# Newsletter

January 2021

Community Bank · Wantirna

#### Message from Branch Manager



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 larger extent the world at large.

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 is important to you.

My message for you is to continue to get involved, support your Community Bank by choosing to bank with us – be a positive influence and always seize opportunities to advocate our point of difference to family, friends, and associates.

On behalf of the staff and Board of Community Bank Wantirna, I wish you, your family and friends a happy and healthy new year.

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Our Branch Manager John Tiganis with Wantirna South Primary School Grade 6 graduates Chloe and Seb.

## Wantirna South Primary School Graduation

Chloe and Harshini, from Wantirna South Primary School, wrote.... "assist us with a helpful \$500 to go towards the equipment and cameraman needed on site to ensure that all family and friends will not be missing out on our graduation, to see us reaching an educational milestone and us moving onto another chapter of our lives. All family and friends would certainly be devastated to miss out on such an opportunity!"

This touched our hearts and we happily donated \$500 to ensure no families or friends missed the milestone.



## Changes to our sponsorship program

Community Bank Wantirna proudly supports our local community through our sponsorship program. Since opening the branch in Wantirna Mall in 2006, over \$230,500 has been distributed back to the local community.

We look for sponsorships that are mutually beneficial. The funds we distribute back to the local community relate directly to the success of our banking business – that is, the more banking business we have, the more funds to go back into the local community.

With this in mind we are making changes to adapt and support our community groups.

We will now have two rounds of sponsorship allocations each year.

#### **Dates:**

**Round 1 submissions** must be received no later than **28 February**.

**Round 2 submissions** must be received no later than **31 August**.

All sponsorships are considered within four weeks of bi-annual closing dates and you will be advised of the outcome within that timeframe.

## St Andrews CC

In such a trying year, we've all been looking for little wins and a bit of hope. Thankfully, due to the collective efforts of all Melburnians, our kids are back playing cricket with their friends which has been the most important win for us. It's been a truly unique season and while it commenced a month late, the kids have embraced and enjoyed it. We are fielding 15 teams again this season including four all girl teams which means the Saints remain the place to be for the entire family.

We are also lucky to continue to be strongly supported by Community Bank Wantirna, part of Bendigo Bank. John and the team continue to provide tailored advice to our members which we are grateful for.

Happy new year to our community and we look forward to 2021.

Ben Morris St Andrews Cricket Club





## Sharing the joy at Christmas time

Knox Infolink along with its 10 other partners, wish to thank the many businesses, organisations and individuals



who have so generously donated towards the 2020 Knox Community Christmas Support (KCCS), 'Share the Joy' project. Once again, we have been able to make Christmas a little more joyous for those doing it tough in Knox.



"Without the ongoing support of organisations like Community Bank Wantirna,

we would not be able to reach so many people in Knox and spread a little joy at Christmas time," said Denise Budge, Centre Manager.

It takes an enormous effort from hundreds of volunteers, businesses, and organisations to contact them for their support, distribute collection boxes for toys and food donations and then collect and deliver to the Hub. Then 1,000s of food and gift items are sorted and packed into hampers and toys sorted into age groups. Only to have another

team of volunteers transfer the packed boxes and toys to four client collection points within Knox, Seventh-day Adventist, Coonara, RESTORE & Knox Infolink.

Again in 2020 we have also provided for our clients Australian Butchers Boronia vouchers thanks to generous donations such as Community Bank Wantirna.

It is all about the community coming together to support those in need each year and remind ourselves that the joy of Christmas is about giving not receiving.

Knox Infolink, on behalf of the KCCS project would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the 100s of businesses and individuals that support KCCS each year and would encourage you to dig a little deeper next year so they can stretch their resources that much further.

To get more information about Knox Infolink and their many programs go to www.knoxinfolink.org.au or donate directly to www.givenow.com.au/knoxsharethejoy

Go to the link and see what happens behind the scenes when the KCCS project is in full swing nearing Christmas: www.brittanychard.com/joy

Wayne Guest Project Coordinator Knox Infolink

### Welcome new Directors

In December last year we welcomed two new Directors to the Board, Vinh Luong and Carol Constantine.

Vinh Luong is an experienced Portfolio Manager and Public Accountant with a demonstrated history of working in the financial services industry. Skilled in



leadership, budgeting, investment, banking, and sales, he graduated from National Chengchi University (Taiwan).

Vinh is a Fellowship member of the Institute of Managers and Leaders Australia and New Zealand (IML ANZ), as well as a Senior Associate member of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia (FINSIA), Vinh is also an Associate Management Accountant of the Institute of Certified Management Accountants (ICMA).

Carol has lived in the Knox area since 2011, recently purchasing a home in Ferntree Gully. Carol was a member of the Rotary Club of Noble Park between 1996-2011 and served on



many Board positions including President and Assistant Governor. Carol received a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow for community service in 2008. In March 2020, Carol became a member of the Rotary Club of Rowville-Lysterfield and is now a member of the Board. Carol has also served on Scout Group committees in Cranbourne and Knox area for the past nine years.

Carol's career spans 22 years with
Australia Post. Carol is currently Head of
Group Compliance Programs, overseeing
compliance obligations applicable to the
Australia Post Group. During her career
at Australia Post Carol held various roles
in Corporate Real Estate, Procurement,
Communications and IT broadening
her experience, prior to joining the Risk
and Compliance function. Carol brings
experience in management, governance,
risk and compliance to the Board and has
formal qualification in Governance, Risk
and Compliance from the Governance Risk
and Compliance Institute (GRCI).

## Cricket season is finally here!

It's so good to be back playing the game we all love. After a year which has seen so many negatives, cricket now allows us the time to, train and socialise once again albeit in a somewhat restrictive way.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome our new members to the club and also to acknowledge our main sponsor Community Bank Wantirna. As we all are aware, sponsorship is vital to keep all clubs in an equitable and viable position.

It is a wonderful commitment by our major sponsor, we can draw parallels to this in our own dedication to the club.

To field two sides each week takes dedication, willingness and a strong sense of involvement on all levels, keep up the good work.

Jason Martinho President Knox City Cricket Club.

## Talk to us today

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#### We're open:

9.30am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday

#### **Directors**

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

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## Shareholder update

#### Shares available



Did you know you can become an owner in Wantirna Community Financial Services Ltd? The company operates our locally owned Community Bank Wantirna.

Thanks to the support of our shareholders and customers, our community company has contributed over \$230,500 to the local community. We 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 and select 'Trading Shares (LVM)'.

To register your interest in becoming a shareholder, contact Chelsea Fletcher via email at executive@wantirnacommunitybank.com.au or you can register online.

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

We currently have 70 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.

