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Recent events

- 20 February** – Wantirna South Cricket Club T20 Cheque Presentation
- 21 Feb, 7 & 14 March** – Bayswater Cinema Under the Stars
- 1 March** – Glenvale Tennis Club Open Day
- 15 March** – Knox Toy Library AGM
- 22 March** – Knoxfield Southern Cross Girl Guides Trivia Night
- 29 March** – Wantirna South Cricket Club Presentation night
- 7 April** – Green Foot Flicks

\$120,000

\$110,000

\$100,000

\$90,000

\$80,000

\$70,000

\$60,000

\$50,000

So far we
have donated
\$114,906 to the
community.

Message from the Chairman

Welcome to our latest newsletter, our regular communication with the community.

Your Board and branch continue to work hard to develop and grow the business. To date we have contributed in excess of \$114,500 into the Wantirna community.

The Board have recently completed a series of strategic planning days to set the company on the right path to profitability and increased community contributions. We are now in the implementation phase of this new plan and will keep you up to date with the progress.

I want to thank our committees for their recent efforts.

- Wes and the Marketing & Sponsorship Committee have put a lot of effort into local community events and strengthening our relationships with local community groups.
- Peter and the Finance & Audit Committee have extensively reviewed our reporting and governance procedures.
- Gerard and the Human Resources Committee have heavily recruited for new board members to strengthen the numbers and talent of the Board.

We have a number of new people working with our various committees who are considering joining our Board. I thank them for their efforts so far and look forward to their contributions in the future.

Watch out for our series of seminars in the back half of the year designed to educate and inform the community on a number of topics.

I congratulate the Wantirna South Cricket Club and the Bayswater Park Cricket Club on the successful T20 cricket fundraiser match. See the article inside on this fantastic fundraiser and community event, which I encourage you to attend this December.

Bayswater Park Cricket Club also ran its cinema under the stars event again recently. This is also an excellent community event and it is a pleasure for us to be involved.

If you have some spare time and would like to be involved in the community, the L2P program is a great opportunity. Please read more inside.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter. If you have any questions or comments please email us at executive.wcfs@gmail.com

Adam Nichol
Chairman

Take a look at our short 3 minute film showing examples of our engagement in the community. To view the 3 minute video clip scan the QR code right or visit http://youtu.be/cOj_EinPj8E



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T20 Charity Match

Since its conception, the T20 charity event has become bigger and better every year with the help of Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch showing support through sponsorships and donations to the day. On Sunday 15 December 2013, the well known rivalry between Bayswater Park and Wantirna South Cricket Clubs continued, with all funds raised to be split evenly between the Leukaemia Foundation and Knox SES.

Aside from the funds raised from the matches and player sponsorships, there were silent auctions, raffles and a barbecue (manned by the Lions Club of Wantirna) running throughout the event, with all proceeds going towards the cause.

Overall in excess of \$8,000 was raised on the day for the Leukaemia Foundation and Knox SES. It just goes to show how much of an impact our local clubs and community organisations can have when they team up for the betterment of our community.

Wantirna South Cricket Club has since hosted an event to thank its sponsors and to present a cheque for \$4,320 to the Knox Group of the SES. Everyone was warmly welcomed by Graeme Smith, the Club President and Tony Gawne, Club Secretary. The club has had an excellent competitive year, with four of its five teams in the finals, and it is clearly a proud and cohesive club.

It was with great pleasure that a cheque for \$4,320 was presented by Wes Gleeson, Director of the Wantirna **Community Bank**® Company, to the Public Relations Officer for the Knox Group of SES, Trudi Pratt. Wes spoke of the tremendous effort by the Wantirna South Cricket Club players to raise this significant amount and how Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch was proud to be associated as a sponsor of the T20 fundraiser and as a major sponsor of the club. Trudi thanked the club and Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch for their ongoing support and advised the donation will be directed to the training of new SES recruits.

