

# Home Loan

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# Newsletter

Community Bank · Wantirna



## Message from Chairman



I am sure everyone is relieved to see the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions that allow each of us to add that little bit more variety to our daily lives. One of the outcomes of COVID-19 is the significant increase in the number of customers moving

to online banking. I realise this can be a bit of a technical challenge for many of you, especially those who classify themselves as the older generation. I congratulate all who have been able to embrace modern technology but remind all customers that over-the-counter service will remain an important part of our service for the foreseeable future. If you want to take up the challenge of internet banking just pop into the branch and chat to one of our friendly team members. I recently embraced using my phone to pay at the checkout rather than having to find a card in my wallet. Password protection ensures only I can use this 'portable phone bank'.

A very low interest rate climate has thrown up many business challenges for our company, but Manager John Tiganis and his team have continued to grow the business. We have seen a significant growth in demand for home loans from a wide range of customers including those who are disillusioned by the closure in the local area of branches operated by the Big 4 banks. The

company is currently on track to produce a profit in excess of budget.

We welcomed Vinh Luong and Carol Constantine to the Board recently but unfortunately Shannon Leake was forced to relinquish her role due to unexpected family commitments. We thank Shannon for her significant contribution during her time on the Board. There are still vacancies for additional Board members so I would be more than happy to chat to anyone who might be interested in serving the community through our bank Board. We were also saddened to lose Edmund Wong from the Board after he passed away unexpectedly from a short battle with cancer. Whilst only a Board member for just under a year, Edmund contributed significantly to the streamlining of the company accounts and provided valuable input to Board discussions.

As travel opportunities open up in the coming months, I wish a safe journey to anyone venturing within Australia or perhaps 'across the ditch' to New Zealand. Don't forget to talk to our friendly staff about travel insurance if you need this protection.

**Jeff Somers**  
Chairman

**Dividend 2019/20: Important shareholder update – [click here](#)**

## Directors in the community

On Wednesday 10 March 2021, Director and Chair of Community Engagement Committee Wendy van Horssen celebrated International Women's Day at North Dandenong WASEMA Friendship Café (pictured right). Wendy congratulates and thanks Chair Chris Yong, founder Maria, Community Support Worker Nika Suwarsih, partners, members, and volunteers of North Dandenong WASEMA Friendship Café for a memorable day.



Attendees enjoyed a hybrid program of face-to-face and online activities; exercise, dance, art and craft and healthy eating. The event was innovative, informative and fun.

Women's Association South East Melbourne Australia (WASEMA) Inc. is a registered charity and works for the wellbeing of women, especially in South East Melbourne.

It provides a network for women's groups to share activities, experiences and challenges. The network

invites women's groups, agencies and service providers to meet each month and share information to provide opportunities for engagement.

WASEMA Inc. also provides opportunities for women's groups to work together and support each other on common projects, funding applications, events and other activities.

WASEMA Inc. creates, plans, develops, and executes activities such as friendship cafes, information sessions, workshops, training, exhibitions, expo's, mentoring, coaching, wellbeing programs within WASEMA Inc. and/or in collaboration with other organisations, networks, groups or individuals. Their website is: <https://wasema.org.au/>

Director and Chair of Community Engagement Committee Wendy van Horssen attended a 'Pop up Wok' cooking demonstration in February at Champion Foodbank & Community Hub (pictured below), where Lillie Giang of The Food Affectionists cooked up four different veggie noodle dishes using rescued food.

These Pop-up events have been delivered by The Basin Community House, in partnership with Knox Infolink and Champion Foodbank & Community Hub, proudly supported by Knox City Council Supporting Local Services Fund.



## Part of the team

Wantirna Community Financial Services Limited is a franchisee of Bendigo Bank and operates the locally owned Community Bank of Wantirna.

Expressions of interest are now being accepted for the voluntary position of Non Executive Director / Committee Member.

As a Non Executive Director / Committee Member you will be motivated, well organised, self-directed and community orientated. You'll support and drive the company's strategic direction, goals and objectives to have a real say in the future direction of the branch and community.

