



So far we have contributed **\$159,460** to the community.

## Oz Child Wishing Tree Gift Appeal.

Since it began 165 years ago, OzChild has helped over 1,000,000 children and young people. They work with 6,000 children, young people and their families every year, making sure that every night more than 300 children have a safe roof over their heads.



A lot of the children and young people OzChild provide services to are doing it rough. They've come into OzChild's care as a result of a Child Protection Order after exposure to abuse, chronic neglect, family violence, substance misuse and more.

OzChild's Christmas Wishing Tree Gift Appeal helps connect caring organisations, clubs, businesses and individuals with these at risk and vulnerable children. Tags provided to community-focused organisations like Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch describe a child's age and Christmas wishes then participants return an appropriate gift for that child to the branch.

On Tuesday 15 December OzChild CEO, Lisa Sturzenegger, visited the Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch to receive the 130 plus gifts that were collected for OzChild's vulnerable children and young people. Everything from dolls, to craft kits to soccer balls and giant Tonka trucks!

Board member Colin Fletcher, Regional Manager (Melbourne Outer Eastern Region) Mark Nolan, Branch Manager Paul Jerram and Chairman Merv Ericson all took time out of their day to share stories of how rewarding it had been buying the presents for kids who, to put it simply, just deserve a bit of normal in their lives!

The gifts collected by various generous staff, colleagues, local businesses and customers from Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch joined others collected by schools, clubs, businesses and individuals and brought smiles to the faces of over 600 children and young people OzChild are working with and caring for at Christmas.

There's always a lot of work for OzChild, protecting kids, healing trauma and rebuilding families. There is a lot still to do, today, tomorrow and every day after that. But one thing is for sure, the kids had a brighter Christmas thanks to you.

The entire project has made this year a very special year for all of us involved, and we are certainly planning to continue to support the OzChild Wishing Tree Appeal in the future.

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**Directors:** Merv Ericson (Chairman), Peter Sheehy (Treasurer), Margarida Pimentel (Secretary), Gary Hunter, Vivian Prasad, Colin Fletcher and Vivian Gonsalves.

## Community stories.

The end of the 2015 calendar year was a busy time for the Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch with four partnership agreements signed with community groups.

### Wantirna Primary School.



The Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch is pleased to have continued a partnership with Wantirna Primary School by providing the school with \$2,000 to be spent on furniture and new books for the library.

Branch Manager Paul Jerram presented the cheque for \$2,000 to new Principal Sue Fergeus who was delighted to be faced with the challenging task of deciding the best way to spend the money on much needed new furniture and a selection of new books to delight the children.

Some readers may have noticed the sign inside the school boundary that Sue organised acknowledging the grant and the partnership with The Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch. In fact anyone passing the school heading to the city along Mountain Highway could not have missed the sign, thank you Sue!

### Wantirna Tennis Club.



The Wantirna Tennis Club, located at Wantirna Reserve (part of Koomba Park) at the corner of Mountain and Burwood Highways in Wantirna is one of the pre-eminent tennis clubs within Knox. The club was established in 1934 and has been in continuous operation for 81 years at its current location. It is the largest tennis facility in the City of Knox and provides a wide variety of competitive tennis formats plus opportunities for the social player to enjoy a friendly hit of tennis.

The Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Company Board approved a request from the club for a grant of \$2,000 to the club for the purchase and installation of two bolt-down steel park settings to replace existing wooden tables badly in need of repair and thus providing a safer and more comfortable arrangement for club members and visitors.

Branch Manager Paul Jerram accompanied by Director Col Fletcher attended the club house on Saturday 7 November 2015 to present a large (both in size and value!) cheque to Club President Barry Cornell and Secretary Alison Rogers with many club members, committee members and Life Members attending the cheque presentation. The scene was a hive of activity with junior competition matches under way and the club coaches in operation on a back court. The club, in a tradition that is widely recognised in the tennis community, provided a sumptuous morning tea for those in attendance.

We are hosting a

# PINK STUMPS DAY

Play for a cause and fundraise for the McGrath Foundation

WHERE: WANTIRNA SOUTH CRICKET CLUB

DATE: SATURDAY 20th FEB 2016

TIME: 1pm Wantirna 5th v Bayswater Park (1ST XI)  
12-4pm Ladies Luncheon

CONTACT: Fiona Carroll - 0408001449

Donate now: search Wantirna South Cricket Club @ www.pinkstumpsday.com.au #PINKSTUMPSDAY

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### Wantirna South Cricket Club Pink stumps day.



The Wantirna South Cricket Club was formed in 1950 and currently field five senior teams, one veteran team and three junior teams. That involves in excess of 150 families within the club as players, supporters and parents and their extended networks.

