



Community stories.

Verandah Journal.

After nine months of hard work and immense learning, the 2019 Verandah editorial team was proud to bring to life and launch the 34th volume of the Journal on 10 September at Deakin Downtown.

Verandah is a not-for-profit, Deakin University student-run publication that produces an annual print journal showcasing a selection of high-quality literature and artwork from emerging and established writers and artists, both locally and globally based.

One of the Verandah 34 editors, Jo French, says, "We are passionate about nurturing aspiring creatives and interacting with the wider global creative community. The Journal and The Cabinet, serve not only as platforms for budding writers and artists to launch from, but we thoroughly appreciate the opportunity to network, gain hands-on editorial, publishing and design skills and experience."

This year been a ground-breaking year in the life of the journal thanks to the introduction of the online submissions platform Submittable, the launch of the online installation showcase The Cabinet of Curiosities and, for the first time ever, the introduction of the Wantirna Community Bank Branch Verandah Literary and Art Awards, presented to the best piece of writing and artwork in the journal. It is an exciting achievement to be able to offer two cash prizes worth \$250 in our pursuit of paying and further supporting creatives. These prizes were presented at the Melbourne and Geelong launches. The team is grateful to Wantirna Community Bank



Above: Wantirna Community Bank Branch Verandah Literary Award winner Angela Osborne and Branch Manager John Tiganis.



Above: Launch attendees, Verandah board members and Verandah 34 Award Winners.

Branch for supporting the Journal, and for making this happen.

The Melbourne launch welcomed various attendees including the contributors, university staff and academics, sponsors and the Verandah community. Sam Cooney, Publisher of The Lifted Brow and member of the advisory board for Verandah Journal, officially launched the current volume. The launch was a time to celebrate the efforts that went into producing the Journal and interact with people who are passionate about the creative industries. The Verandah 34 editorial and design teams present, in the words of Dr Jodi McAlister, "a wonderful collection of work and [readers] find themselves laughing and crying and the hair on the back of their neck standing up."

If you would like to support our community of emerging creatives by purchasing a copy of Verandah 34 or want to find out more about the Verandah Journal, please visit www.verandahjournal.com.au

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ABN 43 118 000 230 **Directors:** Vivian Gonsalves (Chairman), Daniel Thambiratnam (Treasurer), Lenette Griffin (Secretary),
 Phillipa Maloney-Walsh, Kris Srikanthan, Wendy van Horssen, Jeff Somers.

Tackling rural unemployment.

How can people living in regional communities overcome barriers to find sustainable and meaningful employment opportunities? Wantirna Community Bank Branch proudly sponsored the RMIT University Entrepreneurship Week Hackathon to find innovative ways to address rural unemployment.

Keynote speakers Steph Thoo, Head of Community Programs at GippsTech; Sarah Tate, Concierge Business Support Service at Latrobe Valley Authority; Luke Kerr, Program Director at Real Time Learning Australia; and Paul Miller, Chief Financial Officer at Enevis Limited explained the problem and shared real-life examples of unemployment solutions in rural Victoria to inspire our participants. After a full day of brainstorm and refining ideas, all five teams pitched their unique approach to empowering rural communities and delivering meaningful employment opportunities.

The winning team, 5ininity, suggested solutions around entrepreneurship training and investor growth funding, earning them \$1,000 in prize money from the Wantirna Community Bank Branch. As a branch committed to giving to the community, we were honoured to help support the changemakers of tomorrow and provide a more sustainable and prosperous place for future generations to come.



Judging panel, including Branch Manager John Tiganis, right.



The winning team, 5ininity.

Welcome new Customer Relationship Officer Silvia.



My name is Silvia Larrosa and I am the new Customer Relationship Officer at the Wantirna Community Bank Branch.

My background is in sales, having worked for Avon Products as a Sales Manager and National Sales Trainer for over 15 years. My experience in banking comes from working at other financial institutions as Mortgage Banker and Merchant Sales. I am really looking forward to utilising my experience in sales, customer service and training in my new role.

I love being part of a Community Bank model, which funds so many local projects and knowing we can make a difference by giving back to the local community. I look forward to being involved in future fundraising activities.

From a banking perspective, I take pride in taking ownership for delivering results, maximising opportunities, while willing to face challenges. I am passionate in delivering exceptional customer service, taking the time to know and listen to our customers so we can cater to their individual needs.