Wes concluded with the presentation of a "Club Rewards" cheque to the club resulting from club members banking with Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch. He informed the guests and players that Wantirna **Community Bank**® Company invested a minimum of 80 per cent of its profits back in to the local community.



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Bayswater Cinema Under the Stars

Bayswater Cinema Under the Stars was a huge success for Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch.

The movies that were shown were Grease, Despicable Me 2 and Frozen.

Besides the movies, there was also the mobile library, a mini animal farm and a jumping castle.

Piggy attended the first screening and he was much loved by the children that were there.

Sarah and all the staff were also on hand to help. We distributed mini packets of M&Ms and post cards to those that attended.

Our staff at the branch had kindly contributed their time to attend the event and our presence there was well received by the community at large.

The branch also contributed some money as co-sponsor of Bayswater Cinema Under the Stars. All in all it was a great day and the exposure Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch received from the event was significant.



L2P Program

The L2P Learner Driver Mentor program is a community based, volunteer program that aims to facilitate driving practise for youth who want to obtain their drivers licence. L2P was developed to provide access to driving practice for learner drivers who face significant barriers to gaining their mandatory 120 hours of driving practice required to obtain a probationary license. For most young learner drivers this would be achievable through professional driving instructor lessons and practice with parents, extended family or close friends. However, there are a number of young people who have considerable difficulty in gaining access to this experience, due to

non-availability of a vehicle or supervising driver (or both) on an ongoing basis.

Vic Roads provide initial funding and framework for this program which runs in a number of council municipalities across the state with great success. Knox Council has joined forces locally with Uniting Care Harrison and has gained support from the RAVC Foundation and Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch to begin the program in 2014. Representatives from the Knox Council, Vic Police, Uniting Care Harrison and Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch sit on the steering committee.

Learner drivers are matched with fully licensed community volunteers. Using a sponsored vehicle, the learner and their mentor go out driving, working towards 120 hours of driving practice. L2P also incorporates up to seven professional driving lessons by a registered driving instructor. The Harrison L2P program is almost ready to hit the road with our first mentor training sessions being completed in January with 11 new mentors. They attended the two-day training program and discussed topics such as controlling the car and complex driving situations, as well as role modelling scenarios around real life situations and how best to handle them. One mentor commented: "I enjoyed the training and I am eager to pass on my knowledge and experience to the younger generation."

Volunteers are still being actively recruited, so if you or someone you know has some extra time and wants to make a difference in the life of a young person, please contact Julie on 9871 8708.



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ESRA Racquetball Tournament

Sarah Kendall, a year 7 student at Wantirna Secondary College, participated in the ESRA Racquetball Tournament held on 22 and 23 of February at Knox Park Courts in Bayswater. Sarah played in the U/13 event and this was her first tournament. She did very well, winning the girls U/13 event. Congratulations and well done Sarah!

Pictured below is Sarah Kendall (on left) with runner-up Nicole Banks. Nicci Rossouw presented the Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch sponsored vouchers to the girls. Sarah is currently participating in the ESRA junior program being run at the courts at the Genesis Gym in Wantirna. The program runs on a Tuesday afternoon from 3.45pm – 5.00pm. Children who have not played before are welcome to come and try. We have racquets and eye wear available for use. For

further information please contact Nicci on 0407 002 017.

Joshua Kendall participated in the ESRA Racquetball Tournament held on 22 and 23 of February at Knox Park courts in Bayswater. Joshua played in the U/13 junior event. This was his first tournament he played in and he

did very well being the runner up! Joshua has been participating in the junior program run by ESRA (Eastern Suburbs Racquetball Association) at the courts at the Genesis Gym in Wantirna. The program runs for six weeks and this is the second term that Joshua is participating. Joshua won a voucher from Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch who sponsored the junior event. Pictured above, the award was presented by Nicci Rossouw to the winner, Nelson Howard (on left) and runner up, Joshua Kendall.



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