



In praise of volunteers the 'helpers high'



Warburton VIC is run entirely by volunteers

It's hard to imagine what our community would be like without volunteers, and National Volunteer Week (May 11-17) is an ideal time to acknowledge all the ways volunteers contribute to our community life. For every dollar of sponsorship support we give, there are hundreds of volunteer hours that go into making the most of that dollar. Many community groups and sporting clubs would not survive without the volunteers who give their time, skills and resources.



Jaqui Hall, one of our volunteer directors, has volunteered since 1974 and knows all too well the challenges many groups face to have the funds to exist. She says, 'I am particularly touched by those groups of quiet volunteers who never look for recognition, serve for infinite periods of time and in roles that have a less obvious

return to them personally.' She understands first hand the need to fundraise to survive and says one of her great joys when groups receive sponsorship is knowing it supports them to focus on their mission instead of the demands of fundraising. 'It takes a lot of lamingtons to raise money!' Our Warburton Visitor Information Centre (VIC) is made possible through the support of volunteers and is the only VIC in Victoria to operate this way. But there are countless examples of people working with 'heart for service' instead of 'fee for service'. In fact based on es-

'Volunteering gives you a helpers high. It fills you up.'

timates by Volunteering Australia there are more than 2000 active volunteers in our local community today! Volunteering makes many services and activities, including sports, accessible to a broader range of people by minimising costs. Volunteering is also a form of civic participation that creates 'bridging networks', which strengthen communities, spread information and provide for collective problem solving.

And there are plenty of benefits – a strong correlation exists between the wellbeing, happiness, health and longevity of people who are emotionally kind and compassionate in their charitable helping activities. As Jaqui says, 'Volunteering fills you up.'

Our new branch manager Warburton Community Bank



Welcome to Lisa Edwards, our new branch manager at Warburton. Lisa has relocated from Broome and is delighted to join our team and our community. Lisa is looking forward to helping locals so please join us and give her a warm valley welcome.

Recent sponsorship highlights



Arts

Warby Artisans & Produce Market

Warby Artisans & Produce Market specialises in beautifully handcrafted products made with quality materials and home made, home grown and home baked produce.

All items for sale at Warby Artisans & Produce Market are made by wonderfully talented Artisans and the person running the stall is the designer/maker.

The market is a fun place to catch up with friends in a lively community atmosphere and find a special something for dinner or a unique gift for a friend. Markets are held inside Mechanics Hall, perfect for chilly winter days or those long hot summer days! Come and find a treasure between 11am and 3pm on the first Sunday of every month.

For more info: www.warbymarket.com.au

Education

Brekky on the buses

Now in its third year of operation, the Brekky on the Buses program is a community service offered at the Upper Yarra Secondary College through the Chaplaincy committee. Every Tuesday, Judy and her crew of four volunteers prepare and serve at least 160 toasted sandwiches to students as they arrive on the buses. For some it's a well needed breakfast, and for others an opportunity to stop for a chat. This initiative provides an important welfare connection between students and adults, including the Chaplain, and a great start to the day. The program relies on donations of local produce, and bread from Second Bite. The biggest expense is cheese and we are happy to sponsor this tasty and essential service.



Theatre

Spotlight Youth Theatre

New in Warburton, Spotlight Youth Theatre caters for young people between 8-21 years of age interested in performance and theatre skills. Learn:

- Theatre etiquette, theatre production and stagecraft
- Acting and performance
- Singing, voice projection
- Movement, dance and choreography
- Genres of theatre and music
- Prop and set design
- Stage make up and back stage techniques

Enquiries: Regina 0449 588 912 or Nina 0422 273 965

'Spotlight's on Us' is their first show in mid-June at the Upper Yarra Arts Centre. New members welcome.

For information see www.facebook.com/pages/Spotlight-YOUTH-Theatre-Inc-Warburton

Community resources

Club Rewards

Our Club Rewards incentive program is available to groups that have received sponsorship from us previously, and offers an additional funding stream that many schools and clubs have benefited from with hundreds of dollars in additional support. Club Rewards accrue when club members open an account or take out a mortgage with us **for the first time**. If your school or club is eligible (conditions apply) we can provide you with your own Club Rewards forms for your members. Receive up to \$500 for each new mortgage and at least \$10 for each new account opened at our Warburton or Yarra Junction branches. Earn a little extra for special projects, and show your support for your sponsorship.

