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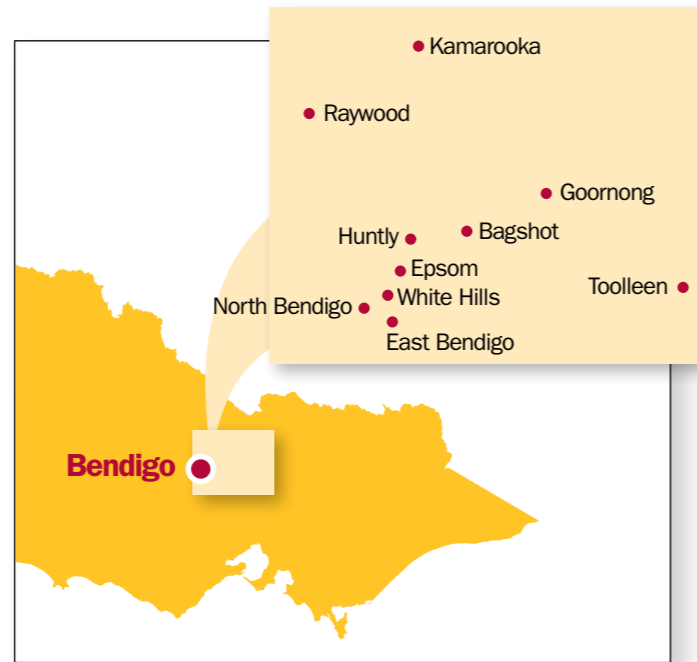
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## Communities Supported by BNDCE



# Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise News

*"Our towns, our future"*



## Defib Your Club, For Life Program!

As part of the "Defib your Club for Life Program", the BNDCE has now assisted five (5) community groups with the purchase of a defibrillator, these investments totalling \$7,700.

The recipients of the machines have been: Huntly Football Netball Club, White Hills Football Netball Club, Bendigo Senior Secondary College, Vision Australia and most recently Continuing Education Bendigo.

Each machine costs \$2,300 and the purchase includes face-to-face training on how to operate the machine. The machines are easy to use and actually talk you through the procedure via voice instruction.

### Defib Your Club, For Life Program!

"Our program is beginning to save lives, 4 in the past four months. The latest was a 40yo tennis player who regained consciousness after the first defibrillation. There will be more and more of these stories coming through as we increase the number of units".

**Andrew White** – Founding Director Defib Your Club, For Life!  
[www.defibforlife.org.au](http://www.defibforlife.org.au)



## A New Children's Play Space for Strauch Reserve!

The community enterprise is very proud to have supported its first major project outside of the twice yearly community grants program, the purchase and installation of a new children's playground at Huntly's Strauch Reserve.

The main piece of play equipment includes a curved slide, bubble panel with stationary wheel and a spiral climber. The two other play items installed are two swings and a jitterbug twin rocker.

The enterprise worked closely with the user groups of Strauch Reserve and the City of Greater Bendigo to achieve this fantastic outcome for the Huntly community and the families of younger children who attend the reserve.

The community enterprise contributed \$10,000 towards the purchase of the play equipment, with the City of Greater Bendigo contributing the balance to cover the excavation, soft fall and framing of the play space. The community enterprise has erected a sign recognising the collaborative project.

The community enterprise has commenced initial discussions with the user groups and hopes to achieve a similar outcome at the White Hills Recreation Reserve.



## 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

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.

### Returning this Form

Completed pledge forms can be returned 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. (S44165) (04/13)





## Community Grants Program

Funds for the Community Grants Program are generated through customers pledging their banking and phone business (held with Bendigo Bank and Bendigo Community Telco) to the community enterprise.

Since the first round of community grants were offered in May 2008, the community enterprise has funded 60+ small grants and a number of other major projects totalling a community investment of \$64,000.

Read below about some of the more recent grants provided and the positive impact to these community groups and their members.

Refer to the enterprise website at [www.bndce.com.au](http://www.bndce.com.au) for further grant stories.

### Epsom Primary School Chook Shed

A BNDCE grant has assisted the Epsom Primary School to beautify and further improve their existing chook shed and yard area for students to enjoy!

The area is an active learning environment for students within the school to learn about interacting with the animals. The school has now improved the chook yard and shed by painting animal pictures on the yard wall, making the area more appealing to the children to use.



### Holy Rosary Parish Memorial Garden

Family members of the Holy Rosary Community, Parents and Parishioners are now able to remember loved ones who pass whilst still attending the school with the establishment of a memorial garden.

The school was recently hit by the tragic passing of Imogen Pearl Ilott and the memorial garden has been established to provide all students, teachers, family and friends with a special place to remember those they love.



### Bagshot Cricket Club Tractor

BNDCE has been able to assist the Bagshot Cricket Club by providing a grant towards the purchase of a second hand tractor to mow their cricket oval.



