



2014 community grants – more than \$30,000 distributed.



Jeff Somers presenting grant cheque to Liberty Ave Playgroup committee members.

In April, we held our Community Grants presentation at the Peace and Loyalty Lodge in Ferntree Gully. Members of the Knox **Community Bank**[®] Group Board, branch staff, local dignitaries and representatives from the 18 groups successful in their applications attended. A representative from each of the groups had an opportunity to explain to the audience how their grant monies would be used.

Knox **Community Bank**[®] Group Chairman Hurtle Lupton presented each group with a framed certificate for display. Some of the organisations received their first community grant from Knox **Community Bank**[®] Group; others had been successful in the past and had applied again for a different project. It is always rewarding to be in a room full of locals who are giving back to the community in one way or another.

The grants ranged in value from \$550 for local group Women on the Move to purchase some equipment and music for their exercise program, to \$5,500 for Foothills Community Care, with whom regular readers of the newsletter would be familiar. This is a local dedicated group of people who provide weekly community meals for the local disadvantaged.

Our **Community Bank**[®] company continues to support Coonara Community House with funding for a quarterly Back to Basics page in The Foothills newspaper. This page educates and encourages members of the community to save money and act in an environmentally sustainable way with simple, easy to achieve changes to everyday activities such as cooking, gardening, shopping, transport and gift giving.

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Two years ago, a new group, Golden Memories Karaoke was in its infancy. Our **Community Bank**[®] company was able, through a small grant, to fund a microphone for their use during their performances at aged care facilities. In the intervening years, the group has grown and is now looking for more volunteers. As a way to promote the organisation and potentially get new volunteers, the group is running a karaoke competition for young people aged 15 and under. The competition will take place at the amphitheatre at the Tim Neville Arboretum on Dorset Road from 4 October to 13 December. Our **Community Bank**[®] company has contributed \$1,000 towards the running of this event. For more information or an entry form, check out www.goldenmemories.org.au from July.

One of the local playgroups in Upper Ferntree Gully received a grant of \$250 to purchase a replacement microwave to

provide a reliable heating source for milk and formula during its gatherings. Board member Etienne Clauw visited the centre in May to hand over the grant funding and see the play area that the children use. Also out in the community in May was Board member Jeff Somers, who visited the Liberty Avenue Playgroup, whose \$1,000 community grant will be used to buy outdoor blinds to create an outdoor winter play area for the children.

The **Community Bank**[®] model aims to provide not only banking services, but to keep local capital in the community. Giving back via community grants is one way of providing revenue for community groups and projects.

More of the grant recipients will be highlighted in the next edition of the newsletter.

Successful trivia night at Bridgewater Centre.

Earlier this year, the Bridgewater Centre in Rowville approached Mick Spruhan, our Manager at the Rowville **Community Bank**[®] Branch, for support of their trivia night. Mick was able to provide the centre with an account voucher, balloons, pens and water bottles. Director, Graeme McEwin

attended and judged the dancing event, not an easy task. The branch was pleased to hear the night was well attended and raised a little over \$4,300. This money goes directly to maintaining the counselling services that the centre provides. Congratulations to all involved.

Wellington Village Fun Day.



Chicks for Charity raising money outside Rowville **Community Bank**[®] Branch.

Each year, Wellington Village holds a Fun Day to encourage local residents to attend and enjoy the shopping precinct. This year, Bendigo Bank's Piggy was on hand to entertain the children and hand out balloons. Piggy also met up with Director Darren Pearce and some of the roving entertainers. The day also saw community partner, Chicks for Charity, raising money outside the Rowville **Community Bank**[®] Branch. Each year the group designates a group of charities for fund raising causes, and all their efforts go towards raising funds and awareness for those organisations or individuals.



Piggy meets Darren Pearce.



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Support for local young artists.

Our **Community Bank**[®] company is again sponsoring the Ferntree Gully Arts Society "Young at Art" youth art competition. We sponsored last year's event that showcased some incredible local young artists. This year, the Society is looking forward to displaying the young artists over three weekends in June: preview on 14 June, judging and official opening on 22 June and final viewing on 29 June. Prizes worth more than \$900 will be presented by **Community Bank**[®] company Director Graeme McEwin on 22 June. Drop into the gallery and check out the young talent in the area.

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