



## Message from Branch Manager.

Hello, and welcome to the April edition of our quarterly newsletter.

I wanted to provide you with the context and purpose 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. Others become strong advocates for our business, which is a key driver in making our business successful.



We also like to strengthen the partnership we have with our shareholders and hope that you will find it possible to bring your banking 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.

We will continue to get involved and actively participate. It's what we do in the spirit of community.

The branch staff are fully diverse to cater for your banking needs and refer you accordingly if we can add value to your banking.

In closing, I wish everyone a happy and safe Easter.

**John Tiganis**  
Branch Manager

## Hungarofest.

The ever popular Hungarofest held at the Hungarian Community Centre on 22 - 24 February 2019 was again a huge success. More than 3,200 people attended during the two days and Friday evening.



Friday was organised at our Exhibition Room, concentrating on classical performances. Saturday and Sunday was more electrifying dancing, singing and music by our local talents and the very famous Essencia Orchestra visiting from Hungary. Compliments of the Hungarian Government.

The Hungarian Community Centre is the largest Hungarian Centre in the world outside of Hungary, surrounded by five and a half acres of parkland and a beautiful Church. We are home to a lot of other communities including the Indian, Burmese, Australian and others of which we are very thankful and proud.

Many thanks to our sponsors, the Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch for helping us make this Festival the success it was.

Looking forward to our future relationship with the Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch.

**Marta Marot**  
Hungarofest Organizer,  
Hungarian Community Centre Chairperson

## St Andrews new scoreboard.

St Andrews Cricket Club held their annual 'Super Sunday' in February this year, which is a family based club fundraising event with music, cricket, games for all ages and a 'world famous' slip'n'slide suitable for all ages!

Highlights of the event included:

- an u16s and 1st XI mixed T10 match playing for the inaugural Vodafone Cup with 15-year-old Connor Harvey declared man of the match!
- Life Member Steve Chettle being officially recognised in a presentation for his 400th game for St Andrews
- Our key partner, Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch, officially handing over our new portable electronic scoreboard
- Our English import, Ash Jones, walking away with the major cash prize on the day.

The day was held in perfect conditions and it was great to see both the senior and junior sections of the club enjoying the day on a perfect Australian summer day!

We thank Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch for their long-term support and cannot wait to work on future projects and other mutually beneficial opportunities together.

Go Saints!

**Regards**  
**Ben**



## 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](mailto:executive@wantirnacommunitybank.com.au) for further details.

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## Kinderlea 3 Year Old Preschool

# FAMILY FUN DAY SUNDAY 19 MAY

**11am – 2pm**

**3 Coleman Rd, Wantirna Sth**  
(located behind the Studfield shops)



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# Women of Nepal Fundraiser

## Saturday 4th May 2019

Raising Funds for skills training to empower women in remote communities.



### Seeking donations to support fundraiser event

Donations of goods and services for the silent auction or raffle prizes, will be accepted at the Wantirna **Community Bank®** Branch, Monday to Fridays 9.30am – 5.00pm

### Fundraising event: Knox Club, Wantirna 7.00pm – 11.00pm

Includes a light meal, live music entertainment by the Frock Tops and other local acts, a silent auction, games, raffles and door prizes.

**\$65 per ticket**

### Tickets

<https://bit.ly/2S1gB9H>

### More details

<http://sdfoundation.net>

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## Welcome new Directors.

### Jeff Somers

Jeff has lived in Rowville for the past 22 years. He is married to Veronica and has two adult children. Community has been an important part of Jeff's life having served on the Rowville Secondary College School Council and The Waverley Golf Club Board, The Rotary Club of Rowville-Lysterfield Board including President as well as the Rotary Police Mentoring Project and the Board of Knox Community Financial Services Limited.



Currently Jeff is actively involved with the Rotary Club of Rowville-Lysterfield as their Director of Youth activities and is the rotating President of Churchill-Waverley Golf and Bowls Club. In 2017 Jeff received both an Aston Community Award and a Victoria Day Award for his contribution to the community.

Jeff holds qualifications including B.A., B.Ed., M.Ed. Studs., Dip Bus., Dip Rel. Ed., and T.P.T.C. and is a life member of the Australian College of Educators. He has worked as a Teacher, School Principal, GM of a family business, Project Manager and Instructional Designer and currently conducts training programs for The Smith Family as well as curriculum design for the VET education sector.

**Community Bank®** branches are an important part of Jeff's life, holding shares in six different **Community Bank®** branches including Wantirna Community Financial Services Limited. Jeff is looking forward to actively supporting the Board of Wantirna Community Financial Services Limited in engaging shareholders and the community to build a business with a strong and financially secure footing, thus providing significant benefits to the local community and a return on investment for shareholders.

### Wendy van Horssen

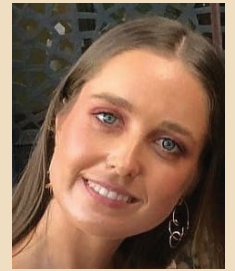
Wendy has great interest in Wantirna community lifestyle and business networking. She loves to share her experiences being a recipient of a Malaysian State Star Award from the Head of State in 2013 for her outstanding community service with the Hotel Association, Lions International, a member of the Rotarian Group Study Exchange in 2000 and a Toastmaster International Competent Leader 2014 and Public Speaker 2013. Wendy is a mother of two adult children and a wife to an Australian local businessman. She is currently self-employed providing training and business services. She has been in the Tourism industry since 1979 and brings with her a wealth of International Hospitality Management experience having worked in Australia, Hawaii, South Korea, Malaysia, Indo China and Europe. Wendy holds a Master in Business Administration Australia 2000 and is currently a PhD candidate in Entrepreneurship Development and Performance in Tourism at University Malaysia Sabah.



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## Welcome new Committee Member.

### Christina Lovrecz



I'm currently working at RMIT University, managing the Marketing and Communications for their entrepreneurial department, Activator. I bring to the role of Community Engagement Committee Member a wealth of knowledge and experience on social media, email marketing, event management as well as a fresh perspective on millennials.

In my spare time, I dance in the Hungarian Gyongyosbokreta Folk Dance group, based at the local Hungarian Community Centre in Wantirna and teach budding young folk dancers on the weekends.

I admire the commitment and dedication that the Wantirna **Community Bank®** Branch has towards its community. It is incredible to see a bank focusing on giving back to the community, bringing together many people from different walks of life to use their experiences and expertise to help the community. I look forward to working with the Board and branch, to help give back to the community and contribute towards the growth of the branch so that it can continue to serve more members of the community.

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**Directors:** Vivian Gonsalves (Chairman), Daniel Thambiratnam (Treasurer), Lenette Griffin (Secretary), Peter Sheehy, Kris Srikanthan, Phillipa Maloney-Walsh, Wendy van Horssen, Jeff Somers.

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