The purchase has meant club members no longer need to regularly borrow a tractor from local farmers which had needed to be driven long distances to and from the oval each time the oval needed mowing.

### Epsom Pre-School Furniture

Children at the Epsom Pre-School are now more comfortable thanks to a grant from the BNDCE!

BNDCE provided \$1000 to assist with the replacement of old second hand and worn furniture.

New plastic chairs were purchased in a suitable size for preschool age children so they can sit at the correct height at their work stations/tables.

The new furniture has given the pre-school a new fresh feel for all the children who attend.



### Bendigo Family Drug Support Group – Support Program Funding

BNDCE has supported the Bendigo Family Drug Support Group, providing two grants to allow them to continue to support and educate families and friends of drug users.

The support group aims to turn crisis into coping and develop awareness in people. Grants have been provided by the enterprise to purchase books to start a small library of recommended reading for families of drug users and to allow them to offer the “Stepping Stones” education program to families.

The books are to educate and assist in strengthening relationships within a family and to help people change and regain their own lives. Since acquiring the books, they have found them to be well read and they have been a great help to people coming to the support group.

The “Stepping Stones” program is a course which provides families with a roadmap to navigate the journey. It is designed to help turn crisis into the ability to cope and to help families to change and regain control of their own lives.

#### Help is available...

We encourage anyone struggling with this problem in their family to contact the Bendigo Family Drug Support Group on 0407 450 188 or [www.fds.org.au](http://www.fds.org.au). The Bendigo Family Support group meets fortnightly, details of meeting dates/times are on their website along with information such as tips to coping and setting boundaries.

Family Drug Support National Hotline – 24 hours, 7 days a week – **1300 368 186**

**Nathan Worrell**, Facilitator – Family Drug Support in Bendigo



### Goornong Pool Shade

The Goornong toddler pool now has improved shade thanks to a grant from the BNDCE!

The Goornong Pool committee were the successful recipients of a grant to replace the existing shade structure over the toddler pool. The previous shade shelter had deteriorated and was no longer offering reasonable protection to toddlers swimming in the toddler pool.

The new shade area can be enjoyed by families within the Goornong area who visit the pool, while remaining Sunsmart. This grant continued improvement to the area as did previous funding, for a pool cover to keep out leaves and dirt, making for a more hygienic toddler facility.



### Vision Australia – Embroidery program

BNDCE has provided a grant to Vision Australia to operate a day program for visually impaired clients!

The day program operates four days per week to provide people from Bendigo and the surrounding region who are aged and blind and those with low vision, with the opportunity to be involved with other people in regular, structured, centre-based recreational activities.

This grant was to provide cottons for embroidery of cushions and other craft pieces by participants of the Day Programs. During each day participants come together for lunches, afternoon tea, crafts, song and fellowship. The groups run with the assistance of staff and volunteers who assist participants in enjoying hobbies, social interaction and a variety of activities specially tailored to their level of vision.

## November 2012 Round of Community Grants

The November 2012 successful community grant applicants were:

- **Anglican Parish** - \$1000 to purchase a computer and software
- **White Hills Primary School** - \$1000 to fund Aerobics & Hip Hop teams to compete
- **Continuing Ed Bendigo** - \$1900 towards a Defibrillator
- **Raywood Primary School** - \$500 towards construction of Garden Beds
- **Weeroona College** - \$1000 towards purchase of Lighting Trees for Performing Arts
- **Northern Bendigo Landcare Group** - \$450 to assist to run three Native Plant Workshops
- **White Hills Pool Committee** - \$1000 to assist with the purchase of Chairs & Tables
- **Huntly Historical Society** - \$1000 towards the purchase of a Binding & Title Printing Machine

## 2013 Community Grants Program

The BNDCE offers a twice-yearly community grants program and encourages community groups to apply. The grants program will be open in 2013 as follows:

	Open	Close
<b>Round 1</b>	May 1	May 31
<b>Round 2</b>	November 1	November 30

We strongly encourage your representative to contact one of the BNDCE committee to discuss their grant application. Applications will be more favourably considered where 10 or more pledges are included.

Refer to the enterprise website at [www.bndce.com.au](http://www.bndce.com.au) for grant guidelines and application form.

### White Hills Football Netball Club Netball Scoreboard

White Hills Football/Netball Club has installed a new scoreboard beside its second netball court at the White Hills Recreation Reserve, thanks to a community grant provided by BNDCE.

The grant has contributed towards the cost of production and installation of a new scoreboard for use on the second netball court which currently does not have a scoreboard at all. The new scoreboard includes magnetic numbers which are safer and easier for volunteers to use.

Players, administrators and spectators will now have a more positive experience each game day by knowing the score at any point in time throughout the matches played on the court.