The club is also heavily committed to assist those in the community that need help and has demonstrated that with the support of the Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch for in excess of 10 years.

The Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch ongoing partnership with the Wantirna South Cricket Club continued in November 2015 with the Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch providing a grant of \$2,200 to the club to assist with the payment of costs incurred in the running of an annual charity event plus a contribution towards the cost of a training nets project the club has embarked on to improve facilities for playing members and visitors.

This season Wantirna South CC will be directing its community efforts toward the McGrath Foundation. To support this great organisation, they will be holding a Pink Stumps day on Saturday 20 February 2016, which will include hosting a ladies luncheon with entertainment, key note speakers, door prizes, raffles and a silent auction. All net proceeds from the day will go toward the McGrath foundation who raise money to place breast care nurses in communities right across Australia as well as increasing breast awareness in young Australian women.

During the day the 1st XI will be hosting Bayswater Park CC which assures to be a close encounter.

It promises to be a great day with some great entertainment, great company and great cricket whilst at the same time supporting this wonderful cause.

Any further enquires can be directed to Peter Crow, President of the Wantirna South Cricket club who can be contacted on 0408 597 479.



## St Andrews Cricket Club.

St Andrews Cricket Club, located at Manson Reserve in Selkirk Avenue Wantirna is affiliated with the Ringwood & District Cricket Association. The club is especially strong in providing cricket for juniors with eight competitive teams plus an active Milo In2Cricket program in operation.

The Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch support for the Club includes the provision of funds to purchase a new cricket kit worth \$1,250 for use by the club's under 10 teams (St. Andrews has three under 10 teams competing this season) including an additional team added late prior to the season commencing. This late addition left the club short of equipment so the funding for the kit is timely for the club and will ensure the 10 year old cricketers have the best gear to use as they begin their chase for ultimately a place in the Australian Test team!!

## Meet our new committee members.

### Wendy van Horsen



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.

### Warren McKeown



Warren McKeown has lived in Wantirna for the past 29 years after a number of years teaching in county high schools. He is currently a Teaching Fellow in the Accounting Department at the University of Melbourne after a role as the Course Director of Financial Planning, at RMIT University.

He has over 25 years' experience in accounting and financial planning. He has degrees in economics and education and a research masters' degree in business. He is a qualified

Chartered Accountant and Certified Financial Planner; was a panel member of the former Financial Industry Complaints Service; and he co-authors the textbook 'Financial Planning'.

Warren enjoys playing tennis and is a member of Templeton Tennis Club. His wife, Marilyn, worked as a primary school teacher but has now retired and writes palliative care biographies for Eastern Health. As their three children have left home, but not far away, so they intend living in the Wantirna community for many more years.

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## Message from Branch Manager.



Wow! What a year! As we say goodbye to 2015 and say "Hello" to 2016, we would like to thank all of our customers for their dedication and loyalty to the Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch. Thanks to you and your referrals, we continue to grow year after year. With growth, many challenges have come our way, however; through it all, all of us at Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch would like to assure you we will

continue to meet all of your financial needs.

We also would like express our thanks for all the messages of support received this Christmas season. If you would like to discuss your financial requirements, please don't hesitate to come in and talk with me. Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch hopes 2016 will be a healthy, safe and blessed year for you and your family.

The 2015 calendar year has been a busy one with changes in staffing and the Board. With a changing of the guard comes enthusiasm and when I think about some of the organisations we have helped this year and the support we are receiving from our local clubs, schools and customers, I feel that the community are truly understanding the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> model and position within our community.

In 2015 we sponsored a number of worthy organisations like the Templeton & Wantirna Tennis Clubs, Wantirna South and St Andrew's Cricket Clubs, students from Wantirna Secondary College, Wantirna Primary School, Flamingo Community Group, WASPS Basketball and Green Foot Flicks to name a few.

I hope the support we have provided has allowed all of our sponsored groups to prosper, and that their members continue to support the branch's efforts by banking with us, so we can continue to grow and increase our community investment program into the future.

We also conducted a very successful "Small to Medium Business Seminar" for local businesses, as our way of supporting our local business community. We appreciate the support from all of the attendees as well as our business customers. We propose conducting more relevant business seminars in the future to cover pressing issues in business and how the branch can better assist our customers to achieve their financial goals.

To demonstrate our competitiveness we are currently offering some of the best promotions we've ever seen in residential lending, with the waiver of the usual \$600 fee to switch to Bendigo and Adelaide Bank, as well as some of the lowest rates we've ever offered.

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**Paul Jerram**  
Branch Manager

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## Sponsorships.

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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



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