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\$70,000

So far we have contributed **\$137,000** to the community.

Flamingo rewards.



Congratulations Flamingo Community Group on earning \$610 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 Andrew Wawra to discuss how your banking may benefit your club/group, phone 9720 4122 or email andrew.wawra@bendigoadelaide.com.au

Organising an event? Can we help?

Our local calendar is filled every year with community events and fundraising activities.

Anyone that has been involved in organising an event understands first hand the amount of hard work and time required to make it run smoothly.



At Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch, we have a range of items to help put these events together, including a marquee to provide shelter, bank merchandise/banners and flags, EFTPOS facilities for receiving payments and assistance with marketing.

We invite you to talk to our staff about what your group needs and we may be able to assist.

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ABN 43 118 000 230 **Directors:** Andy Moutray-Read (Chairman), Peter Sheehy (Treasurer), Adam Nichol (Secretary), Geoffrey Purves and Merv Ericson.

Wantirna South Cricket Club.



The Wantirna South Cricket Club and the Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch have been partners since the opening of the branch. This association reinforces our

commitment to the local community and the passion with which we both support this community. Wantirna South Cricket Club has been going since 1950 and in that time has built the club up to include over 200 members plus many more volunteers.

On 13 November, Branch Manager Andrew Wawra was pleased to present a cheque for \$2,500 to the Wantirna South Cricket Club to assist the club to continue to provide a happy and safe environment for people of all ages through our community.

The Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch also joined forces with the Wantirna South Cricket Club and Bayswater Park Cricket Club on a Charity T20 day in which we collaborated to raise over \$9,000 towards two charities very close to our hearts, Beyond Blue and MS Society.

Wantirna Cricket Club.



Branch Manager Andrew Wawra attended the Wantirna Cricket Club on 27 November to present a cheque for \$350 to help towards the costs associated with a truly international game. The Wantirna

Cricket Club welcomes players from all over the world as well as the local Community. Established in 1920, the Wantirna Cricket Club is now entering its 95th year, a truly amazing achievement. The Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch is proud to continue its sponsorship of this great club.

T20 Charity Match.

Since its conception, the T20 charity event has become bigger and better every year with the help of Wantirna **Community**



Bank[®] showing support through sponsorships and donations to the day. On Sunday 30 November 2014, the well-known rivalry between Bayswater Park and Wantirna South Cricket Clubs continued with all funds raised to be split evenly between Beyond Blue and MS Australia. Aside from the funds raised from the matches and player sponsorships, there were silent auctions, raffles and a BBQ (manned by the Lions Club of Wantirna) running throughout the event with all proceeds going towards the cause. The day came to a close with a presentation, that saw heartfelt words spoken by both club presidents- words that truly described what two great clubs these are and reiterated why we were doing what we were doing. This same sentiment was echoed by Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch Manager, Andrew Wawra. The day saw two clubs come together to raise excess of \$9,600 for Beyond Blue and MS Australia, causes which hold a special meaning to both clubs.

Meet our new Chairman, Andy Moutray-Read.



Welcome to the first newsletter for 2015 and also my first newsletter as Chairman of the Board of Wantirna Community Financial Services Limited. I hope that everyone had a great Christmas and wish you all the very best for 2015!

It is with great pleasure that I have been asked to say a few words to introduce myself to the community.

As past Chairman of Seddon **Community Bank**[®] Branch and Flemington **Community Bank**[®] Branch I can help both the Board members and the branch team build on the great work done to bring the Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch to this point. As presented at the Annual General Meeting in November, the Board's focus over the next 12 months will be to bring the company into profitability through the development of strong local community connections. This will be seen through continued partnership development and ongoing investments we will make to key local schools, groups, clubs and associations.

Over the next 12 months I hope to meet many of the supporters of the Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch and share with the community in many of our upcoming success.

Knox Community Christmas Support.



Christmas can be a difficult time for families to pay bills as well as buy food and presents. This is especially true for people on a low income. High cost of housing, utilities, unemployment, and fragile health place extra tough demands on low income households.

The Knox Community Christmas Support (KCCS) project aims to reach families and individuals in need with a hamper of festive food and a selection of quality gifts for children.

On the 1 December 2014 Jim O'Callaghan, Geoff Purves, Andrew Wawra and Chelsea Fletcher volunteered to help pack and sort toys for the Knox Community Christmas Appeal. We thank co-ordinators John and Julie for keeping us inline.

Message from Branch Manager, Andrew Wawra.



Let me start by saying Happy New Year to you all from the team at the Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch. I hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas but most importantly a safe one and you managed to spend some quality time with those closest

to you. Christmas is such a great time for reconnecting with the people closest to us. Sometimes during the year we get too carried away with the hustle and bustle of our daily lives that we don't find the time to appreciate what we have.

