



Community stories.



So far we have contributed **\$162,460** to the community.



Liz, Libby, Margarida, Kay, Vicky and Wendy.



Pink Stumps Day

Wantirna South Cricket Club hosted a Pink Stumps day on Saturday 20 February 2016, which included a ladies luncheon with entertainment, keynote speakers, door prizes, raffles and a silent auction. The day raised \$4,059 for the McGrath Foundation, to place breast care nurses in communities right across Australia as well as increasing breast awareness in young Australian women.

Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch staff and company Board members enjoyed a day seated amongst pink balloons and tables adorned with fluffy pink paper hydrangeas. It was a full house against a backdrop of women dressed beautifully, and excited to have a day off just to enjoy themselves and raise funds for the McGrath Foundation. Guest speaker Megan Pauwels talked us through what it was like to be a young Australian cricketer, breast care nurse Nicole Hall presented the facts and figures about breast care nursing – what it is, why it's important and where you can access support. They were informative, friendly and generous with their own experiences, sharing for our benefit.

After a delicious lunch, we were entertained by Lulu, with her glitter platform shoes and her pink tutu, accompanied by her colleague, the handsome Bradley Cooper. Lulu commanded attention, with her vibrant, satirical, cheeky and inventive performance. The Honourable Nick Wakeling impressed us all by demonstrating a wonderful sense of humour, as he was singled out as the only male at pink stumps day. Lulu sang songs that were about the places we live in, people we know and experiences that we have all shared, we cheered her on, and joined in at times.

Dessert was enjoyed against a backdrop of raffle tickets being announced and excited women claiming their prizes. There were 52 prizes in all, ranging from a \$250 Peninsula Hot Springs spa voucher and a coffee machine (courtesy of Wantirna Mall IGA), to a variety of BBQ gifts and vouchers. There was a buzz in the air, as women waited for the winning ticket to be announced.

Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch is proud to be associated as a sponsor of the Pink Stumps day and as a major sponsor of the club. A big thank you to the generous support of local businesses who donated more than 60 gifts to raffle on the day. We hope that the proceeds of the day contribute to providing greater support and more direct, immediate and targeted care for women living with breast cancer, and families dealing with loss.

Community stories (continued).



Director Colin Fletcher with the Women's Open Winner, Sarah Fitz-Gerald.



Director Viv Prasad with the Junior Girl's Winner, Gabby Baines.



Viv Prasad with the Junior Boy's Winner, Jack Ringland.

World Squash Champion Trumped by Junior Brigade

Even though five times world open squash champion, and seven times Australian open racquetball title holder Sarah Fitz-Gerald was the headline act at the 2016 ESRA Grand Prix Open Racquetball Championships, it was the sport's younger brigade who upstaged the sporting legend.

The ESRA Grand Prix held at the Knox Squash and Racquetball Centre on 20 and 21 February, was the season opener for the National and Victorian Racquetball Tournament Circuits. The 2016 edition attracted 136 entrants of all grades from Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales and Tasmania, for two days of enthralling singles and doubles matches.

The generous support of the Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch has enabled the Eastern Suburbs Racquetball Association (ESRA) to incorporate two junior singles events into its program schedule, making it a truly family tournament, which has now been mirrored by other racquetball events across the country. It has also provided a pathway for primary school children to enter the sport and participate against others of similar age and standard, plus at the same time watch the very best racquet ballers in action.

Following a fun packed day containing several entertaining matches, Albury's pocket dynamo, 11-year-old Gabi Baines, displayed outstanding potential, by not only winning the Girl's section, but defeating the Boy's section winner as well.

Runner-Up in the girl's section was Mt. Waverley's Hanna Ritlewski, with Boronia's Jack Ringland, taking out the Boy's title from Dromana's Nelson Howard and Corio's Jackson Lander-Mitchell, who tied for second place.

As anticipated, Fitz-Gerald once again won the Women's Open title, in the final defeating Bairnsdale's Judy Wright, 21/10, 21/6, who had won the Australian Open Women's crown on seven occasions prior to Fitz-Gerald arriving on the scene.

Although the Men's Open event was missing 14 times National champion Cam White, a stellar field still assembled. Perennial finalist Geelong's Garry Pedersen was in outstanding form, cutting a swathe through the bottom half of the draw, and in the final blowing away the tournament's giant killer, Mornington's Chris England, 21/8, 21/6.

The special presenters at the presentation ceremony were Colin Fletcher and Viv Prasad, Directors of the Wantirna Community Financial Services Limited, who shared the individual presentations, but with Colin ensuring he did the honours for the Women's Open presentation, as he had closely followed Sarah's squash career.

We are proud to continue our support of the Eastern Suburbs Racquetball Association - ESRA - Victoria Junior Development Program. The junior program has operated each term since 2014. It began in late 2013 as a program for children from local primary schools; but has expanded to cater for juniors 6-18. Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch sponsorship of \$350 is used to fund equipment and prize money to the junior winners and runners up competing in the tournament.

Regency Park Primary School Rewards

Congratulations Regency Park Primary School on receiving \$500 via our Sponsorship Rewards Program!

The Sponsorship Rewards Program is designed to support the groups that provide new business to our branch.

New business enables us to increase the income stream which enables more funds to be distributed back to our local community.

