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## Communities Supported by BNDCE



## Our next Major project?

We're interested to hear any thoughts from members in the local community on our next major project. To date we've completed two major projects (two children's playgrounds), totalling approx. \$25,000.

Written suggestions can be submitted to attention:

**Christine Monson** at the White Hills branch of Bendigo Bank, 501A Napier St White Hills.

## Support the community enterprise today!

Transfer your banking and you'll help generate funds for our community.



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## New Partnership with Viewpoint Huntly

Bendigo Northern District Community Enterprise is pleased to announce an exciting new partnership with the developers of Viewpoint Huntly, who have shown a keen interest in supporting our local community.

Viewpoint is a master planned community within the Council identified Huntly Growth Corridor. The estate boasts a Central Park with adventure playground and BBQ area, as well as walking and cycling trails. There is a variety of lot types to choose from with house and land packages available from some of Bendigo's leading builders.

The developers of Viewpoint, Integra Group, are a proud family business who have been delivering high quality residential estates to Regional Victoria for over 20 years.

"Integra understand the important role community enterprise groups like BNDCE play in a community and are excited with the opportunity to be involved with such a professional and supportive group within the Northern District of Bendigo" said Matt Agterhuis, Director – Development Manager Integra Group.



## A New Children's Play Space for White Hills Recreation Reserve

The community enterprise is very proud to have significantly progressed with its second major project (outside of the twice yearly community grants program), the installation of a new children's playground at the White Hills Recreation Reserve.

The BNDCE has been working collaboratively with the City of Greater Bendigo, White Hills Football Netball Club, White Hills Junior Football Club and White Hills Cricket Club to install the new Children's Play Space which is a great outcome for the community.

The community enterprise is contributing \$14,200 towards the purchase, with the City of Greater Bendigo, White Hills Football Netball Club, White Hills Junior Football Club and White Hills Cricket Club all contributing to cover the balance of the project.

**A grand opening is to be held in March/April with free family activities on the day. Keep checking the BNDCE website for further details.**



Check out our website which has recently undergone a re-design...

[www.bndce.com.au](http://www.bndce.com.au)

## Community Grants Program

Funds for the Community Grants Program are generated through customers linking their banking and phone business (held with Bendigo Bank and Bendigo Community Telco) to the community enterprise and the Bank and Telco sharing some of their profits from these accounts – this is at no cost to customers. And as of October 2013, the developers of Viewpoint Huntly are also making a contribution to our pool of grant funds.

Since the first round of community grants were offered in November 2008, the community enterprise has funded 75 small grants and a number of other major projects totalling a community investment of \$97,400. 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.

### May 2013

#### Wood Carved Statues Restored

A BNDCE grant has assisted the Huntly Memorial Hall Committee to restore wood carved statues, bringing them back to their former beauty.

The pine wooden statues of a Soldier, Sailor, Airman and Nurse on display in the “Garden of Remembrance” memorial in Huntly were showing signs of significant deterioration. So much so that the carvings needed to be removed and placed in storage to protect them from further damage.

Funds from the BNDCE have assisted the committee to engage a specialist timber restorer to restore the carvings, allowing the statues to be back out on display for all to enjoy!



#### Huntly Football Netball Club Netball Scoreboard

Huntly Football Netball Club has installed two scoreboards beside their netball courts at Strauch Reserve, thanks to a community grant provided by BNDCE.

The grant has contributed towards the cost of production and installation of the two new scoreboards, one each for the two courts which did not have scoreboards courtside.

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



#### Music Resources for Weeroona College

BNDCE has assisted the Weeroona College music program purchase music stands for use by students.

With an increase in the number of students participating in the school's music program, the purchase of additional stands has meant students can now learn and practice in a safer and more professional environment as the stands allow students to be set-up in the best ergonomical position.



#### Celebrations for Weeroona College

A BNDCE grant has assisted Weeroona College Bendigo to better promote and advertise their 2013 celebrations, a belated 50th birthday celebration and the official opening of the new school buildings.

Many ex-students and community members attended the school's official opening, taking up free tours of the campus and the opportunity to catch-up with old friends, colleagues and teachers.

Well done to all the school members for a wonderful showcase of their fantastic new facilities.



#### Epsom Community Block Party

The families and residents of the local Epsom, White Hills and Huntly communities were provided a great fun family friendly event, run by Fusion Northern Victoria, thanks to a grant from BNDCE.

The local fusion group coordinated a series of free activities, including stilt races, tug of war, face painting, bubbles, sack races and hula hoop competitions. A free sausage sizzle was also available.

The event provided an opportunity for those new to the area to meet other people from across the local community. Great fun was had by all who attended!



#### Safe footing for Holy Rosary Parish Centre

The Holy Rosary Parish Centre now has improved access to/from its outside storage area at the rear of the Father Ted Harte Centre.

The Parish Centre was the successful recipient of a grant to asphalt the area between the two storage sheds and the hall's northern entry. The area has been uneven and unsealed, raising safety concerns for anyone moving equipment and furniture between the sheds and the hall.

The new asphaltting now provides a safe level access for hall users and Holy Rosary Primary School.



#### Improved Safety for Bendigo Field & Game

BNDCE has been able to assist the Bendigo Field & Game Club to purchase new first aid kits and safety vests.

The field & game club was in need of updated first aid kits and improved awareness of their first aid officers on the shooting range, at normal club events and also on vermin control programs.

The new first aid kits improve safety and response to club members and the vests have improved awareness of club first aid officers. Improved safety for all!



### November 2012

#### Let's Dance at White Hills Primary School

A BNDCE grant has assisted the students at White Hills Primary School to participate in coordinated dance activities.

The dance programs offer students an alternative exercise program to traditional sports and help to develop confidence in students through performing in front of larger audiences.

Three aerobic and one hip-hop team competed at state and national levels of competition which was a great achievement for the students, their coaches and volunteers!



#### Raywood Community Vegetable Garden

Raywood community members and students are now able to be “hands-on” in their vegetable gardens.

With a successful grant from BNDCE the students are now learning about how to grow a wide range of vegetables from seeds and seedlings. The program will teach the students about how to be responsible for tending to the garden as well as the healthy food options that can easily be grown at home. The vegetable garden project is a healthy choice for all!



#### Northern Bendigo Landcare Indigenous Gardening Workshops

Northern Bendigo Landcare Group, since completing the Huntly Community Indigenous Demonstration Garden, has offered a series of Indigenous Gardening Workshops.

The workshops have provided an opportunity for local residents to learn about caring for and enhancing their local environment and for the many people taking up residence in the new subdivisions an opportunity to learn about local flora which may assist when planning their new gardens.



## November 2013 Round of Community Grants

The November 2013 successful community grant applicants were:

- Northern Bendigo Landcare Group & Huntly Memorial Hall Committee (joint submission) – \$1,000 to erect a sign at the Whirrakee Wattle Sculpture
- Huntly Primary School - \$1,000 to assist with stage 2 of their school grounds development, specifically the installation of a new BBQ.
- Bendigo Obedience Dog Club – \$600 to assist the club to purchase and fit out a club equipment trailer for special events.

## 2014 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 2014 as follows:

	Open	Close
Round 1	May 1	May 31
Round 2	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 referrals are included.

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