Christmas is also a great time to think about what we want to achieve in the coming year. We often joke about New Year's resolutions but it is healthy to set goals for the coming year. The great thing about banking is that I get to help you achieve some of those goals and dreams. At the Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch we can help you with every part of your financial journey, whether it be from your first savings account through to buying your first car through to buying a home, an investment property or even for those of us on the wrong side of 40, starting to plan for retirement. We can help you through every stage of life and would be more than happy to spend some time with you to see what we can do about helping you achieve those goals and dreams.

In 2014 we achieved some amazing things together as a local community. A special thank you goes out to all of our shareholders for their continued support. Without them, none of this would be possible. I only joined the team in June but in that short period of time we managed to work with the following groups to help make the lives of our local community better:

- Bayswater Park Cricket Club
- Fairhills High School and their Basketball Academy
- Flamingo Community Group
- Glenvale Tennis Club
- Knox Club Darts Club

- Orana Neighbourhood House
- The Knox School through the Magic Moments Youth Leadership Summit
- The Knox Toy Library
- Knox Community Christmas Support
- The Starlight Children's Foundation
- Templeton Tennis Club
- Uniting Care Harrison and their L2P program
- Wantirna Cricket Club
- Wantirna Primary School
- Wantirna South Cricket Club
- Wantirna South Football Club – congrats on your success

We are in the early stages of working with a number of other groups including Knox Youth Services and their Green Foot Flicks program which should see our community involvement only strengthen in 2015.

At Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch, we are passionate about helping our community become stronger. To do that we need to become stronger too. We take a lot of pride in building relationships with our valued customers. Our passion is in helping our customers achieve their financial goals. Every day customers tell me how much of a delight it is to bank with us and how friendly the team is.

To help us make our branch stronger, those of you that have a home loan, an account or insurance product with another financial institution, we are more competitive than ever before so I encourage you to call me and arrange a time to meet and talk about what we have to offer at the Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch.

Andrew Wawra
Branch Manager

Meet our new Customer Relationship Officer Liz Allen.



How long have you been in Banking? I've previously worked with one of the Big 4 banks in a variety of roles for over 20 years.

What are your hobbies? I enjoy time with extended family and friends and trying new recipes on them.

Favourite place to holiday? Holidays are generally spent at a beach location and in recent years Port Douglas has become a favourite holiday destination.

Best concert you have attended? Best concert was Paul McCartney at the MCG, a few years back and I'm looking forward to the Eagles concert early this year.

Favourite food(s) Authentic Italian food is my favourite.

Name three people you would like to meet? Three people I'd like to meet are Nigella Lawson and the Two Greedy Italians.

Best thing about working in Wantirna Mall? In my short time at Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch, I've noticed the great contribution the branch makes to the community and the fantastic service provided by the staff here. I look forward to contributing to the growth of the business in such a team environment.

Which sports team do you support? I also have to admit to being an Essendon supporter!

Meet our new Customer Service Officers.

Kelly Willis



How long have you been in Banking? I have been in banking for 12 years (started with State Bank of NSW and transferred to Melbourne in 1994).

What are your hobbies? I like to create mosaics and I enjoy going on holidays.

Favourite place to holiday? My favourite holiday destination is anywhere near the beach. I love Hamilton Island.

Best concert you have attended? The best concerts I have been to are Pink & Lady Ga Ga.

Favourite food(s)? I love most foods including Thai, French & Italian (I also have a sweet tooth).

Name three people you would like to meet? I would like to meet The Queen, Julia Gillard and Lady Ga Ga.

Best thing about working in Wantirna Mall? I enjoy working at Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch because of the staff, close to home and helping our customers do their banking

Which sports team do you support? I support the Sydney Swans.

Meet our new Customer Service Officers.

Vicky Taccone



How long have you been in Banking? I have been in banking for over 10 years.

What are your hobbies? I love shopping. I even went away to Vegas several years ago with some friends and Shopped till we dropped.

Favourite place to holiday? America is my family's favourite holiday destination we recently travelled the west Coast of America.

Best concert you have attended? I loved the Pink Funhouse Concert I attended a couple of years ago her acrobatics were amazing!

Favourite food(s)? My favourite food is Italian and Seafood I am rather partial to a tasty Salt and Pepper Calamari.

Name three people you would like to meet? Shemar Moore from Criminal Minds, Chris Hemsworth and Barack Obama.

Best thing about working in Wantirna Mall? Wantirna Mall seems to be a great place to work you get a real sense of community here.

Which sports team do you support? I support Collingwood and was lucky enough to attend the 1990 Grand Final win at the MCG.

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