



## Green Foot Flicks 2016.

Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch proudly supported Knox City Council's Youth Film Festival 'Green Foot Flicks' on Wednesday 13 April at Village Cinemas Knox.

The 140 people audience made up of young Film Makers, Actors, Directors, Editors, family and friends enjoyed 16 films selected from 32 submitted to this annual competition.

The event that was partially funded by a National Youth Week Grant from the State Government's Office of Youth was also supported by Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch who provided \$1,150 in prize money.

This year, supported by headspace, an additional prize was awarded to the film that promoted a healthy headspace, highlighting that mental health is a significant factor in young peoples' lives.

Presentations were made by Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Company Chairman Merv Ericson to the six winning entries, including Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch 'Choice Award', first and second place in Under 15 and Open section as well as a headspace award for a film that 'promoted a healthy headspace'.

For more information about the Knox City Council Youth Services program please contact Kate Clark, Youth Development Worker on 9298 8550.



Above: Director Peter Sheehy and Chairman Merv Ericson.



Above: Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch Choice Award presented to Sierra Laird with Director Peter Sheehy, WCFSL Chairman Merv Ericson and Youth Development Worker Kate Clark.

## Chairman resigns from the Board.

The Wantirna & Districts Community Financial Services Limited Board regrets to advise that because of health reasons and under the direction of his medical advisor Merv Ericson announced at a recent Board meeting that he was resigning as Chairman and as a Board member with his resignation taking effect from the close of the meeting.

Since his appointment as Chairman and especially during 2016 Merv has been coping with a health condition that finally reached a point where his medical advice was that he needed to take a break from his involvement with the branch and other groups with which he was involved.

Merv's guidance, direction and 47 years' experience in the banking and finance industry, including 11 years as the Branch Manager at Pinewood **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch in Mount Waverley will be sorely missed by Board members and the Branch Manager and his team at Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch.

The Board and branch team members are hoping for a speedy recovery and return to full health for Merv and are hopeful of seeing him return if/when his health permits.

The Board is currently working closely with Bendigo Bank's Regional Manager to identify a suitable candidate to replace Merv as Chairman and to engage additional Board members.

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**Directors:** Peter Sheehy (Treasurer), Margarida Pimentel (Secretary), Colin Fletcher, Vivian Gonsalves.

## Wantirna Primary School Library opening.

On Friday 22 April Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch was represented by Director Colin Fletcher at the Wantirna Primary School's morning assembly. During this assembly the school acknowledged ANZAC Day with the children delivering a moving, well-presented ceremony to honour the ANZACS.

Presented by School Captains Wendy and Ryan with the support of a fantastic audio-visual show under the control of Elijah, the ANZAC story was presented and included the children laying flowers as a tribute and participating in a minute's silence to honour departed heroes.

Following the ANZAC ceremony, a Library Grand Opening ceremony was held to recognise the improvements that had been made to the school's library. Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch had continued its partnership with Wantirna Primary School by making a \$2,000 donation to the school for the purchase of new furniture and books for the library.

Director Colin Fletcher congratulated the children for their awesome presentation and spoke a little about the partnership between the school and Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch, the benefits that families could generate for the school by switching their banking to Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch or continuing to support the branch so more funds could be returned to the school and other community groups then declared the library 'open'.

A tour of the library and inspection of the new furniture then followed with the children enjoying their new facilities and demonstrating their reading skills. After the library tour a sumptuous morning tea was provided by Principal Sue Fergus. Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch looks forward to future opportunities to partner with the Wantirna Primary School.



Director Colin Fletcher congratulating Wendy and Ryan on their presentation and declaring the Library open.



Director Col seated on the new furniture with students.

## Business Breakfast.

Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch, which celebrates its 10 year anniversary in September, hosted a business breakfast for the local businesses, sporting clubs and community organisations at the Knox Club on 24 May.



Guest Speaker Tony Pittman.

Tony Pittman, a noted speaker and consultant to corporate Australia, shared his insight and thoughts in "Purposeful Leadership", becoming an employer of choice. The key take away for the participants was that trust is the centre piece of achieving true leadership.

The attendees were enthralled with Tony's presentation as evidenced by the number of questions posed and those who signed up to have a soft copy of his presentation for future reference.

Neil Excell, Area Manager Business Banking, Bendigo Bank, drew the participants' attention to the array of products the branch has on offer, noting that Bendigo bank has been awarded the Roy Morgan Business Banker of the Year for four years in a row. This is an achievement that certainly had some participants keen to know how we could meet their needs.



Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch, as part of the anniversary celebration, also has a special offer in place for home loans, personal loans and credit cards.\*

So if you or your organisation has a need for a financial product, be it personal or for business purposes, why not drop in or contact Paul on 9720 4122, our friendly branch manager for a chat.

Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch would like to acknowledge our partner Knox Club for their assistance in running this well attended event.

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## Message from Branch Manager, Paul Jerram.



Nostalgia is an important piece of the Australian culture. We like to remember “the good old days” when petrol was cheap, towns were small, and life was simple. Of course, it was never as good as we remember it. In fact, we revel in the difficulties of the past. How many times have you heard someone say, “You don’t know how good you have it now.” We remember the best and the worst, and forget everything else in between.

Nostalgia is the same in banking. I hear statements like “I remember when we borrowed money on a handshake” or “My first mortgage was 21%”, every day from customers. We believe things were better in the past, or they were worse, depending on the situation. In reality, I believe this is the best time in history to be working with a **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch. Our banking technology is on the cutting edge, allowing customers access to their information and accounts at an unprecedented level. Interest rates are extremely low, giving customers buying power they have never had before. And our staff is knowledgeable, experienced and local to help you get where you need to go.

**Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches have the technology that rivals the big banks with the personal touch you have come to expect from

a community-focused bank. Right now really is “the good old days”, at least as it relates to banking. Now if only the price of petrol would just go down.

It is hard to believe that I have been in the role of Branch Manager for over a year now. They say that time flies when you’re having fun, and I can certainly vouch for that. Honestly, I am so very proud of my team which includes my wonderful and dedicated Board members; and of course, my brilliant staff. Together, we all share the same goal, namely, to build on the success of Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch.

One of the privileges of being a **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch Manager is that I have the opportunity to meet so many individuals who volunteer their time, their lives to the service of community. They are a source of inspiration, and whilst their efforts go largely unnoticed, their contribution does enrich our local community.

Our customers love the friendliness of our branch team, the fact they can speak to a local who they know genuinely wants to help them. They are a great team, so come and see what we can do for you, and see why our customers are prepared to refer family, friends and associates to us. Your support is appreciated and means we can make a bigger impact to the enrichment of our local community.

**Paul Jerram**  
**Branch Manager**

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## Wantirna Community Bank<sup>®</sup> Branch celebrates 10 years serving the Wantirna community.

Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> commenced operation on Friday 15 September, 2006 when the then Chairman of the Board officially opened the branch. Since its opening, the branch has continued to provide banking and other financial services to the Wantirna community and has also financially supported many community schools, clubs and groups through the provision of sponsorships, donations and partnerships.

10th Anniversary celebrations are currently being planned with two activities currently being considered:

**Friday 15 September 2016 will see a day of celebration at the branch.**

Activities under consideration for the day (but not yet confirmed) include the serving of coffee and cake, a children’s colouring competition to be conducted throughout the day, special banking offers available on the day and give-aways.

**Saturday 23 September 2016 will see a dinner for 60 people held at the Knox Club to formally recognise the 10th anniversary of the branch opening.**

The Board is proposing to extend invitations to a cross-section of people representing the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> company’s stakeholders including shareholders, past and current Board members, community partner groups, branch team members, community leaders, Bendigo Bank representatives and branch clients.

Because spaces at the dinner are limited to 60, the Board has decided to seek expressions of interest from shareholders who would like to be invited to the dinner and depending on responses, may conduct a ballot to allocate invitations if the number of positive responses received exceeds the number of places allocated to the shareholder stakeholder group.

If you are a shareholder who has not yet received a communication from Executive Officer Chelsea Fletcher inviting you to register your interest in attending the dinner, please contact Chelsea ASAP so an Expression of Interest letter can be forwarded to you for your completion and return.

While the branch has faced some challenging times over the past 10 years (none more so than in the current low-interest rate financial climate) the current Board is keen to recognise and acknowledge those stakeholders who have played key roles in guiding the branch through its 10 years of operation and those stakeholders who are working hard to ensure the branch achieves its current and future performance goals.



## Sponsorships.

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 Wantirna WASPS Basketball Club  
 Wantirna Little Athletics  
 Hungarian Community Centre  
 Wantirna South Primary School  
 Wantirna Tennis Club  
 St Andrews Cricket Club



## It's our 10th Birthday and we're offering our lowest rates ever!



Whether you're looking for a new home, new car or refinancing, now is the time to visit Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch.

For you, that could include up to 1.2% off the Standard Variable Rate and a \$600 saving on home loan fees\*.

So, consider a home loan from Australia's most reputable bank and support your local community.

**Drop in and see the friendly team at Wantirna Mall, 348 Mountain Highway, Wantirna or phone 9720 4122 to find out more about securing a loan you can celebrate.**



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