



Knox Club Annual Charity Golf Day.

The Knox Club Annual Charity Golf Day was held on Sunday 24 March at Dorset Golf Course, Croydon. The golfers were up at first light to tee off but they were greeted with a delicious warm breakfast and a beautiful day to come. As the course filled with players in black and white polos, nerves filled our golfers on the 9th tee as they were driving to win a brand Suzuki Swift! All they had to do was sink a hole-in-one, easy right? Unfortunately, no one managed to drive away with the car, but there's always next year.

Congratulations to our winning team, 'The Baldies', they comfortably took out the competition and celebrated their victory with some karaoke – 'We are the champions, my friend'. An honourable mention to 'Legends of the Hawka' and 'The Shiftys' who were runners up and the team with best gross score respectively.

After the game it was back to the Knox Club for the presentations, fundraising, food and karaoke fun.

The Charity Golf Committee would like to give a huge thank you to all our sponsors and wonderful helpers who helped us raise funds on the day. This allowed us to donate \$20,000 to the Eastern Health Foundation which will go towards providing extra staff at Maroondah Hospital's Breast and Cancer Centre. Additional staff means better care and support for cancer patients and their families.

Over the past eighteen years, including this year's contribution, our total amount donated to cancer research has reached \$475,000.

Candice Bobee
Marketing & Promotions Co-ordinator
Knox Club

Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch donated two \$250 account vouchers, presented to the winners of the 'longest drive' and 'nearest to pin'.

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Winning Team, The Baldies.



Cheque Presentation to Eastern Health Foundation.

Supporting cultural diversity – Gyöngyösbokréta Hungarian Folk Dance Group's 30th Anniversary Gala.

What do you get when you take Bulgarian dancers, Russian dancers, Hungarian dancers, an internationally renowned folk band and hundreds of local Wantirnians, and put them all in the same room? You get hours of entertainment, excitement and celebration at Gyöngyösbokréta Hungarian Folk Dance Group's 30th Anniversary Gala event.

Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch is proud to be a longstanding sponsor of Gyöngyösbokréta Folk Dance Group. Formed in 1989, Gyöngyösbokréta's goal has always been to celebrate and share Hungary's unique culture with the rest of Australia. Over the past 30 years, the group has seen more than 150 dancers from all different backgrounds, ethnicities and religions experience Hungarian music and dancing, with many of these dancers now returning with their children for the same experience. Through dance and music, they aim to educate younger generations on the importance of respecting and accepting one another, regardless of differences; an issue that is very close to the hearts at Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch.

The evenings event kicked off with colourful dances from local Bulgarian and Russian dance groups, as well as performances by the Fono and Kultukor Hungarian folk dance groups. Following a brief intermission, it was time for the main attraction; a live playful comedy capturing the journey of Hungarian migrants from their homeland to Australia, told through traditional Hungarian song and dance, curated by international play writer, Boka Gabor. And of course, no Hungarian celebration is complete without a táncház (dance house) where the audience were invited to try out Hungarian dance steps to the sweet sounds of the Tokos Zenekar (Tokos Band) who were flown in from Hungary for the milestone occasion.

As a bank dedicated to giving back to the community and making a real difference, Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch was privileged to be in attendance and witness the huge impact their donations have made to Gyöngyösbokréta Hungarian Folk Dance Group. Today, Melbourne has the largest Hungarian community outside Hungary and it is an honour to stand beside them as they continue to grow, develop and celebrate their unique culture all around the country and remind us of what makes this country that we call home so beautiful; the diversity of its peoples, their cultures and lifestyles.

Christina Loverecz
Dancer and Children's Group Teacher
Gyöngyösbokréta Hungarian Folk Dance Group



Knox Club Darts Club.

Knox Club Darts 2019 Presentation Night was well attended by members and their partners.

As we did last year we went with a Cocktail Function/menu which proved to be very popular with the masses, the room was tastefully decorated in the colours of our major Sponsor – Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch.