Student Scholarship recipients are a worldly three



Georgia Martin



Kaitlyn Whitelaw



Sarah Enery

Three students from the Upper Yarra area have received a great boost to their education as our Scholarship 2015 recipients. They are: Kaitlyn Whitelaw from Gladysdale - Paramedicine at the Australian Catholic University, Sarah Enery from Wesburn - Diploma in Youth Work at Box Hill TAFE and a second year of support for Georgia Martin from Millgrove - Psychology at Deakin University. We look forward to hearing of their progress.

Women's shed building self-reliance

Early last year, fifteen local women joined a pilot program at Ben's Shed in Yarra Junction to learn the art and craft of woodworking.

Trudy Nisbet signed up to the program seeing the opportunity for self-reliance as a major benefit. 'I have always been keen to understand the tools and have the knowledge to fix things myself,' she says. 'Before the Women's Shed there wasn't anywhere I could do that.'

With the basic training completed, Trudy now attends the Women's Shed every Friday and she is working on several projects including ottomans for her lounge room, chicken roosting boxes, a letterbox, storage boxes and a bird feeder. Each week is also an opportunity to build friendships with the other women, and with the regular Ben's Shed members who pop in to assist if needed.

Philip Ashley, who leads the Women's Shed, retired from a career in teaching carpentry and woodworking at TAFE and



Sandra, Di and Phil

started to volunteer at Ben's Shed two years ago.

Phil is keen for people to understand that a Men's Shed is 'not just for retirees'. While the men's program is a popular means of providing a social and practical outlet for men, he highlights the schools program and Women's Shed as two key community engagement programs.

'These programs bring people together who might not otherwise have a chance to learn basic tool handling skills and safety

Phil acknowledges the commitment of the women. He sees the quality of the projects as testament to their adaptability and dedication.

guidelines. All the materials are supplied and there is always someone to show others the way.'

New participants are always welcome and sessions run morning and afternoon every Friday on a come-as-you-please basis. Over the years, the Community Bank has funded a range of projects to support Ben's Shed. The Women's Shed is a great model for inclusiveness and the benefits of sharing resources.

Membership is a \$10 initial joining fee and \$35 a year (tuition is free).

More Info: www.facebook.com/bensshed



Trudy Nisbet

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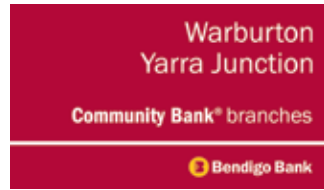
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The Warburton and Yarra Junction Community Bank® branches are operated by the community and for the community under franchise by the Upper Yarra Community Enterprise (UYCE).

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 **May 11, August 11 and November 14.**

Sponsorship is the purchase of an association with an event, activity or organisation. Applications are accepted based on their abil-

ity 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.

More information:
upperyarra.net.au

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.

Visit warburton.com.au website launch

A whole new experience for locals and tourists alike with the brand new official website for Warburton being launched this month. This is the official website for the Waterwheel and Visitor Information Centre, and all businesses and local activities for the Warburton Valley region. A wealth of information about 'where it all begins'.

Warburton Film Festival, 12-14 June

This year will feature the critically acclaimed film *Fell* on opening night. *Fell* was filmed in the forests of Warburton and showcases the beauty and magnificence of our valley. The Film Festival is now in its 32nd year and continues to achieve new record attendances. See www.warburtonfilmfestival.com.au

Fourth year for My Place, My Community calendar

Our much anticipated fourth calendar competition is on again with submissions opening on 8 June (closing 17 July). Photo subject must be from Upper Yarra area, and entrants must live or have a close connection to postcodes 3799 and 3797. The exhibition at the Arts Centre will run from 7 August until 1 Sept 2015. Under 18 and open categories.

Ron Howard's Visage portrait goes national!



Ivan Gaal, winner of last year's Visage with his portrait of local Ron Howard was one of only 44 images shortlisted in the prestigious National Photographic Portrait Prize 2015. The exhibition will travel throughout Australia in 2015-16. The popular Visage competition and exhibition is on again this year between 4-29 September – see the Upper Yarra Artisans for details.

Warburton Community Space – Come for lunch by donation every Monday

Warburton Community Space, a not-for-profit initiative run by the community for the community, is available seven days a week to meet, make or be. Low-cost hire suitable for meetings, events and gatherings, with commercial kitchen also available. Call 0439 389 522 for info or visit the Facebook page.

Reeling in new members

Warburton and District Anglers Club grows by more than 200% in six months!

Recreational fishing is enjoyed by more than 3.5 million Australians every year with the most popular reason for fishing being to relax and unwind. Faced with a declining and ageing membership, The Warburton Anglers Club took on the



Club members: Carmen, Mick and Cindy



challenge of reinventing themselves and in the last six months, the club has grown from 22 members to more than 60 members!

