basics, which gives our games a purity and our determination shines through,' says Georgia. 'We have the potential to become just as talented and our games are just as entertaining!'

The Yarra Junction women's team is the first in the Upper Yarra region. The club, which is more than 100 years old, also has two men's football sides and four netball sides.

Sponsorship funding will be put towards uniforms including jumpers, jackets and shorts.

For more info: www.facebook.com/pages/Yarra-Junction-Football-Netball-Club



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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.

Facebook

Like our page on Facebook and we promise we'll only share good news with you! Such as great success stories from our community, advance notice of events you'll want to know about, all the information you'll need for sponsorships applications and insights from real life people you'll recognise from our community.

Facebook page - Warburton and Yarra Junction Community Bank Branches

'My Place, My Community' Calendar Competition and Exhibition

Our popular calendar competition attracts almost 100 entries each year and submissions for our 2018 competition and exhibition will be accepted from 1 June 2017. Show the community what you love about our townships, who makes them real or what matters to you. There will be multiple awards, prize money and an under 18 category for budding young photographers. Twelve winning photographs will form our 2018 free calendar. So start clicking! Entries close on 29 June. See www.upperyarra.net.au for more info.



Graeme Edwards

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 \$3.6 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

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. Sponsorship submission dates for 2017 are **November 23 (2017), February 22 and May 23 (2018)**.

Go to our website for our easy to complete online application form: www.upperyarra.net.au/sponsorships 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 every day by simply doing your banking at your Community Bank® in Warburton or Yarra Junction.

More information:
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SAVING OUR WILDLIFE with school banking

By Lindy Schneider

Wildlife warriors in the Upper Yarra Valley will have an extra incentive to save for the future with our new school banking program. When your child opens an account we will make a donation on their behalf to the Upper Yarra Wildlife Rescue Network, a local community organisation that rescues our precious sick and injured wildlife, just like Bob the wombat (pictured).

It's as easy as 1.2.3.

1. Simply open a Children's Piggy Bank Account at your Warburton or Yarra Junction branch and;
2. We will support your community and reward your child by:
 - Donating \$5 to the Upper Yarra Wildlife Rescue Network for each Piggy Bank Account opened.
 - Depositing \$5 into each new Piggy Bank Account so your child can start saving straight away, or
 - Reward the loyalty of existing Piggy Bank Account holders by making a \$5 deposit into their account next time they make a deposit, and;
3. Win great prizes!

Our prize incentive program will encourage children to develop good savings habits, care for their environment and enjoy fun activities with their family!

How it works

Every time your child makes a deposit, they will be entered into a draw to win one double movie pass per primary school in June and December. (Drawn at the end of term 2 and end of term 4.)

And there's the best family fun prize ever! At the end of the term 4, every child who has made a deposit during the year has a chance to win our amazing **SLUMBER SAFARI EXPERIENCE** for a family of 4 at the Werribee Zoo.

Slumber Safari offers a truly memorable overnight glamping (luxury camping) experience. The fully hosted experience will include close-up animal encounters, drinks at sunset, dinner, nighttime activities including a night walk and toasting marshmallows around the campfire, and a delicious supper. In the morning enjoy breakfast while watching the animals on the African savannah.



The Slumber Safari includes:

- 2 days Zoo entry
- African-inspired dinner and buffet breakfast
- Fully hosted safari experience
- Animal Encounter and exclusive animal viewing opportunities
- 15% discount in the Village Trader (Zoo shop)
- 10% off additional Wild Encounters during your visit.

This prize is valued at \$1000 (includes a \$50 petrol voucher). DRAWN first week of December 2017.

In case a rescue is needed, The Upper Yarra Wildlife Rescue Network contact number is 0427088121. UYWRN is a volunteer run organisation that also accepts donations to go towards running costs, medications and much needed equipment.

VIP - SHAREHOLDER REMINDER

To our valued Shareholders, please note that if you have a change of details, you need to also advise those changes to the AFS Share Registry. (In addition to changing your details with the Bendigo Bank.) Follow the links on our website or go to www.afsbendigo.com.au

Saving a town's centrepiece

When the Waterwheel complex was put up for tender five years ago, it faced an uncertain future. A team of local people, led by Upper Yarra Community Enterprise (UYCE), facilitated a vision and returned this iconic landmark to the community.

Today the Waterwheel complex consists of the Visitor Information Centre, Handmade artisan shop, the Waterwheel Art Gallery and the Indoor Forest Environmental Discovery Centre.

In 2016 more than 35,000 people visited the Waterwheel – more than one person a minute – and this figure grows each year by at least 25%. (And goes against the decline in traffic in other visitor information centres in the region.)

Volunteers are the heart of The Waterwheel with around twenty local knowledge experts dedicating their time. The Great Steps of Warburton mosaic, also funded by UYCE, is a popular attraction that more than 300 community members helped create.

Tourism in the region is growing fast and UYCE is supporting a range of region-wide tourism initiatives including the successful www.visitwarburton.com.au website and advocacy group Warburton Valley CEDA.

'For a town that needs tourism as part of its economic prosperity, the Waterwheel is an essential operation made possible by UYCE funding and people,' says Geoff Vickers, Executive Officer. 'Returning the Waterwheel to the community is something to celebrate every day.'

The Waterwheel is an excellent example of how people can get together and create sustainable progress in their own towns.'



Making a real local connection – bank with us and your community benefits

○ur community has now benefited from more than \$3.6 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 your Warburton or Yarra Junction Community Bank® branch is simply part of belonging to a great community.

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

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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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Sponsorships February 2017

- Yarra Ranges Film Society – Warburton Film Festival 2017 \$2500
- MRAG – Mower Purchase \$8748
- Yarra Ranges Kindergartens Inc – Warburton Preschool Kitchen Garden \$2648
- CFA Warburton – Firefit \$3800
- Auspicious Arts Projects Inc – Seen and Heard - Boy to Man \$3200
- Cire Services Inc– OSHC Basketball Court \$1800
- UYSC Chaplaincy Committee – Brekky@buses \$1400
- YJFNC – Women's Football team \$4000
- YJFNC – Yarra Valley Music Festival and Market \$3000
- Warburton Advancement League – Annual Easter Fundraiser \$3000
- Millgrove Preschool – Playground Re-furbishment \$2225

Total this quarter: \$36,321

TOTAL since 2000: \$3.6 million

Ongoing Sponsorships - \$125,000

In addition to our quarterly rounds of sponsorship, we also make significant contributions to our community via our annual 'Ongoing Sponsorships' program. This year we have provided funding in excess of \$125,000 to 21 sporting clubs, schools and community organisations!

So, if you or a family member goes to a local school, or plays any sport in the region they have benefited from this funding.

We're supporting you every single day of the week! This is all made possible through locals doing their banking with the Warburton or Yarra Junction Community Bank® branches. Opening an account not only says 'Thank you' it also creates even more funds for our community in the future.

We don't call it community investment for nothing!

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