



Celebrating 65 years of WAL

By Lindy Schneider

This year we acknowledge the Warburton Advancement League (WAL) as they reach the milestone of 65 years in community service. Established in 1953, WAL has been the backbone of our community – hands-on behind the scenes and on the frontline. The committee of 15 people meet monthly and whether it's the small details, such as removing graffiti in town, supplying firewood for heating at the Waterwheel Centre, ensuring the entrance to town is welcoming, the L2P driving program, or keeping our public toilets tidy, or bigger projects such as event management –our annual Christmas Carols, Easter Carnival, Up and Running and Celebrating Warburton – there isn't much in our town that hasn't felt the benefit of WAL's presence. WAL, through Ted Chisholm, also started up the River Crew, building valuable infrastructure along the river walks in town which continue to be maintained today in his memory.

WAL manages our Community Bank® Bus service, and the committees' input is highly sought after when it comes to progress for the wider Warburton area.

The list of contributions is endless and long standing. Committee members since 2009 Mike and Jeanette Iley say, 'WAL can be summed up as the 'silent achievers' – we just get stuck in and get jobs done.'

Jeff Gill, the current president has been involved for more than 12 years. His father Len Gill was secretary when WAL first



Warburton committee of the Advancement League. Front row: Messrs W. H. Gardner, Len Gill (sec.), C. E. Miller (pres.), T. E. Evelyn (treas.). Back row: Messrs R. L. Lovell, D. L. McLaren, Cr A. A. Schultz, Messrs K. G. Thomas, J. F. McCrohan, A. C. Corbett.



Jeff Gill, president



formed as an evolution of the Township Progress Association of the 1930-40s.

'The committee is a rich mix of local people all with something different to offer,' says Jeff. 'Some are great letter writers, others love to be on the ground doing things. We have many areas of expertise, which is lucky because we have a lot of different things to oversee!'

WAL has also auspiced dozens of community driven projects via our Sponsorships program supporting smaller local community groups to access funding and insurance under their administration. The Warburton and Yarra Junction Community Bank® branches and WAL work closely together with the mutual goal of seeing the town thrive. To all the past and present members of WAL, we say thank you. 'A Moment in Warburton' is proudly supported by WAL and your Community Bank® and features a portrait of WAL's president Jeff Gill. Read more about this project on page 4.

Healthy Services for a Healthy Community

By Lindy Schneider

Healthy people help create healthy communities, which in turn create healthy people. The Upper Yarra has many advantages for a healthy lifestyle but three new initiatives will help bring services a step closer for the one in five people each year who, based on national statistics, may need mental health and crisis support.

Living in a regional area means access to some health services can be limited. Kate Barratt, of Redwood Community Centre (RCC), has initiated a free counselling service in Warburton that brings

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the services 'to the person' rather than the person having to travel. Access is available 'on the day', which means crisis support can be provided quickly.

A local registered psychologist Linda Moratto will be available one day a week at the RCC for clinical counselling and family therapy, and support for grief, loss, trauma and addictions.

'Services at RCC are for everyone but they reach out particularly to those who are socially isolated, experiencing unemployment, mental health issues, domestic abuse or financial hardship,' says Kate.

Through the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), many local people have attended free classes with qualified health professionals teaching a proactive approach to health. Lessons covered practical information about nutrition, cooking, wellbeing and healthy life skills. 'Health education is vital,' says Kate, 'and it's never too late to learn or update your knowledge.'

The Wellspring in Warburton initiates and provides low-cost and funded health services for those in need in the Upper Yarra region. Their upcoming Wellness Weekend provides our community with the opportunity to participate in free classes, healing sessions and mindfulness, yoga and other integrated services. Information about active living, health and



L to R:
Linda, Kate, and
the Wellspring team Belinda, Lana and Sue.
wellness will be a focus.

Manager Lana Anne says, 'We are a community asset that is here to support community members to engage in wellness, organise events, and offer services. We invite input and ideas, and are seeking new committee members. We are keen to host events which contribute to health and wellness and connectedness in our community.' The Wellspring Wellness Weekend is 29-30 September 2018.

With Warburton's long history of health promotion and recuperation, the ideal of a happy, healthy and well community is something we can aspire to. We have shown our ongoing support to community health in the region through funding these activities.

River of Light Winter Festival 4 August 2018

Photo: Kate Baker



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Introducing our new board members



Sue Clarke

Sue is a CPA qualified accountant who moved to the Yarra Valley with her family in 2012. Sue brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the region, and she is passionate about financially empowering locals through her accounting business, The Yarra Valley Accountant.



