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# Community News

Community Bank · Wantirna

## Refurbished, open and here for you

### Chairman's update

I hope all of you are now enjoying some warmer weather after a cold and wet winter. More importantly I hope all of you are in a good mental space having experienced another round of COVID-19 restrictions. Hopefully we are approaching the time when the interruptions to our normal lives will fade away once we reach our vaccination targets.

Your Bank has remained open for the entire time of restrictions due to its essential services status, although our trading hours have recently been reduced due to a significant decline in foot traffic. This is a temporary measure but will trigger a Board review of opening hours to ensure we continue to service the needs of our customers as well as ensure all staff are productive whilst at work. Our dedicated staff ensure the premises remain a safe place for customers due to regular cleaning and providing sanitizer. Don't forget to scan our QR code when you enter the premises and wear a mask when it is appropriate.

We have completed a minor refurbishment of the branch to provide a more open and light-filled experience for customers. Upgrades to our signage and exterior

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

We currently have 62 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.

presentation will also be completed to comply with the new branding requirements of Bendigo Bank.

The internal changes have allowed us to display the array of art more appropriately. These exhibits come from mainly local artists and have been a feature of the bank since June this year. If you haven't seen the high-quality work on display, I urge you to make time to pop into the branch and see for yourselves, even if you don't specifically have banking to transact.

Save the date 24 November 2021 for our AGM to be held at 7.00pm online via Zoom. If you wish to attend, you must register your interest, by emailing Chelsea Fletcher at [executive@wantirnacommunitybank.com.au](mailto:executive@wantirnacommunitybank.com.au) by 9 November 2021.



In a very difficult banking climate, John Tiganis and the staff team continue to work hard to maintain the profitability of the company. They deserve a big pat on the back from all concerned for the amount of business they have attracted during the year. Remember, as a shareholder we operate your bank to provide funding for community projects as well as returning a dividend to shareholders. Please recommend Community Bank Wantirna to friends and family so we can continue to enhance the Wantirna community.

Stay well and stay safe.

**Jeff Somers**  
Chairman



## Seventh place for Olympian Brooke Stratton!

My Tokyo experience was certainly one to remember. It was very different to any major championship I have competed in for many reasons. Due to COVID-19 there were various rules and regulations in which us athletes had to adhere to. Masks were compulsory at all times except when training and competing, we had to get daily COVID-19 tests, we weren't able to leave the village, there were no spectators/crowds, and we ate in the dining hall with Perspex sheets separating us from other athletes - just to name a few. This however did not stop me from making the most of the experience and the fact we were given the opportunity to compete at the Olympics during a global pandemic is something I will be forever grateful for. Placing seventh in the women's long jump final with a distance of 6.83m was more than I could have asked for after all the adversity I had faced in the lead up. It was the most competitive long jump final in the history of the Olympic Games which makes my seventh place seem all the more exciting.

**Brooke Stratton**  
**Olympic long jumper**  
**Current Australian & Oceanic Record Holder**  
**Community Bank Wantirna Ambassador**

## Bayswater Strikers Soccer Club

The Bayswater Strikers Soccer Club eagerly awaited the 2021 Victorian Churches Football Association season to start after there was no season in 2020 due to COVID-19. Once restrictions were lifted and we could get together as a club again, pre-season was well underway in January, with everybody looking to increase their fitness and sharpen their skills after an extended period away from the game.

A successful recruitment campaign meant that there were plenty of new faces in all the men's and women's teams fighting for a position, which was a great result after the break. The season officially was underway 10 April, marking 581 days between the clubs last regular season match and the kick off of the 2021 season, celebrated with three wins and a draw to open the season for all teams.

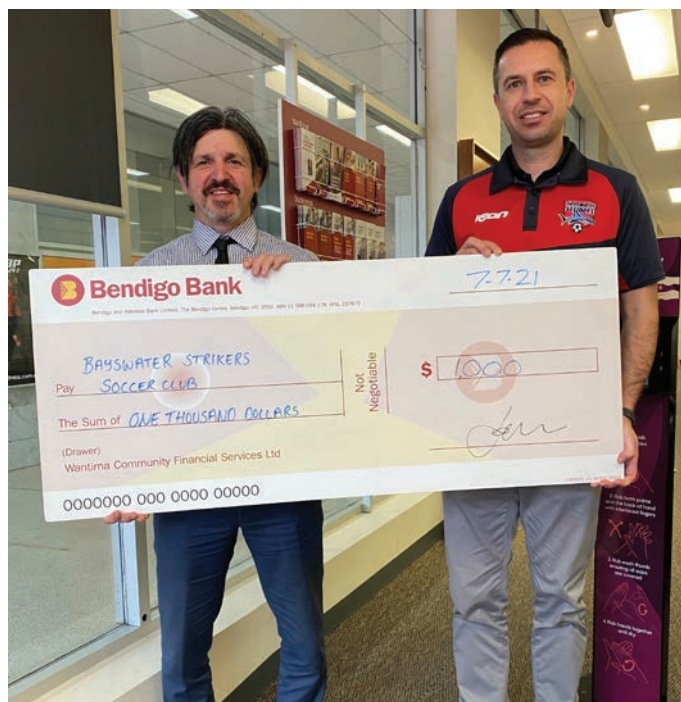
The Bayswater Strikers Soccer Club had an exciting season, with solid performances from our new look Premier men's side, an extremely impressive campaign by our Premier women's team maintaining a ladder position in the top four throughout the year and continuing development through our Reserves and Division 2 teams.