**For more information or to apply, call Jeff Somers on 0413 150 587 or email [jjsomers@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jjsomers@ozemail.com.au).**

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## Wantirna Lions club 'Share the Joy'

Community Bank Wantirna's promotion via their Facebook page of the 'Share the Joy Appeal' inspired Wantirna Lions Club to volunteer at Knox InfoLink to pack hampers and toys.

Knox Community Christmas Support 'Sharing the Joy appeal' aims to reach families, individuals and children that are in financial crisis in providing festive food hampers and quality gifts for children 16 years and younger. Six members of Wantirna Lions volunteered a total of 39 hours to sort and pack the food hampers and toys for this fantastic cause. This is a fantastic ongoing project and Wantirna Lions club would be happy to be involved next year.

Kind regards

**Carolyn Harris**  
**Vice President**  
**Wantirna Lions Club**



## Who do we support?

Bayswater Strikers Soccer Club  
Boronia Hawks Football Netball Club  
Bridges Connecting Communities Ltd  
Chesterfield Farm  
Eastmont and Kinderlea Preschools  
Flamingo Community Group  
Glen Waverley Hawks Clubs – Cricket and Football  
Gyongyosbokreta Hungarian Folk Dance Group  
Hungarian Community Co-Operative Assoc.  
Knox Clubs – Cricket and Darts  
Knox Infolink  
Knox School  
Knoxfield Southern Cross Girl Guides  
Lions Club of Wantirna  
Marshere Dance Studios  
Orana Neighbourhood House  
Salford Park Retirement Village  
Scoresby Magpies Juniors Inc  
St Andrews Cricket Club  
Wantirna Little Athletics  
Wantirna Primary School  
Wantirna South Football Netball Club  
Warriors 4 Wildlife Inc  
Women of Nepal – Pad Project

## Shares available now

Shares are now available in Wantirna Community Financial Services Ltd, the company operating the locally owned Community Bank of Wantirna.

Thanks to the support of our shareholders and customers, our community company has contributed over \$236,000 to the local community.

We now have 300 shareholders and are continuing to grow and support our community. If you'd like to find out more about becoming a shareholder, go to [bendigobank.com.au/wantirna](http://bendigobank.com.au/wantirna) and select 'Trading Shares (LVM)'.

**To register your interest in becoming a shareholder, contact Chelsea on 0432 890 076 or email [executive@wantirnacommunitybank.com.au](mailto:executive@wantirnacommunitybank.com.au).**



### Wantirna Community Financial Services Ltd

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## 2021

## Teams

Boys and Girls teams U8-U17.

New players welcome.

Auskick program - Friday nights under lights at Tormore Reserve



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## Dividend 2019/20 – a call out to shareholders

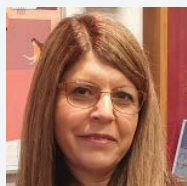
We currently have 69 shareholders who have not received their dividend as their bank account details have not been provided / updated.

Kindly contact our Share Registrar, AFS & Associates Pty Ltd on 03 5443 0344, at the very earliest so that we can disburse your dividend.

## Talk to us today



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### We're open:

9.30am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday

### Directors

Jeff Somers (Chairman), Vinh Luong (Treasurer),  
Phillipa Maloney-Walsh (Secretary),  
Wendy van Horssen, Meena Wahi, Carol Constantine

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## Southern Cross Kids' Camps Knox



On 4 January 2021, Southern Cross Kids' Camps (SCKC) Knox welcomed 23 children to camp. SCKC is a Christian organisation that provides annual camps for primary age children who come from places of disadvantage and are struggling. The children are referred to camp by local social service and welfare agencies. At camp the child is paired with an adult volunteer, a buddy, who is their companion throughout camp. This year the children and their buddies enjoyed patting the animals in the Petting Zoo, swinging on the flying fox and bouncing on the obstacle course.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the camp committee were unable to do any of our normal fundraising activities, so we really appreciate the financial support of Community Bank Wantirna, who helped to make camp possible this year.

**Liz Green**  
**SCKC Knox Camp Executive**  
**Southern Cross Kids' Camps**  
**Website: [www.sckc.org.au](http://www.sckc.org.au)**

