

# New facility for Lakeside

By KATHRYN BERMINGHAM

INVITED guests joined staff and students at Lakeside College this week for the opening of a new multipurpose building.

The \$633,000 project was funded through the Capital Grants Programme and comprised four general learning areas, a staff room, store room and gallery space; a new modular building which features a food technology area and an extension to an existing building that has student amenities

and a disability access toilet.

Federal Member for McMillan Russell Broadbent attended the opening on behalf of Minister for Education and Training Simon Birmingham.

He said the new facilities would be invaluable for the entire community.

"I am very pleased to visit Lakeside College and see firsthand the new facilities that students and the whole community will no doubt benefit from using," he said.

"These new learning spac-

es take into account the latest in education research and will see students learn more effectively."

The opening was also attended by members of Lutheran Education Vic, NSW, Tas (LEVNT), representatives from Luther College and the Lakeside College Council, members of the Parents and Friends Association, the Lakeside Community Development Forum president and a representative of Brand Architects.



Lakeside principal David Spike, LEVNT director Paul Weinert, college council chair Mal Wegener, business manager Chris McMillan and MP for McMillan Russell Broadbent.

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# Grants announced for community projects in Bunyip

By ROMAN KULKEWYCZ

SEVEN local community groups received grants as part of the Bunyip and District Community Investment Program at a cheque presentation ceremony on Wednesday 11 November, in the Bunyip Hall.

Marg Bardon, chairman of Bunyip and District Community Enterprises Ltd, the company which operates the Bunyip and District Community Bank Branch, said the grants would be used to carry out improvements and projects which would benefit the entire Bunyip and District community. This year's grants ranged from \$1,267.00 to \$7,440.00 from a total distribution of \$35,086.

Local grant recipients were:

- Bunyip Fire Brigade - thermal imaging camera - \$6600
- Cardinia Environment Coalition - label printing machine - \$2504
- Garfield Community Shop Inc. - exercise equipment at Garfield Recreation Reserve - \$5000
- Kinders Together Association Inc. - resource upgrade for Bunyip OSHC - \$1267
- Garfield/Tynong Cricket Club Inc. - club pergola at Recreation Reserve - \$7440
- Bunyip Community Mar-



Community group representatives due to benefit from the recent round of grants. Picture: ROMAN KULKEWYCZ

ket Inc. - shelter shed and barbecue - \$7000; and

■ Bunyip Hall Committee - under stage storage - \$5275

Since opening in 2007, Bunyip and District Community Bank Branch has returned more than \$400,000 to the Bunyip and District community.

"We were very impressed with the quality of applications received and are delighted to be able to support a range of projects, many of

which may not have been financially viable without the support of our Community Bank Branch," Ms Bardon said.

The Bunyip and District Community Investment Program is administered by Community Enterprise Foundation trade, the philanthropic arm of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank. This partnership enables local community organisations to share in its success.



Grant recipients, back: Adele Richardson from Cardinia Environment Coalition, Glen Johnston from Garfield/Tynong Cricket Club, Maxine from Bunyip OSHC co-ordinator, Tony Arrigo from Bunyip Community Market; front: Helen Davey from Garfield Community Shop with Branch manager Sue Dubbeld, Chair, Bunyip and District Community Enterprises Marg Bardon and Lorraine Dimech from Bunyip Hall Committee.

# Ryan wins first scholarship

By ROMAN KULKEWYCZ

BUNYIP and District Community Bank offered a scholarship program in 2015, with Ryan Gorick from Tynong being the first recipient.

Ryan is studying a Bachelor of Science (Physics Degree) and was chosen from a total of four applicants.

Ryan is very keen to develop his knowledge in the area of technology, particularly high speed and long distance communication systems.

This program is held in conjunction with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank's Scholarship program that has been available since 2007.

The scholarship enables students to undertake tertiary study at an Australian university or

college. It aims to support first year undergraduate students who are studying their first degree, but



Ryan Gorick is the first beneficiary of a Bunyip and District Community Bank scholarship.

due to social or financial circumstances would not have been able to further their education.

# School fields three for energy comp

By ANEEKA SIMONIS

EMERALD Primary School students will take part in the annual Human Powered Vehicle challenge with the help of a generous Officer-based sponsor.

Adam and Eve Wax have been signed on as the school's major sponsor for the RACV Energy Breakthrough Human Powered Vehicle competition due to take place at Maryborough from Thursday 19 until Saturday 21 November.

Emerald Primary School has entered three Human Powered Vehicles in the Tryathlon section.

It's been a labour of love from students, parents and teachers each working together to build the energy



General manager Jax Wax James O'Leary with his son Patrick. 146749 Picture: STEWART CHAMBERS

efficient vehicle, according to school principal Mark Carver.

"This is a fantastic program that brings together the whole school community and provides a real focus for students maximis-

ing engagement and parent involvement in school activities," he said.

"Our experience with this event is that the RACV Energy Breakthrough competition is the best school activity for genuine school,

home and community involvement."

Students learn about renewable energies and the effects fossil fuels have on the environment in the lead-up to the challenge expected to draw over 20,000 people.

Director of Adam and Eve Tina Copland said they were pleased to help take part in the challenge.

"We are pleased to be able to give back to the community, especially because this program encourages environmental awareness and social responsibility. These are two principles that, as an ethical manufacturer, we believe should be fostered and developed in future generations," Ms Copland said.