Neil Jorgensen

Neil, recently retired, had been with the Department of Education for 43 years undertaking a number of teaching and project management roles in the region, including principal at Warburton Primary School. He is involved in his community with a number of sports clubs, the Redwood Community Centre, and Second Bite.



Hazel Clothier

Hazel is a local community leader and a passionate advocate for gender equity and social diversity. She is a CFA Board member and on two committees. She is also the captain of the Warburton Fire Brigade. She is a Senior Research Officer at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute and a Course Coordinator & Lecturer in public health at the University of Melbourne.



David Schloeffel

David is a Business Design Advisor in a Federal Government business support program, and lectures at postgraduate level in the Masters business programs at RMIT University. He has co-authored several books, and is a regular speaker and presenter to businesses. He is a Fellow of the Public Relations Institute of Australia (PRIA) and a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

ECOSS Community Pottery Studio



The Community Pottery Studio provides low cost and accessible ceramics for everyone. The studio offers lessons and an open space for wheel work, hand building and kiln firing with the purpose of keeping this traditional skill alive. The studio is a place to bring artists together and encourages skill sharing. Sponsorship will be used for shelving and to fix the earthenware and stoneware kilns that have been donated.

See Facebook for more info: <https://www.facebook.com/Community-Pottery-Studio-yarra-valley-located-at-Yarra-Valley-ECOSS>

Warburton RSL Sub Branch Peace Garden

November 11, 2018 marks the Centenary of Armistice Day. Warburton RSL have been funded to create a commemorative Peace Garden. The 47 'Birds of Peace' will be constructed in stainless steel – one for each service person lost from the Warburton region in WWI. The garden will also be accessible from the river. Paving, tables and seating within the garden will provide places to pause and reflect on the commemorative Olive Tree and other specially chosen plants. The Peace Garden also uniquely acknowledges the Peacekeepers involved in conflicts to present day. The community is invited to participate at working bees.

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The Community Bank® story

Supporting your Community Bank®

Since 2000, the Warburton and Yarra Junction Community Bank® branches have been operated under franchise by the Upper Yarra Community Enterprise (UYCE) with the core purpose of advancing the Upper Yarra community.

Almost \$4 million has been invested in worthy local community-based projects through the allocation of sponsorship funding that is generated via the profit-for-purpose business model. The Community Bank® prospers because local people do their everyday banking at the Warburton or Yarra Junction branches.

Funds are distributed 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.

Sponsorship is the purchase of an association with an event, entrant, activity or organisation. Applications are accepted based on their ability to increase Community Bank® awareness and patronage, and communicate key messages regarding community development.

Find helpful information and application forms on our website www.upperyarra.net.au.

A Moment in WARBURTON

'A Moment in Warburton' is an exhibition and digital publication that takes the viewer into an honest and 'in the moment' relationship with the 'insider' stories and people that personify the Warburton community.

For four hours, on a Saturday in March 2018, ten local photographers and writers took to the known and unknown places of Warburton in this gonzo-style photojournalism project with the brief to tell the untold stories of everyday people. The result is an intimate and unstaged reflection of 'what hits you' – a celebration of life in Warburton through local eyes. The project was conceived and coordinated by Jim McEwan.

WAL and your Community Bank® have co-funded this project. A selection of portraits from the exhibition are featured in this newsletter.

Exhibition: The Waterwheel Art Gallery
June 14 – July 4. Read the online magazine: <https://read.bookcreator.com/x0rFqvFvYHZ0EylZp9ANxGluon92/8tfdIQUJTPqf1YcXNfq9uQ>



Bec by Kate Baker



David
by Jim McEwan



Sonia
by Kate Baker



Helen by Paul X Stoney



Dieter by Lilly Hellicar

Latest Sponsorships May Quarter 2018



- River of Light Winter Festival 2018
- Yarra Junction Football Netball Club building extension project
- The Wellspring Wellness Weekend
- Warburton RSL Peace Garden
- Warburton Millgrove Football Netball Club – hot water service replacement
- Upper Yarra Access Ministries Brekky@Buses
- ECOSS Community Pottery Studio shelving and kiln
- Seventh-Day Adventist Community Health Education Program
- Redwood Community Centre Counselling Services
- Warburton Advancement League 'A Moment in Warburton' Exhibition

Total this quarter: \$44,017

Total this year: \$238,000

TOTAL since 2000: almost \$4 million

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