



# Community News

Community Bank · Wantirna

## Chairman's update



Branch Manager John Tiganis has left Community Bank Wantirna to pursue an opportunity with another Community Bank company. It was not an easy decision for him to make as he loved working in the Wantirna community but when opportunities arise that are too good to refuse, John obviously accepted this new challenge.

Community Bank Wantirna is currently recruiting for a replacement Manager in a climate where there is limited opportunities to find a suitable replacement. We are working with Bendigo Bank to fill this vacancy but in the meantime Bendigo are providing support so we can continue to offer the full suite of services, including housing and personal loans.

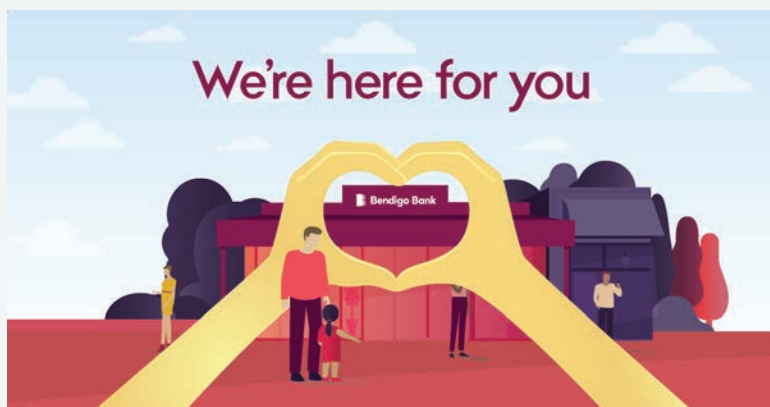
On behalf of the Board and shareholders I want to thank John for his time with Community Bank Wantirna. His efforts have resulted in significant growth in our business to the stage where we have been able to pay a dividend to shareholders for the past three years.

Please continue to support your Community Bank in any way you can, especially referring friends and family to take advantage of the competitive offers we are able to provide across the full range of banking products.

I am hopeful we will be back to a full staff team some time in February, and earlier if possible.

All the best for the new year.

**Jeff Somers**  
Chairman  
Wantirna Community Financial Services



## Dividend 2019/20/21

### A call out to shareholders

We currently have 63 shareholders who have not received their dividend as their bank account details have not been provided or updated. Kindly contact our Share Registrar, AFS & Associates Pty Ltd on 03 5443 0344, at your earliest convenience so that we can disburse your dividend.





## Supporting Wantirna South Primary School STEM learning program

At Wantirna South Primary School we encourage lifelong learning and aim to cultivate inquisitive community members who are resilient and curious. With that in mind, throughout 2021 we have developed a STEM learning program with partnerships with KIOSC (Knox Innovation Opportunity & Sustainability Centre) at Swinburne University, Eastern Regional Libraries and Community Bank Wantirna.

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and enabling access to new technologies to support learning in the areas of coding, innovation and problem solving for our students is high on our agenda. However, technology can be expensive and when we reached out to Community Bank Wantirna, we were encouraged to apply for sponsorship.

As part of our successful application, we were awarded \$1,000 which has covered the registration and equipment costs for two teams from Wantirna South Primary School in the First Lego League robotics competition.

Due to COVID-19 the competition was delayed but our teams are off to a great start and have finished (!!!) building the Lego components of our 'game mission mat' that our robots will move around on and manipulate the Lego components in 'missions' to gain points.

Some students helped build some of the components whilst onsite during the 2021 remote learning period and others were able to do a contactless pick up and drop off of components to build at home with 100% success – what a team! We look forward to sharing our success in this amazing 'Coopertition' with you in 2022!

**Monique Bassiner**  
Art and STEM Teacher  
Wantirna South Primary School

## Sharing the joy at Christmas time

Knox Infolink along with its partners, wish to thank the many businesses, organisations and individuals who have so generously donated towards the 2021 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. We thank you for your generous \$500 donation, which has gone towards purchasing festive food for family hampers and to new toys for parents to select at the client pick up points," said Denise Budge, Centre Manager.

It takes an enormous effort from hundreds of volunteers, businesses, and organisations to contact them, 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.

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.

