



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 December 2016:

Congratulations – St Andrews Cricket Club \$700

Congratulations – Orange Sock Foundation \$500

Congratulations – Wantirna South Cricket Club \$50.

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

A recent beneficiary of the Sponsorship Rewards program is the Wantirna Primary School.

“Our new chess set arrived today and was enthusiastically incorporated into our Lunchtime Program entitled ‘Game On’. We are very appreciative of the Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch, and the families who opened new accounts under the Sponsorship Rewards Program,” said Principal Sue Fergeus Wantirna Primary School.

We have provided over \$3,130 so far to clubs/schools 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.



Message from the Board.

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas with friends and family. The festive season is over and now we take time to reflect on what has happened in the calendar year, within our families, local communities and to a lesser extent the world at large.

The Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch celebrated it's 10th anniversary of service to the local community and is confident, with your support, of achieving many more milestones. With the local communities being our focus, we are very pleased to state that we have been involved in several noble programs like the Scalp Cooling Machine initiative for breast cancer sufferers in conjunction with Eastern Health and the Oz Child Christmas Tree Appeal for foster care children. We are also happy to announce that our partnership with St Andrews Cricket Club has been a great success for both parties and something that other sporting clubs and groups should aspire to.

At the Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch, there have been a few changes, both in operations and personnel. We ceased trading on Saturdays and are in the process of appointing new Customer Relations Officer and Branch Manager. We are very confident that our friendly staff will continue to maintain the excellent service that has drawn all our customers to bank with us. We are very keen to grow your bank and would like you to kindly recommend us to family and friends, should an opportunity arise.

On behalf of the staff, Board and committee members of the Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch, I wish you, your family and friends Happy and Healthy New Year.

Vivian Gonsalves
Director

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Directors: Peter Sheehy (Acting Chairman/Treasurer), Margarida Pimentel (Secretary), Vivian Gonsalves, Daniel Thambiratnam, Paul Bravender-Coyle.

Community stories.

Cool heads prevail.

Yes! Thanks to each one of the people who have donated, we have raised enough funds to achieve the first milestone: purchase one scalp cooling machine for Maroondah Hospital!

Stuart Greig, Chairman of Ringwood East and Heathmont **Community Bank**[®] branches, and other members of the fundraising committee recently presented Maroondah Hospital, part of Eastern Health with a cheque for \$63,000.

The machine that will be purchased can treat two women simultaneously. As Maroondah Hospital's Chief of Site and Operations, Mrs. Kate Whyman explains, "Scalp cooling provided to women with breast cancer during chemotherapy helps prevent hair loss".

It is important to remember that this will be first scalp cooling treatment offered free of charge to patients in Victoria's public health system. This will benefit hundreds of people who now suffer from the effects of hair loss on self-esteem and their daily lives.

The campaign will now continue to raise funds for a second scalp cooling machine. Find out more and donate at www.coolheads.org.au

Thank you to everyone for their support and donations, special mention to Knox Club for their generous donation!



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.



Ozchild 2016 Wishing Tree Christmas Gift Appeal.



For the second year running, Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch has brought joy to disadvantaged and vulnerable kids at Christmas!

Thanks to the generosity of their customers, staff and the local community, Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch has pitched in to provide upwards of 130 gifts, for OzChild's children and young people as part of the OzChild 2016 Wishing Tree Christmas Gift Appeal.

OzChild's Wishing Tree 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.

These kids do it tough. In almost every case they've come into OzChild's care as the result of a Child Protection Order because of exposure to abuse, chronic neglect, family violence, substance misuse and more.

This year the gifts brought smiles to the faces of nearly 900 children, that's 300 more than last year's amazing effort!

Since OzChild began in 1851, over 1,000,000 children and young people have been helped. Every year OzChild works with 6,000 children, young people and their families, making sure that every night more than 300 children have a safe roof over their heads.

There's always a lot of work for OzChild, protecting kids, healing trauma and rebuilding families. And a lot of kids still have a long way to go.

But, because of the generosity of organisations like Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch, these kids had a much brighter Christmas this year.

To find out more, visit www.ozchild.org.au

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