Unfortunately, the pandemic reared its ugly head after round 12, putting a halt to the season by sending communities into lockdown. After suspending games with the intention to catch up the games with an extended season, the VCFA was forced to cancel the remainder of the season in August.

Although the comeback season did not result in an entire fixture of 18 rounds, the 48 total games that the Bayswater Strikers were able to play reignited our passion for the game we love and allowed us to come together socially off the pitch.

The Bayswater Strikers Soccer Club consider ourselves very lucky that we have continued to build an inclusive football community during this very trying time, it absolutely would not have been possible without the continued support of the Community Bank Wantirna sponsorship.

Even during the non-existent 2020 VCFA season, Community Bank Wantirna continued their much-appreciated support, with no match day exposure available. With growing player numbers, this support has allowed the club to continue building their training equipment stocks to ensure all skill levels are catered for.



Branch Manager John Tiganis and Steve Toivonen Bayswater strikers sponsorship manager.

The Bayswater Strikers Soccer Club cannot thank Community Bank Wantirna enough for their ongoing support, we look forward to continuing the partnership as the club looks to the 2022 season and the launch of our Bayswater Strikers junior program in the coming years... watch this space!

**Mark Eaton**  
**President**

# Wantirna Lions Club - supporting our local communities

Wantirna Lions Club, a community volunteer organisation, has continued to be very active in supporting our local communities. Some of the activities/projects include the following:

- Dandenong Ranges Storm Relief Centre - volunteer support and donation of goods to the relief centre
- Ferntree Gully Salvation Army Food Market - providing volunteer support
- Foothills Community Care Socks and Underwear drive - donated \$500 worth of socks and underwear
- Lions Comfort Bears - presented 48 Bears to CFA Bayswater and broader CFA Knox Group. Comfort Bears are for young children affected by traumatic situations
- Orana Neighbourhood House - working bee conducted 3 July and we've committed to support their Open Day with a BBQ in November
- Tamminya Emergency Housing facility - commenced planning and fundraising for replacement of seven kitchenettes at their facility.



Comfort Bears (taken 9 July when face masks were not required outside) L-R: CFA Lieutenant Brett Batson, Lions Paul Garvey and Wes Gleeson, CFA Deputy Group Officer Robert Williams.

If you would like to know more about the Wantirna Lions current projects or membership please see: [www.wantirna.vic.lions.org.au](http://www.wantirna.vic.lions.org.au)

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Email: [ions.wantirna@gmail.com](mailto:ions.wantirna@gmail.com) or contact Paul Garvey Secretary 0400 823 441.

## Supporting Knox families doing it tough at Christmas time.

The Knox Community Christmas "Sharing the Joy" (KCCS) Project in 2020 assisted 721 individuals to receive food and gifts during one of the hardest years. 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 and COVID-19 challenges.

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.

Again, 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 18 years old. Please bring your donations to the Community Bank Wantirna - tags with gift ideas are now available to collect at the branch.

To make a cash donation towards food hampers and toys for children visit [www.givenow.com.au/knoxsharethejoy](http://www.givenow.com.au/knoxsharethejoy) or visit the Community Bank Wantirna Branch. All gifts will be collected by Knox Infolink on the 1 December 2021.

Volunteers are needed from 29 November to 16 December 2021 to help pack food hampers and sort and box presents for the kids, all COVID protocols will be in place at the hub. If you would like to help please contact Lori Dudley at [kccsworker@knoxinfolink.org.au](mailto:kccsworker@knoxinfolink.org.au)

## Who do we support?

- 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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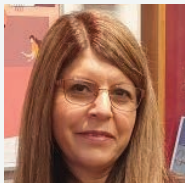
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### We're open:

9.30am - 3.30pm Monday to Friday

### Directors

Jeff Somers (Chairman), Vinh Luong (Treasurer),  
Phillipa Maloney-Walsh (Secretary), Wendy van Horssen,  
Carol Constantine, Stephen Palamara, Julian Crane

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## Welcome new Directors

In July we welcomed two new Directors to the Board, Stephen Palamara and Julian Crane.

Stephen is an experienced sales and marketing executive, who excels in new business development, with excellent customer building skills. Strength in stakeholder engagement with a demonstrated marketing approach while sharing business acumen to assist businesses to grow their existing customers and achieve their goals.



Stephen's career experience has been in the areas of B2B, B2C with telephone and face-to-face interactions covering, finance, hospitality, retail and SME's.

He enjoys sharing his knowledge with like-minded successful business owners who look to continue to succeed in the business world while maximising their marketing options to grow their respective businesses.

Stephen has over 35 years business in banking, hospitality, marketing and retail allowing him to understand the banking customer and bring to the Board an objective view while providing his skills in the digital and traditional marketing environment.

Stephen has a Masters in Marketing and a Grad Cert in Small Business management. His experience, determination, professionalism, and ambition combined with a loyal and old-fashioned hard-working work ethic best describes Stephen.

Julian has over 25 years experience in hospitality business management with extensive experience in business development, client relationship management, partnership marketing and hospitality operations. He started his career with the Sheraton Towers Melbourne (now the Langham) and has worked with key global hotel brands including Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts and Six Senses Hotels Resorts Spas spanning several countries including Australia, UK, Malaysia, Japan, Thailand and the Middle East. Julian's qualifications include BA (Hons) Degree Hotel Business Management and a Marketing Diploma (Chartered Institute of Marketing - UK).



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