To get more information about Knox Infolink and their many programs go to [www.knoxinfolink.org.au](http://www.knoxinfolink.org.au) or donate directly to [www.givenow.com.au/knoxsharethejoy](http://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](http://www.brittanychard.com/joy)

**Lori Dudley**  
Project Coordinator, Knox Infolink



Local resident Leanne generously donating to "Share the Joy" Appeal.



Volunteer Ken picking up donations for the 2021 Knox Community Christmas Support (KCCS), 'Share the Joy' project.



# Wantirna South Cricket Club - RDCA Best Administered Club

Wantirna South Cricket Club are extremely proud to partner with new sponsors Community Bank Wantirna in the 2021/22 season.

With the like-minded focus on giving back and supporting the community, the opportunity to work alongside Community Bank Wantirna is a perfect match for us.

We value above all else providing a club where any person in the community can come to play cricket with equal opportunity, acceptance, and no fear of judgment. We are a family minded club and pride ourselves on being positive, having a great atmosphere whilst competing and socialising in a safe environment.

We boast great coaching across our 16 teams with most of our junior coaches being past or current players. We also have a strong committee and some of the best volunteers in the business. This has a flow on effect to all our members who love to give back to club and community making it a great place to be.

We're looking forward to our Pink Stumps Day, hosting the event on 22 January 2022, in partnership with Community Bank Wantirna with all profits going to the Jane McGrath Foundation. The ladies' luncheon will be graced with guest speakers, a breast cancer survivor, and a breast care nurse. The event has generated a great deal of anticipation and excitement but will more importantly provide awareness and support to all women in the community.

Whilst always hoping for a successful season on the field, we recognise the bigger community priority, to rejuvenate lives and local businesses. We hope that our new partnership with Community Bank Wantirna allows us to better contribute and support our local community.

**Sam Barnes**  
**President**  
**Wantirna South Cricket Club**

## Simple Steps Program at Knox



Simple Steps Program Committee.

Simple Steps is a Pilot Program of the Rotary Club of Knox created for the sole purpose of providing funding for mental health counselling in the Knox area. The program assists young people in the Knox area facing mental health issues and suffering financial hardship.

Rotary Club of Knox has partnered with headspace Knox to identify those in need of this support. To date the pilot programme has been operating for eight to nine months and the demand for this support has highlighted the great need for this type of service in our community. In 2021 the Simple Steps Program funded over 300 consultations. This reflects the provision of more than \$30,000 in funding support. Community Bank Wantirna's contribution has helped provide this essential service to the young people of Knox.

The on-going success of the Simple Steps programme is dependent on the receipt of funds from organisations and other philanthropic groups. If you would like to support this program, please contact Tony Lancaster - Knox Rotary Club Secretary at [info@knoxrotaryclub.org.au](mailto:info@knoxrotaryclub.org.au)



WSCC President Sam Barnes accepting the 'RDCA Best Administered Club 2020-2021' award.

## Who we have supported?

AUS Career Coach
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
Gyöngyösbokréta Hungarian Folk Dance Group
Hungarian Community Co-Operative Association
Knox Clubs - Cricket and Darts
Knox Infolink
Knox School
Knoxfield Southern Cross Girl Guides
Lions Club of Wantirna
Marshere Dance Studios
Orana Neighbourhood House
Rotary Club of Knox - Simple Steps Program
Salford Park Retirement Village
Scoresby Magpies Juniors Inc
St Andrews Cricket Club
Wantirna Little Athletics
Wantirna Primary School
Wantirna South Football Netball Club
Wantirna South Primary School
Wantirna South Probus Club
Wantirna South Cricket Club
Warriors 4 Wildlife Inc
Women of Nepal - Pad Project

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### Directors

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Wendy van Horssen, Carol Constantine,  
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## 10 year partnership



St Andrews Cricket Club are thrilled to continue our partnership with Community Bank Wantirna, a relationship we have enjoyed for 10 years which makes Wantirna Community Bank our most loyal and dedicated supporter in our club's history! With this support, during the past 10 years we have been able to confidently invest in the future of the club including subsidised junior coaching and development, capital works and most recently supporting our inaugural women's team this season 2021/22. Our members have also been grateful for their dedicated personal and business support over the past decade.

As always, we would love to see new boys and girls at our club who are passionate about team sport, especially when we've been locked down for so long. Our season runs from November to March and kids can register and join at any time. Get in touch today!

Go Saints!

**Ben Morris**

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