Deloraine & Districts Community Bank Branch Bendigo Bank

Community Bank® Rewards Local Clubs Deloraine 2 April 2007 Meander Valley Financial Services Ltd, franchisees for Deloraine & District's Community Bank® branch of Bendigo Bank has presented the first clubs and organizations cash incentive rewards to the Deloraine Happy Club and Deloraine Junior Basketball Association. The incentives are recognition of the value of clubs and organizations to the community. All district clubs and organizations are eligible to apply for the incentive scheme when opening accounts with the community bank. Happy Club President, Gordon Edwards, was presented the Community Bank® contribution by Meander Valley Financial Services Ltd. Chairman, Dr. Chris Moorhouse at the Deloraine Wellbeing Centre on the 27th March. The Happy Club promotes fellowship and wellbeing for seniors and holds regular social gatherings including visits to other like-minded groups out of the district. Deloraine Junior Basketball Association Secretary, Ruth Saltmarsh, was presented her organization's incentive by Branch Manager John Tabor and MVFS Ltd. Chairman Dr. Chris Moorhouse on the 29th March. "The Community Bank® does more than keep banking services in the local area," Dr. Moorhouse said, "we make donations to local clubs as part of our commitment to support these hardworking groups in reaching their goals." Deloraine Junior Basketball organises basketball skills and games nights from March to August for children ranging in age from under 8 years to 14 years. There are 198 children registered to play in 2007. The Club encourages young players to learn umpiring and coaching skills as well as basketball game skills. All these skills are used in the senior roster of basketball which the children can play after turning 14. The Club provides tops and basketballs for all competition matches. "It takes a lot of time and commitment to keep the basketball club running and we are always looking for volunteers to help out with the organization and businesses to sponsor the club's activities for the children," Secretary Ruth Saltmarsh said. Anyone interested in assisting Junior Basketball can contact the Secretary for more information.

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