



Message from Chairman.

Welcome to this edition of our newsletter, our regular communication with the community. Your Board and branch are continuing to work hard with a view to developing and growing the business.

We have continued our sponsorship of local groups within the community with a view to generating more reciprocal buy-in from local groups. Our aim is to reward organisations based on the amount of business they generate at the Bank. We call it our Sponsorship Rewards Program.

During the current year we have supported the following organisations:

- MarShere Dance Studios
- Bridges Connecting Communities
- Warriors 4 Wildlife
- Lions Club of Wantirna
- Regent Calisthenics
- Glen Waverly Hawks Cricket Club
- Regency park Primary School
- Flamingo Community Group
- Scoresby Magpies Junior Football Club

We have also sponsored a student from Deakin University in her marketing subject. Emily, a Deakin student, was able to work at the branch premises and provided a draft marketing plan for our branch whilst completing her tertiary studies.

This assisted Emily in her marketing subject in her Deakin University course and provided good insight into our branch's marketing.

We have undertaken an upgrade in the social media space with a view to increasing our profile on Facebook. Why not get onto our Facebook page and check it out www.facebook.com/wantirnacommunitybankbranch/

Our Board and the committees continue to work hard to generate new leads for the branch and to ensure that the business is operating within proper governance guidelines.

Please read more on the following pages. I trust that you enjoy this newsletter. If you have any questions or comments or are interested in joining the Board please contact us on Facebook or email us at executive@wantirnacommunitybank.com.au

Peter Sheehy
Chairman

Shares available.

There are currently interested parties looking to sell shares in Wantirna Community Financial Services Limited through the company's low volume market.

To register your interest in purchasing shares please contact Chelsea Fletcher at executive@wantirnacommunitybank.com.au for further details.

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Directors: Peter Sheehy (Chairman), Rodger Stephens, Lenette Griffin (Secretary), Vivian Gonsalves, Daniel Thambiratnam (Treasurer), Siva Sivagnanam, Kris Srikanthan, Phillipa Maloney-Walsh.

Community Stories.

Hungarian Goulash Festival & Book Fair.

The Hungarian Community Centre's annual Goulash Festival was held on 4 February 2018.

This year's spectacular event was made possible by the dancers, parents, and teachers of the Gyöngyösbokréta Melbourne adult and children's folkdance groups and the support and sponsorship of the Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch.

Each year dozens of cooking enthusiasts enter the competition to see who cooks the best goulash and fish soup. The competition has been a long-standing tradition of the Hungarian Community Centre, with hundreds coming to savour the delicious soups and vote for their favourite; and this year was no different!

On the competition day, the sun was shining, the birds were chirping and the patrons were flocking to the Hungarian Community Centre's gardens to taste the goulash and fish soups that had been brewing since the early hours of the morning. Three judges were also at the ready to taste and score the offerings.

For what has been the biggest turn out yet with more than 1,000 visitors to the festival, the day could not have been better! From Hungarian foods, including sweets, crepes and traditional fried bread (lángos) to fun activities for the kids with face-painting, a jumping castle and arts and crafts, as well as a bountiful book fair and live music, there was something to satisfy all the senses!

It was so exciting to see new faces and a range of cultures come together to witness the newly crowned Goulash and Fish Soup champions for 2018. After hours slaving over hot cauldrons, adding in secret ingredients and spices, the votes were counted and the verdict was in!

Erdo Kata was awarded the winner of the best goulash soup for 2018 based on having the soup with the best aroma, texture, taste, and colour, while Tibi Tcara announced as the winner of the best Fish Soup! The two winners were crowned and handed their winning spoils along with a huge applause from all attendees. Audience's favourite soup was also awarded to Laci Forgács and Vesna.

Gyöngyösbokréta was honoured to have a VIP representative, Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch Manager Mr. Simon Vu, present the 1st place prize of a \$150 cash donation from their branch along with a shiny crown, to the winner of the best Goulash soup.

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Warriors 4 Wildlife.

Warriors 4 Wildlife is a not-for-profit organisation that rescues and rehabilitates injured or orphaned wildlife and releases them back into their natural habitat. The shelter also takes in small domestic animals, reunites them with their owners or helps them find new homes.

Located in Bayswater, just a short drive east of Melbourne, Warriors 4 Wildlife was founded in September 2015 by Carla Penn and Natalie Thomson. We are a self-funded, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to providing a safe and comfortable haven to ensure all native Australian wildlife have the best chance at survival.

Warriors 4 Wildlife has a dedicated team of volunteers who are passionate about helping love and care for animals along with a team of rescuers and transporters. Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch is proud to support Carla and Natalie, contributing towards the transportation of injured or orphaned wildlife. Keep up the good work girls and volunteers!



Wantirna South Football Netball Club.

Wantirna South Football Netball Club was established in 2016. In that short time we have grown from one team to five! This has been possible because of the support of local businesses like Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch. We are beyond excited for this partnership for the 2018 season. We are a group of women who play netball on a Friday night in the Eastern Football League Netball Competition, at multiple venues around the South Eastern suburbs. This competition is becoming one of the biggest in the area with over 90 teams involved! Our aim is to provide an opportunity for women in the community to get involved in a team sport and highlight some amazing talent, while building friendships and a family orientated club. Throughout the year we hold multiple functions such as our Ladies Lunch and Ladies Night which focus on providing an outlet for women to come together, socialise and have a great time! We would like to thank Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch for coming on board as a sponsor for the WSFNC and look forward to what the future will bring from this partnership.

Carly Dymond



Comedy for a Cause

Featuring comedians from Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festival

In Support of:
Scoresby Magpies Juniors

Saturday
12 May 2018
Scoresby Football Club
Exner Reserve
752 Stud Road, Scoresby

BOOK NOW! Adults \$35 / Students: \$20 at comedyforacause.net/SMJ
Food and drinks: 6pm
Show: 7.30pm (18+ only)



Welcome Rodger Stephens.



I have been a resident of Wantirna for over 16 years.

Am a father to three adult children – a daughter and two sons.

I having previously worked in banking for over 40 years incorporating all aspects of general banking as well as Senior Compliance and Internal Auditor roles.

I am presently semi-retired and have a part-time role with Dan Murphys.

I am a keen AFL supporter with a particular interest in the North Melbourne club.

I see this Director role as an opportunity to utilise my extensive banking experience in assisting WFSL in progressing their business in a challenging marketplace.

Great benefits for you.

BIG Bendigo Benefits is an exciting package of products and services designed to benefit members of clubs/organisations and our local community.

Drop into our branch at Wantirna Mall, 348 Mountain Highway, Wantirna or phone **9720 4122** for more details on the discounted rates, waived fees and bonus cover available.

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Sponsorship Rewards - Your Banking Supporting Your Community Organisation.

Our support in terms of sponsorships to local not-for-profit organisations is a direct result of customer support and the banking business they have with us. Our Sponsorship Rewards Program is a way of thanking clubs/groups/schools whose members have brought new business to our branch.

Congratulations to the following organisations which have received Sponsorship Rewards in January/February/March 2018:

Congratulations – Tian Ci Xiang Zhen Holy Dao Association Inc. \$640

Congratulations – Wantirna Lions Club \$110

Thank you for supporting your local **Community Bank®** branch!

We have provided over \$6,500 so far to clubs/schools/ organisation through this program. It's a great way of rewarding the organisations/schools that our customers hold close to their hearts. Drop into the branch and find out how your club/school/organisation can benefit from your banking.



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