Contact Branch Manager Paul Jerram to discuss how your banking may benefit your club/group, phone 9720 4122 or email paul.jerram@bendigoadelaide.com.au



Wantirna Community Financial Services Limited, Director, Col Fletcher and Regency Park PS Principal Carolyn Drinkwater

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Message from our Chairman, Merv Ericson.



Welcome to the April edition of our quarterly newsletter.

Although we have been operating for over nine years, I would like to reiterate details of our business model.

The Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch predominantly services the Wantirna and surrounding areas within the City of Knox.

We rely on developing partnerships and relationships with the many and varied groups and organisations operating throughout our "catchment area."

In recognition of those organisations supporting us, we often provide sponsorships, or Community Investment donations, therefore creating a win/win situation for our business and our communities.

We advertise the activities that we carry out with those partnerships and relationships, to demonstrate how we are investing in the community to make the community better for all.

Via many of those partnerships, we find members who will bank with us, with many becoming long term and loyal customers. Some even become advocates for our business and it is that customer base that helps make our business successful.

You will find in this edition of the newsletter further stories demonstrating the assistance we are providing to our community.

In moving around the Wantirna area, you are likely to see our **Community Bank**[®] branch signs, on fences at schools, sporting grounds and community premises; they are part of our brand awareness program and whenever you see such signs, you can be assured that group or organization and our branch will have a working relationship.

We also like to strengthen the partnership we have with our shareholders and hope that you will find it possible to bring your banking business to us, if you haven't already done so.

Your banking can make a difference. When you choose to be a customer of Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch, you make a decision that benefits you and your community. That's because with every savings or investment account, every home or personal loan, and every product and service we offer, money goes back into our community.

In my previous Chairman's Message in October 2015, I provided an update of the changes that had occurred with the composition of our Board.

After nearly four years as a Director of Wantirna Community Financial Services Ltd, including

terms as both Chairman of the Board, and Company Secretary, Adam Nicol resigned in December 2015, due to work and family commitments.

In addition, one of our newer directors, Gary Hunter, has found it necessary to relinquish his position on the Board, due to a new employment position that will impact on his availability to attend our regular committee and Board meetings.

I would like to express my appreciation to both Gary and Adam for their respective contributions to the Board during their terms as Directors and wish them every success in the future.

It is important for our company to retain an optimal number of Directors on our Board and we have commenced a recruitment campaign, to attract suitable local candidates, to join our Board team.

Merv Ericson
Chairman

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Community Bank[®] Company Director

Expressions of interest sought for volunteer Directors of the Wantirna Community Financial Services Limited.

The Wantirna Community Financial Services Ltd Board is seeking energetic, community minded and committed individuals to serve as voluntary Directors, and to make an important and positive contribution to the bank and the community.

Wantirna Community Financial Services Ltd operates the Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch in Wantirna. It is a franchise of the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank.

Working as part of a dedicated, professional and diverse team, the role calls for people willing to apply themselves to the full range of responsibilities and accountabilities of a Director. In return we offer a rich opportunity for professional and personal development in a stimulating and rewarding environment.

Successful candidates will possess some of the following criteria:

- Business acumen
- Financial literacy
- Strategic thinking
- Willingness to learn, grow and develop
- Interpersonal communication and demonstrated team collaboration skills
- Formal or informal leadership skills
- Community connections and a commitment to strengthening and engaging with community
- Previous banking, board or demonstrated experience in community organisation roles would be an advantage.

Applicants are required to send a 1-2 page letter outlining your experience, what you would bring to the Board, and addressing the above selection criteria.

Applications to Chairman, by 29 April 2016: Merv Ericson, P.O. Box 6195, Wantirna VIC 3152 or emailed to executive@wantirnacommunitybank.com.au

For further queries, contact Merv Ericson on 0408 303 294

Sponsorships.

- Knox Club Darts Club
- Green Foot flicks - Knox Youth Services, Knox Council
- Flamingo Community Group
- Wantirna South Cricket Club
- Uniting Care Harrison
- Templeton Tennis Club
- Wantirna Primary School
- Wantirna Cricket Club
- Eastern Suburbs Racquetball Assoc
- Fairhills High School Basketball Academy
- Wantirna WASPS Basketball Club
- Wantirna Little Athletics
- Hungarian Community Centre
- Wantirna South Primary School
- Wantirna Tennis Club
- St Andrews Cricket Club



GREEN FOOT FLICKS
KNOX YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL
 Wednesday 13 April 2016
 6:30 - 9:30pm
 @ Village Cinema Knox
 Westfield Shopping Centre
 435 Burwood Hwy
 Wantirna South

Films being featured:

<p>Super Ted by Connick Cheung</p> <p>Pants on Fire by Daniel Bil</p> <p>Thief by Daniel Phillips</p> <p>The Toy Lady by Elijah McKeough</p> <p>New beginning by Emma Knox</p> <p>I am woman by Georgia Thompson</p> <p>Infinite Hope by Jake Cronin</p> <p>Blood Sweet and Precious Metal by Jeffrey Sing</p>	<p>Lost and Alone by Joel David</p> <p>Mass by Joseph Ibb</p> <p>Survive A Day by Knox School Year 8 Drama Students</p> <p>Reflection by Philip Chen</p> <p>Challenge Trail by Shantel Muckler</p> <p>Who's listening by Sierra Laird</p> <p>Love Struck by Sophie Parra</p> <p>Crane by Vishan Kien</p>
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