One of the biggest areas of membership growth has been in the children's age group. From just two teenagers last year, the club now has 20 junior members, the youngest just 8 years old. And it's already been proven that being young makes no difference to the fish of the Yarra Valley, with the kids out-fishing the adults (of which there are 24 male and 20 female members)!

The family oriented fishing club was formed in 1987. They have monthly fishing competitions and enjoy trips

away to fishing spots in the region. Karen Willk, the club treasurer says, 'Fishing is a great activity that people of any age or ability can

enjoy. There are plenty of

members who are delighted to pass on their knowledge and skills.'

So how have the anglers attracted such a flood of new members? Cindy Lever, a new club member, could see that an upgrade to the club's branding appeal could revive interest.

The first step was to design a striking new membership brochure, and on the annual registration day the club signed 40 new members. The new brand identity is also used for advertising on Facebook

and flyers. Cindy says, 'The new graphics are contemporary and vibrant and the response has been so positive we're now making T-shirts, caps and hoodies for the members – everyone wants them!' We've sponsored the club to fund uniforms and we wish them a great year ahead.

The next Warburton and District Anglers event is at Big River on 8-10 May 2015. For more information on events and memberships, check out www.facebook.com/pages/Warburton-District-Anglers-Inc.

Don't forget we have Suyin Chan our Community Development Worker available to assist you with ideas to reinvigorate your club membership too.

Warburton RSL Gallipoli Centenary Wall

We are pleased to be one of many supporters of the ANZAC commemorative mosaic wall at the entrance to Warburton, which honours the fallen soldiers of the valley. We acknowledge the men, women and families who are remembered at this time and thank the community and all those who helped to make this wonderful mosaic possible.



UYCE Directors Jaqui, Peter and Jim at the official unveiling

Sponsorships

Congratulations to:

- Warburton RSL for Warburton's Gallipoli Centenary Memorial Wall \$2500
- Warburton Advancement League for Annual Easter Fundraiser \$4000
- Upper Yarra Artisans for Visage 2015 \$3500
- Yarra Ranges Council for the Upper Yarra Community Playgroup Network \$12,000
- Yarra Ranges Film Society for Film Festival 2015 \$ 2500
- Warburton & District Anglers for Uniforms \$2600
- Spotlight Youth Theatre for 'Spotlight's on Us' and 'Oz' \$3500
- Upper Yarra Chaplaincy Committee for Brekky on the Buses \$1000
- Upper Yarra Basketball Association \$2000
- LINC Church Services for Cancer Treatment Transport 2015-16 \$6500

Ongoing Sponsorships*

- Gladysdale Primary School \$5800
 - Little Yarra Steiner School \$5900
 - Warburton Tennis Club \$5000
 - Warburton Golf Club \$5000
 - Warburton Millgrove Cricket Club \$1500
 - YVMD Football League \$5000
- (*amount given each year for three-year term)

TOTAL \$2.7 million



Where does the money come from?

We always talk about 'where the money goes' in terms of the sponsorships that are given to our community, so the question of where the money comes from and how we are able to do this year after year is an important one.

In the same way as a regular bank, your Community Bank offers products and services with the goal of being a profitable business. But Community Banking is based on a 'profit-with-purpose' model, which means our profits are returned directly to the community that has generated them – people living in postcodes 3799 and 3797 – that's you!

We call this 'shared value' and this is a foundation of our Community Bank branches, which are owned by the community (account holders and shareholders) for the community. Imagine a bag of money gen-

erated right here from the customers who bank with us. Once the typical expenses of running a business (franchise fees to Bendigo Bank, wages, operating costs and so on) are accounted for, the amount left is 'profit-with-purpose'.

In big banks, 100% of that profit is returned to shareholders but in Community Banking we are different. Our shareholders agreed at the outset to receive only a 20% share, leaving the remaining 80% for reinvestment in the community via sponsorships. That's where the money comes from and that's how we've been able to put \$2.7 million back into the community through sponsorships. Simple, isn't it?

And there's a simple reason to bank at your Community Bank – because it means something you have to do every day anyway actually benefits you and your community every day.

Sponsorships: Special Effort Fund- raising 'Lights on'

Congratulations to the Powelltown Football and Netball Club, our first SEF success! In a joint initiative, we doubled every dollar raised and \$25,000 was contributed to the installation of lights at the Powelltown grounds. The lights were officially turned on for the first twilight game of the season on April 11. Well done.

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.

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