

Community Grants Program

Opening

1 May

1 November

Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise is pleased to announce the next round of its Community Grants Programs for 2012.

Grants ranging from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 will be made available in June and November each year.

Grants will be available to community organisations and individuals to support the development of the community and individuals in the Enterprise District.

Closing

30 May

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Information Packs and Application Forms are available from the White Hills Branch of the Bendigo Bank, or by contacting Sandy Young 5448 8577, Mike Lowther 54488 835 or an electronic grant application is available at www.bndce.com.au

Let your actions speak louder than words.

1. Banking.

Do you currently bank with Bendigo Bank? Yes No

Would you like your account linked to the Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise project? Yes No

I would consider transferring banking business to Bendigo Bank. Yes No

2. Telephone, Mobile and Internet.

I would consider transferring my phone, mobile or Internet services to Bendigo Community Telco®. Yes No

If you are a current customer, would you like your Bendigo Community Telco® service linked to the Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise project? Yes No

Current monthly spend (Average): \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____

Preferred means of contact: Telephone Email Best time to reach me: Morning Afternoon Evening

(tick) I agree to provide my contact details to Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise.

3. Yes I would like to know more about supporting the Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise!

Just fill out the information above or contact one of our committee members.

Return this form to the Bendigo Bank White Hills Branch, 501A Napier Street, White Hills

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank and Bendigo Community Telco are committed to ensuring your privacy is protected and understands concerns you may have regarding the confidentiality and security of the personal information you provide to us. This form is not legally binding. Your information may be disclosed to Bendigo and Adelaide Bank and Bendigo Community Telco. Your information will only be disclosed to these organisations for the purposes of carrying out functions on behalf of the Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise committee. (S39373) (02/12)

Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise News

"Our towns, our future"



About Bendigo Northern District

Since forming in June 2006, and receiving its first financial payment in June 2008, BNDCE has steadily enlisted the support of the local Bendigo Northern District Community. Since its inception BNDCE in conjunction with the Bendigo Bank and Bendigo Community Telco has given back to the community approximately \$37500 to support clubs, schools and other community groups in completing projects within the region.

To continue to be a strong supporter of our community we welcome all community people, groups and businesses to be part of this amazing journey. Become a community representative on the BNDCE committee to help raise funds for our district.

2011 AGM was well attended by locals. A number of clubs and schools were represented. Cheques were presented to successful applicants for May round of Small Grants. A light supper was then enjoyed by all.

The committee has been active throughout the year, attending the White Hills Primary School Fair meeting and greeting families to explain how the Enterprise works. All funds provided generously through the Bendigo Bank and Bendigo Community Telco allow many groups to move forward as they complete much needed projects. Thanks to individuals and businesses, every pledge counts.

BNDCE provides opportunities for community groups to apply for small grants each year in May and November. The successful applicants of Nov 2011 small grants included:

Epsom Preschool replacement furnishings

Huntly & Districts' Historical Society computer upgrade

Huntly Memorial Hall Committee Anzac Day 20th Anniversary

Holy Rosary Parish Centre Baby Change Table

Bagshot Recreational Reserve Tractor

Anglican Parish Centre Domestic Fridge/Freezer

Huntly Fire Brigade History Committee Technical Equipment

Clan MacLeod Pipe Band Equipment Replacement

Community Enterprise helps sporting groups install Defibrillators

BNDCE has been able to provide funding for 2 defibrillators in the local region. Both White Hills Football Netball Club and Huntly Football Netball Clubs received a defibrillator for their sporting precinct under the 'Defib your club for life' program. The project also included training in how to use the equipment which could save someone's life.



Furnishings Improve Social Functions at Holy Rosary

A successful grant application by Holy Rosary has meant their function room has been refurbished with 200 new stackable chairs to assist with seating for Parish gatherings: community celebrations, seminars, GCOB immunisation program, primary school, and community dances.



Fire Brigade Command Vehicle

Bendigo, 6 October, 2011: Community enterprises working together have given Bendigo fire services the final sum needed to purchase a new Forward Command Vehicle ahead of bushfire season.

Strathfieldsaye & Districts Community Enterprise and Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise with the Community Enterprise Foundation have donated \$6000 that comprises the final part of Fortuna Fire Brigades Group contribution to the total cost of the new vehicle.

The Fortuna group is the coordinating body for 10 fire brigades – Bendigo, District 2 HQ, Eaglehawk, Golden Square, Huntly, Kangaroo Flat, Lockwood, Maiden Gully, Marong, and Strathfieldsaye.

The group's brigades protect much of the structural risk in the City of Greater Bendigo, the open grasslands in the west of the municipality and assist the Department of Sustainability and Environment in national and regional parks.

The community donation will assist in the fit out of the vehicle. The Fortuna group has chosen a Prado for its off-road performance. It will be used in a range of incident management roles.

The enterprises who contributed funds appreciate the protective role fire brigades play in their respective communities.

SDCE and BNDCE partner with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank and Bendigo Community Telco which allows them to improve existing infrastructure and build new community assets.



BBQ installed at Strauch Reserve Junior Oval

In the past few years junior cricket at Huntly's Strauch Reserve has gone hand in hand with the Sat morning sausage sizzle which has been a great favourite of junior players and spectators alike. In the past a portable bbq was always transported to the sheltered area, now a fixed bbq has been erected for the use of both footballers and cricketers alike.



Weeroona Presentation Night

For the second consecutive year BNDCE has been able to participate in celebrating the academic and community achievements of local Weeroona College Bendigo students at their awards night. President Mike Lowther presented four students with certificates of achievement and vouchers to assist them with educational costs for the following year. The winners of the awards are as follows;

- Top Year 9 Academic Students Matthew Cindric and Alice Gow
- Most Hardworking Student Year 8 Stephen Robinson
- Most Hardworking Student Year 7 Brandon McInnes



BNDCE promotes Active Kids Program

The Holy Rosary Active Kids Program for pre-school children and families provides, gym activities, music and movement, perceptual motor development and play. BNDCE was able to assist this project by providing funds for storage and play equipment. Equipment included building blocks, instruments, balance equipment, balls and more to challenge and improve hand/eye co-ordination and encourage imagination, socialisation and participation.



Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise Committee Members

Michael Lowther

Chairman - 5448 8835

Sandra Young

Treasurer - 5448 8577 or 0428 995 399

Leonie Frances

Correspondence Secretary - 5448 4792

Cheryl Johnstone

Minutes Secretary - 5448 7060 or 0419 392 807

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Goornong Toddler Pool Cover improves Hygiene

The cover has meant that the leaf matter has not been able to discolour and dirty the pool and has significantly reduced the amount of time needed to spend cleaning the pool. The appearance of the pool has improved and positive feedback from the community has occurred in this regard.



Meet Chrstine Abrahall

Branch Manager


With 20 years experience in banking and finance, Christine thinks it's her role to help you achieve your financial goals – whether you're building your first home, saving for the kids' education or building a retirement nest-egg.

Christine's also committed to bringing the Bendigo's community-style of banking to the community she loves.

'When you choose to become a customer of White Hills branch and support Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise, you not only make a decision that benefits you, you also make one that benefits your community,' Christine explains.

'That's because with every product or service we offer, money goes back into our community to support local projects, groups and organisations. And it's a great thing to be part of.'

So make a difference – to your own banking and your community. Drop in and see Christine and the team soon at 501A Napier Street, White Hills, phone 5441 4944.

Good for  and your community