On a personal level I love spending time with my family and friends. I also really enjoy cooking, reading and travelling.

Shares available.

There are currently interested parties looking to sell shares in Wantirna Community Financial Services Ltd 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.



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Bayswater Strikers.

The Bayswater Strikers Soccer Club were the lucky recipients of the Wantirna Community Bank Branch sponsorship and have put the money to good use.

We have been able to purchase new bibs which are the right size to fit our players and are all one colour so we don't have to rummage through all the old mixed bib bags. We also purchased new training balls which are an absolute necessity for doing training drills and some amazing water bottles which can now keep us hydrated on game days!

Without the support of the Wantirna Community Bank Branch we would not be able to give back to our membership and provide them with these upgraded/updated items which ever developing team needs to get the best out of their players. It all starts with the basics.

We are greatly appreciative and look forward to supporting one another in the future.

Bayswater Strikers Soccer Club



POSSUM BOX MAKING WORKSHOP
Bunnings Lillydale
Saturday 16th November 2019

Come and join Warriors 4 Wildlife in this complimentary class where you will help us build homes for rescued and orphaned possums. A fun, interactive and educational way to learn about the importance of conservation.

Contact W4W 0401 881 937 or
Email us at warriors4wildlife@hotmail.com



Wantirna Community Financial Services Ltd – volunteer Directors.

Expressions of interest are being invited from energetic community minded and committed individuals for the position of Director of Wantirna Community Financial Services Ltd, operators of the Wantirna Community Bank Branch.

Working as part of a dedicated, professional and diverse team, the role calls for people willing to apply themselves to the full range of responsibilities and accountabilities of a Director. In return we offer a rich opportunity for professional and personal development in a stimulating and rewarding environment.

As a Director you will provide the leadership and management skills at a Board level to support and drive the company's strategic direction, goals and objectives to have a real say in the future direction of the branch and community. Previous banking, Board or demonstrated experience in community organisation roles would be an advantage.

Applicants are required to send a one to two page letter outlining your experience, what you would bring to the Board, and addressing the above selection criteria.

Applications to Chairman: Vivian Gonsalves,
PO Box 6195, Wantirna VIC 3152 or emailed to
vivian.gonsalves@wantirnacommunitybank.com.au

For further queries, contact Vivian Gonsalves on
0459 051 367.

Supporting Knox families doing it tough at Christmas time.

Christmas can be a difficult time for families to pay bills as well as buy food and presents. This is especially true for people on a low income as a result of unemployment, reduced work hours, fragile mental or physical health, increasing rent or housing costs, and struggling with the increasing cost of living.

The Knox Community Christmas Support 'Share the Joy' Appeal aims to reach families, individuals and children that are in financial crisis in providing festive food hampers and quality gifts for children from birth – 18 years of age.

This year we are joining forces with Knox Infolink and local not-for-profit organisations to support families doing it tough. We invite you to support the Knox Community Christmas Appeal – Share the Joy, by donating non-perishable food items and new toys/gifts for children aged birth to 16 years old. Please bring your donations to the Wantirna Community Bank Branch – tags with gift ideas will be available to collect at the branch from 16 October.

To make a cash donation towards food hampers and toys for children visit www.givenow.com.au/knoxsharethejoy or visit the Wantirna Community Bank Branch.

All gifts will be collected by Knox Infolink on 3 December.

**knox community**
CHRISTMAS SUPPORT
"Sharing the Joy"

"Share the Joy"

KNOX CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Supporting local families "doing it tough"

We invite you to support this appeal by donating:

NON-PERISHABLE* FOOD ITEMS:

• Puddings	• Tinned ham	• Tinned fruit	• Fruit cakes	• Napkins
• Custard	• Tinned tuna	• Long life milk	• Lollies	• Christmas crackers
• Biscuits (sweet)	• Gravy mix	• Tea/Coffee	• Fruit juice	*Before use by date
• Biscuits (savoury)	• Tinned vegies	• Sugar	• Soft drink	

TOYS/GIFTS (NEW):

For children aged from birth to 16 years old
Ideas cards are available, for age appropriate gifts

Cash donations via GiveNow go directly to food hampers and toys for children 0 - 16 years old.

www.givenow.com.au/knoxsharethejoy
Tax deductible donations



Thank you for your support



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