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### Upcoming events



#### Bayswater Cinema Under the stars

Friday 24 January  
Friday 21 February  
Friday 14 March

#### Knox Festival

Saturday 1 and  
Sunday 2 March



#### Pet Expo

Sunday 6 April



#### Green Foot Flicks

Monday 7 April

## Message from Sarah

Happy New Year to all our customers, shareholders, and community partners! It really is hard to believe that it's 2014 already!

With every new year comes fresh opportunity, and for many – reflection. Do you ask yourself questions about what you enjoyed last year and how you are going to allocate your time this year? Where do you want to travel? Do you want to pay off your mortgage faster?

Yes I am speaking of New Year resolutions and goal setting! A goal is really a dream with a deadline. Do you have any dreams you think about often? I have had a goal in the back of my mind for the past couple of years, and last year I decided to take action. During a presentation from Naomi Simpson (founder of Red Balloon) I was inspired by her describing her BHAG (Big Hairy Audacious Goal) and decided that I needed one for myself!

On 30 October 2013, I convinced three other people to join me to walk the Oxfam Trailwalker to raise money for global poverty. The distance is 100 kilometres within 48 hours, starting at Jells Park and finishing in Warburton. The past couple of months have seen a lot of training, preparation and team building, and I am extremely excited about the adventure ahead, which takes place on 2 - 4 May.

We have James Bond backing us – as we scored team number 007!

So what does all that have to do with banking? Well many goals require money, and therefore a conversation with your local bank. We are

specialists in matching your banking accounts to your financial goals, and who knows – we might be able to help you achieve something sooner than you thought possible.



This is definitely the case for some of those who attended our successful investment seminar late last year with guest speaker Mark Bonelli. The feedback we received was fantastic and overwhelmingly positive, so much so that we have decided to make these information sessions available more frequently.

I personally encourage and welcome you to attend with your partner and friends, you will meet like minded people, learn a couple of things and hopefully be inspired to take some steps towards what it is you want.

If you are interested in attending a first home buyer information session, investment seminar or transition to retirement seminar please contact me at the branch to register your interest.

I look forward to seeing you as I am out and about locally, or have a chat in the branch, wishing you and your families a successful and adventurous 2014!

**Sarah Thurrowgood**  
**Branch Manager**

## Community stories

### Wantirna South Cricket Club season launch

The Wantirna South Cricket Club season launch dinner was a great backdrop for Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch to present a sponsorship cheque to the club. WSCC is a strong, successful club that has banked with us for many years. They were the proud winners of the district 20-20 competition last season and their well worn playing tops are now in need of replacement. The **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch sponsorship was used to pay for their new tops and made a contribution toward the annual 20-20 charity fundraiser which was played at Walker Reserve, Wantirna South, on 15 December 2013. The Club President, Graham Smith, was thrilled to receive the sponsorship and has pledged



to work actively to promote the branch's services and products to the Club's committee and membership. This must be working as we have already written new home loan business!!

\$120,000

\$110,000

\$100,000

\$90,000

\$80,000

\$70,000

\$60,000

\$50,000

So far we have donated \$112,000 to the community.

### Wantirna South Junior Football Club

Wantirna South Junior Football Club is a vibrant and growing club with plans to improve the grounds and facilities for its 200 young footballers and supporters. Sarah Thurrowgood and Wes Gleeson had the privilege of attending the club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) where they heard about the 2013 season successes and the club's challenges and growth plans. Wes had the opportunity to address the meeting and spoke of the important role clubs like WSJFC play in the fabric of our community and how pleased Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch is to support their growth aspirations. Wes then presented a sponsorship of \$1,000 and 25 training footballs for the 2014 season. WSJFC President, Mark Lowe, was delighted with the sponsorship and commented on how pleased they are with their banking arrangements and the fantastic support and service provided by Sarah and team.



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### Swinburne Arts Show

On 29 October, Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch went to the Wantirna campus of Swinburne University to present a sponsorship grant to Swinburne Visual Arts graduates Katherine Stanford, Michelle Luc and Faye Pettinella, for their graduate exhibition, held in St. Kilda.



### Lions Club of Wantirna Trivia Night

The Board of Directors and branch staff attended the Lions Club Trivia Night at the Bayswater Senior Centre on 26 October, with a sponsorship amount given to Lions Club to cover running costs of the night. The trivia night raised funds towards funding a camp for teenagers with cancer from CanTeen, with the Licola-based camp being run by the Lions Club. Though faced with a difficult variety of trivia questions, Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch came out on top with the tiniest margin to take home the win.



### New video clip

In partnership with community organisations, Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch has put together a film encompassing its engagement in the community. Filmed over the space of two weeks, the video explores relationships the branch has with Knox Toy Library, Orana Neighbourhood House, Wantirna South Junior Football Club, Wantirna South Cricket Club, Flamingo Preschool and Magic Moments Leadership Summit. The video will be showcased in the branch and shared online.

To view the 3 minute video clip scan the QR code or visit [http://youtu.be/cOj\\_EinPj8E](http://youtu.be/cOj_EinPj8E)



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# Property night

On 1 October 2013 Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch held its first Investment Property Information evening at Knox Club. It was a fantastic opportunity to network with like-minded people, learn more about the local property scene and hear tips from qualified speakers. All branch staff attended along with 45 guests which were a mix of existing customers and local people referred through friends and family.

We were fortunate to have Peter Chaffey, Economic Development Coordinator for Knox City Council as our first speaker for the night. He has a career that spanned public, private and not-for-profit sectors, including work in research, policy, operational and managerial roles.

Peter has focused on local and regional economic development, strategic planning and international linkages for business and trade. Currently Peter is responsible for the Economic Development Program at Knox and implementation of the Council's Economic Development Strategy, and shared with us on the evening some of the detailed plans for Knox and highlighted key business and property precincts.

Moving from local council and their strategic planning onto individual strategic plans for the future, we heard from Shane Raar our Financial Planner who

is very passionate about helping people and draws on more than 20 years of experience in business and financial services.

He assists clients with a wide range of financial needs including wealth creation, risk protection, superannuation, retirement planning and aged care. Shane highlighted some data around the populations growing lifespan, how that translates to a need for more money in retirement and concluded with some information around why property is a great source of long term financial security.

Our final speaker on the night was Mark Bonelli who is a property investment specialist and researcher, who shared his insights into how to invest safely, securely and successfully in property. He highlighted the importance of simple and long-term strategies and spoke from personal experience, which was really well received by all.

By all key measures the night was successful and we have received great

feedback from those who attended, and welcomed some new customers to the bank as a result. We aim to run similar events in 2014 and beyond, across different topics of interest and extend an invitation in advance for you to join us. Please let us know if you would like to be notified of upcoming events in addition to this newsletter and if you have any suggestions on topics and speakers. Thank you to all who made the night such a success!

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