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EMPOWERING EAGLEHAWK INC.

BUILDING EAGLEHAWK TOGETHER

ABOUT EMPOWERING EAGLEHAWK.....

Empowering Eaglehawk gives the people of Eaglehawk the power to make a good idea happen and to direct money to projects and activities within our Community.

Empowering Eaglehawk was established after two Public Meetings held on 25th May 2006 and 15th June 2006, the result of which was to form a legal entity by Incorporation by Association.

After enthusiastic endorsement and approval by the public meetings, a Committee of Management was elected, formed and was incorporated on 23rd August 2006. This comprises 12 people who each serve a 12 month term before re election or otherwise, at the Annual General Meeting, usually held in August of each year.

Community Enterprise Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Bendigo Bank, generously donated \$5000 to provide the basis for further development of a Management Account within the Foundation. This is a Capital Fund for EEI and donations to this Capital Fund can be eligible for income tax deduction purposes.

Empowering Eaglehawk Inc also has entered into an arrangement with the Bendigo Bank where in response to customers linking their existing Bendigo Bank accounts and/or transferring new accounts to the Bank, the Bendigo Bank will remit, on a monthly basis, a percentage from their bottom line. This does not affect the customer's interest monies etc. For new accounts, the percentage rate is 0.02% and for existing accounts it is 0.01% of the balances. At present EEI receives a monthly transfer of \$2600 approx

A similar arrangement has been entered with Bendigo Community Telco and new accounts transferred to this Company together with existing accounts linked to Empowering Eaglehawk Inc will also deliver consistent and significant funding to Empowering Eaglehawk Inc. A percentage of 0.15% of the Bill is transferred to Empowering Eaglehawk Inc. At present this amounts to about \$700 per month.

On 13th August 2007, the City of Greater Bendigo and EEI signed a Deed of Delegation for EEI to manage and administer the MUIOOF Hall and Shop at 24/26 High Street Eaglehawk. This facility had been gifted to the City by Australian Unity. Under the terms of the Delegation, the Lodge continues to have priority for Lodge Meetings and the Lodge has a representative on the Operations Sub Committee.

Empowering Eaglehawk Inc is overseen by a voluntary Committee of Management of up to 12 people representing a cross section of local community groups. The Committee of Management has a number of Sub Committees including:

1. Appraisal and Distribution of Resources. This considers and makes recommendations to the Committee of Management in regard to the distribution of Grants.



2. Promotion, Publicity, and Fundraising. This makes recommendations in regard to Public Relations etc.

3. Operations. This Sub Committee takes care of the various operational and administrative matters but its primary focus is on administering the MUIOOF Hall.

E EI Marketing Activities

Apart from the arrangements with Bendigo Bank and Bendigo Community Telco, EEI undertakes a number of activities to maximise income including:

- Ongoing campaigns to sign up Links to Bendigo Bank and Bendigo Community Telco.
- Community Events such as Breakfasts featuring a Guest Speaker.
- Discussions with Business Leaders and individuals
- Speaking engagements at Service and other Organisations
- Working with Schools
- Newsletters and Signage
- Engagement with User Groups etc.

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Goals for 2008

The following goals have been set for 2008:

Number of Signed Links to be achieved by 30 June 2008 to total 600 and 1000 by January 2010.

Our Focus for 2008 to continue to be:

- 1. Distribution of Grants to local Community Organisations and Groups.**
- 2. Provision of Scholarships and Sponsorships.**
- 3. Work towards the establishment of a Major Project in the future when an appropriate project with substantial community support is evident.**
- 4. Our prime function is to be a Facilitator/Resourcer to the Eaglehawk Community.**

EEI will organise a number of events over 2008 that will be targeted as appropriate, for various groups in the Community.

How is the money raised administered and what is it used for?

The Committee has developed comprehensive Guidelines which govern the way the money raised is both administered and distributed. This requires advertisements to be placed in two Newspapers circulating around the district, at least four weeks in advance of the closing date, inviting from the Community, Applications to be submitted on an official Form by the due date. There are two Rounds of Grants in any one calendar year, i.e.: Round One closing on 15th April and Round Two on 15th October.

The Committee will then make a decision based on specific Guidelines and criteria for allocation of resources.

Requests to date have, of course far outweighed the capacity to fund all Applications but in spite of this factor, to date; nearly \$53,000 has been provided to Community groups:

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The following has been gifted back to the Community to date:

Scholarships up to \$2,000 per year:

This is provided to Schools in the area including Eaglehawk Secondary College and the four district Primary Schools. This is in memory of one of our founding members who died during 2007 and the Peter Krenz Memorial Scholarships were awarded in his honour.

Total allocation to date \$4,000.

Sponsorships:

EEI provides various sponsorships as they arise and this includes \$200 for each Kindergarten that enters a float in the local Dahlia and Arts Procession, Eaglehawk Business Network contribution to advertisement in the Visitors Guide \$500.

Total to date \$700.

Grants to School Projects:

Eaglehawk North Primary School for Sun Shade Sails \$1200, Eaglehawk Primary School towards preparing plans for a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen \$5000, Eaglehawk Secondary College for Empowering with Moving Image Student Project \$2500 and a Wakarirri Performance production \$500, California Gully Primary School towards development of a Friendly Free Time Initiative for students \$990, California Gully Primary School for Health Trail equipment \$3000

Total to date \$13,190

Grants for Sporting Clubs:

Eaglehawk Junior Football Club \$800 and Eaglehawk Cricket Club, Netball Club for gymnasium equipment \$3000. Skate Park towards construction of the facility \$3000, Neangar Park Pony Club to improve their facilities \$4000, towards the cost of sending two local young Gymnasts to the World Age Games in Quebec, Canada \$1000, St Liborius Junior Football Club for training equipment \$700.

Total to Date \$12,500

Grants for Community Organisations:

Eaglehawk Country Fire Authority for a Youth Development Day \$3900, Eaglehawk Heritage Society towards cost of installing historical Plaques on places of interest in the Eaglehawk district up to \$2600, Eaglehawk Lions Club for a Electric generator to use at the monthly local market \$1100, Access Employment for a Data Projector \$1000 and up to \$5000 for tools to be used for a Men's shed at the Bright Street Community Hub, Anglican Parish for their "Hands on Health Program" \$1500, Eaglehawk Playgroup towards erection of Shade Sails \$4000, Seeds Bendigo - A program for young males from the Long Gully area, helping them experience positive activities rather than negative ones. For transport and food costs \$3500

Total to date \$22,600

Each Grant recipient is required to provide the Committee of Management with an evaluation of the project and how the money has been committed.

Conclusion

As can be gleaned from the foregoing Empowering Eaglehawk Incorporated is an active and vibrant Community Group with the sole aim of raising funds for the good of and to be gifted back to our community.

We encourage and appreciate, any support in providing resources that will enable our goals to be realised.

Please lend your active support to our vision

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