



Empowering EAGLEHAWK

"Building Eaglehawk Together"

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Empowering Eaglehawk What is Empowering Eaglehawk?

Empowering Eaglehawk is a community enterprise that has been established to raise funds for projects within the Eaglehawk Community.

These include areas such as education, sport, the arts as well as the development of community facilities for the residents of Eaglehawk.

The committee that manages the enterprise comprises of representatives from community and sporting organisations, service clubs, business, education & local residents.

Organisations and individuals are able to apply to Empowering Eaglehawk for funds at various times during the year. Current applications close on 15th March.

The philosophy behind Empowering Eaglehawk is to allow local people to have a greater say in the provision of community facilities and support.

Business partnerships have been formed with the Bendigo Bank and Bendigo Community Telco which enables the enterprise to raise money to fund projects to enhance the community.

Money for Empowering Eaglehawk is generated in three simple ways. People can do their banking at Bendigo Bank, switch their phone and Internet services to Bendigo Community Telco or make a donation to Empowering Eaglehawk through the Community Enterprise Foundation.

Empowering Eaglehawk then earns a commission from the business of every supporter. It's a unique concept that allows all of us to make

a difference at a local level, without doing anything more complicated than doing your banking or using the phone. The Empowering Eaglehawk Committee is seeking pledges of support from Eaglehawk residents and business in order for its community support to begin in earnest.

What have they done so far?

Empowering Eaglehawk has so far funded football gear for Eaglehawk Junior Football Club, Shade Sails at Eaglehawk North Primary School and has provided funding for scholarships into all of the locals schools in the area.

Where to now?

Late in 2006 the committee reached their first target of 350 pledges which effectively meant the body was a recognized entity by the Bendigo Bank and the Bendigo Community Telco and agreements were drawn up. The organisation now has an income stream and capacity to borrow against that. We are now looking for worthwhile projects to fund within the community. There will be 3 rounds of funding during the year and applications are now being received for the first round of funding.

How can you help?

By simply filling out a pledge form and then by doing your banking at the Bendigo Bank or making a phone call with the Bendigo Community Telco. Pledge forms are available from any committee member or call the Bank on 5446 8511 or the Telco on 5454500. It costs you nothing and you can benefit from this Community venture.

Do you have an idea?

As well as the normal process of granting funds based on applications received the Committee is also looking for ideas for projects that they may help with that aren't necessarily under anyone's particular organizational control. So we want to hear from you too if you think there are things that we can do in the area that will be of benefit to the community.

How to apply

There will be three rounds of funding during the year and expressions of interest have now been invited for the first round of funding in March 2007. You can apply by obtaining the relevant application forms and information from the office at Eaglehawk IGA or the office at the Eaglehawk Secondary College.

CATEGORIES FOR FUNDING

The Committee of Management has agreed that the following categories of possible local projects that could be considered for funding include:

- * Improving education opportunities.
(eg Scholarships for local students, School community projects)
- * Projects that would result in the improvement of health, fitness and well being of the Eaglehawk Community
- * Support for infrastructure projects, (bricks and mortar)
- * Enhancement of Art & Cultural Initiatives
- * Environment Initiatives
- * Families, Children & Youth Initiatives

Website to be launched

Empowering Eaglehawk is soon to release its own website. This is currently under construction and should be up and running by the end of March. You will be able to view projects that have been undertaken and those that have been funded.

You can find out all about our Committee members and also download the necessary forms if you think you or your organisation has a project that might be considered for funding from the Empowering Eaglehawk Committee.

The address will be:

www.empoweringeaglehawk.org.au

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Let us make a
difference!
Have you
pledged your
support yet?



EEI President Peter Cox presents Bill Concol from the Eaglehawk Junior Football Club with a cheque for football equipment

Get to know your Committee

Peter Cox – Chairman

Peter is CEO of Future Employment Opportunities and works on a range of employment programs to create local jobs which includes the Eaglehawk Recycle Shop, the Eaglehawk Enterprise Park, Enhance IT and On Track Training & Employment. Peter is involved in many local Rotary Projects and lives and works in Eaglehawk

Brian Davey – Secretary

Brian Davey was born, bred and has lived all his life in Eaglehawk.

His family originally came to Eaglehawk in 1862. He worked at La Trobe University Bendigo and its antecedent institutions for more than 42 years.

His major area of responsibility was in finance and budgeting and as Business Manager for the Bendigo Campus. He retired at the end of April 2005. Married to Yvonne and with two children (now grown up and living in Melbourne), Brian and his family have been active in many community activities.

Noel Claridge – Vice President

Noel is the Assistant Principal of Eaglehawk Secondary College and has been teaching for 25 years the last twelve of these in Eaglehawk. Noel has a long association with Eaglehawk as his parents lived here and has many other relations in the Borough although himself being bought up in Golden Square. He believes that Eaglehawk has a unique community that has a level of local commitment and identity rarely seen in other areas. This strength is evident in the community projects that all local schools are involved and their commitment to being part of a strong and vibrant Eaglehawk.