Whilst everyone was mingling and getting comfortable our MC for the evening, Emma Powell (former Miatke) got the ball rolling with introductions and acknowledgements of those who work hard behind the scenes and those who supply financial support, without these commitments it would be difficult to keep our club going.

Entertainment was provided by one of our new members, Peter (Paco) Paxton with his more than adequate DJ compilations.

Many trophies were presented and it's always great to see some of the newbies in the mix.

Many stories told (some of them true) and a great night was enjoyed by all.

Overall a wonderful celebration of another terrific season of Summer Darts and we look forward to continuing next season.



We wonder what the team name theme will be next... This season was 'Body Parts' with 'Middle Fingers' defeating 'Skins' in the main final. 'Gluteus Maximus' took out the consolation final and the wooden spooner's were the 'No Hearts'.

Emma Powell
Secretary – Knox Club Darts Club

Women of Nepal fundraiser.

What an amazing night to Empower Women in Nepal. The Knox Club hosted the event on Saturday 4 May with 100 people attending.

The evening was filled with many games and laughs. The entertainment from The Frock Tops highlighted the night with fantastic talent. Local young talent from Rachel Peitsch Studios also brought the night together. Introducing the evening to the SMD Foundation was an exciting moment and sharing the work with teaching the women sewing skills that will change their lives encompassed the night.

Fantastic support from Wantirna **Community Bank**[®] Branch was a valuable success to the evening. The silent auction was a huge success and raised a phenomenal amount of funds for Nepal. The Main auction was funny to watch friends bid against one another. In all the evening was an amazing achievement for the first of many events to come. Thank you to all that donated and helped on the day to make it benefit so many.

Suzanne Dowd



Wantirna Lions Hoppers night.



Lions Club of Wantirna had its first ever Hopper Night on 30 March 2019, at the Bayswater Senior Citizens Hall in aid of providing mobility scooters for needy elderly seniors in Batticaloa, Sri Lanka.

Hoppers are crispy, bowl shaped pancakes made with rice flour that suits breakfast, lunch or dinner. It can be sweet or savoury.

The night was well attended with around 140 in the hall – and they enjoyed every aspect of the function. It included a DJ with variety of music – English, Sinhalese and Tamil. The Sri Lankan cultural dancers exhibited the Sri Lankan culture.

Five Lions Clubs attended the function – including the District Governor and the Zone Chairman.

The tables were well arranged and decorated with beautiful flowers. The outcome of this Hopper Night will be of great benefit towards this project.

The funds generated will enable Lions to donate two new mobility scooters to needy elderly seniors in Sri Lanka.

Thanks to all donors – especially to Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch.

Siva Sivagnanam
Lions Club of Wantirna

Congratulations Rogene our Easter hamper winner!



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Message from the Chairman.



With the elections now behind us and ScoMo back in The Lodge for the next three years, we can all get back to normalcy – pity though that the term is only three years before we need to listen to all those lovely and very informative advertisements every time you turned on your TV!

Whilst the parties were giving their all over the past several months, so have your Board and the branch staff. As a collective, we have continued to explore every opportunity to put your **Community Bank**® branch in the forefront of peoples' minds when they are in need of any banking products.

To this end, we hosted a Property Seminar on 19 June, run by one of Australia's leading lending experts Christine Williams, to better inform first home buyers and property investors alike as to how best take advantage of current market conditions.

Despite the release of the Royal Commission Report into Financial Institutions finding several issues with the big 4 banks, there has been limited interest in consumers looking to switch their banking.

Bendigo Bank has over the past few months been running the 'better big bank' advertisements to appeal to consumers looking for a better experience.

However, there is nothing better than someone advocating for your bank and this is where you, as a valued shareholder, can play a very important role. Kindly reach out to your family and friends and request them to contact John and his team at the branch as we do have some very good offers for a limited period of time.

We are keen to drive continuous improvement in our operations and I request that you provide us with your valuable suggestions that we will endeavor to implement.

Vivian Gonsalves

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Shares available.

There are currently interested parties looking to sell shares in Wantirna Community Financial Services Limited through the company's low volume market.

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