

## Wantirna Community Financial Services Limited Newsletter March 2009

### Manager's report



Welcome to our latest Newsletter. A great deal of thanks to you for your fantastic and continued support of your **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch. In our last Newsletter in August 2008 we were very proud to announce our "Book Size" (comprising principally deposits and loans held) at \$30 million. It is with even greater enthusiasm and excitement, that 6 months later, that "Book Size" is now \$42 million and we're right on track, maybe even a little ahead, to achieve our Budgeted forecast.

You would all be well familiar with the Staff now, as after 2.5 years have elapsed since the Branch opened, we still operate with the same team of 5 comprising myself, Karen, Debbie, Lee and Mary-Lee. We all very much warm to and support the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> model, principally because we're very conscious of Wantirna, and doing our bit to put the suburb in the best health and on the map.

As always we're growing our network of entity's to support in Wantirna, which I'm very pleased to see they've taken the time, and made the effort, to provide a "brief" appraisal of themselves, which we've included in this very much Community based Newsletter. Thank you Community Partners.

Since the August 2008 Newsletter I have now found myself on 2 Committees, namely the "Finance" Committee at Wantirna South Football Club (W.S.F.C) and "General" Committee of the "Wantirna Mall Commercial Traders Association" (W.M.C.T.A). Both are very exciting in that W.S.F.C is this year in Division 1 of the E.F.L, as they were promoted after being Premiers in Division 2 last year, and the "W.M.C.T.A" has been rejuvenated with both financial support, and promised assistance, from the City of Knox, and a very enthusiastic group of Traders, which will result in some very considerable and noticeable changes over the next 12 months in the Wantirna Mall!!!!

Along with the Directors and Staff we sincerely thank you again for your support and we look forward to being of further and greater assistance to you as 2009 unfolds and beyond.

**Steve Wright**  
Branch Manager

### Our community partners

In this newsletter we pay tribute to our community partners. Our network of support has enlarged over the last 2 ½ years since we

opened our doors at Wantirna Community Bank<sup>®</sup> Branch and we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the following associations and clubs, all who make a huge difference to our local community. Our Branch is proud to provide assistance to following associations who in turn make our community a better place to live in. Please take the time to read their stories:

**Wantirna Lions Club**

**Wantirna Health**

**Wantirna South Football Club**

**Wantirna South Cricket Club**

**Bayswater Park Cricket Club**

**Knox Little Athletics**

### Wantirna Lions Club

Lions club of Wantirna have been active in the City of Knox for 33 years. Wantirna Lions Inc was chartered in 1976.

We have been able to sponsor children to Lions Holiday Camp in Licola, Luna Park outings, Chesterfield Farm and picnics in Lions Park, Collier Reserve, sharing show bags, caps, enjoying barbecues and having fun.

Wantirna Lions have supported Anglicare, Eastern Palliative Care, St. Vincent De Paul, providing support and assistance to needy families in our community.

Our fundraising involves sale of Lions Christmas Cakes, Lion mints in selected outlets, selling Christmas trees over one weekend in December, monthly sausage sizzle outside the butcher in Knoxfield, Bunning's Warehouse sausage sizzle on an annual basis and occasional Trivia Night and musical evenings.

Lions are not all about fundraising – our members volunteer freely cooking up sausage sizzles for Salford Park Retirement in Wantirna, Amaroo in Ferntree Gully and Bayswater Seniors on an annual basis. We have also been active in assisting the Wantirna **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch in Wantirna Mall providing sausage sizzles for many of their charity events including Eliza Baird's Car Boot Sale, charity cricket days and Little Athletics 40th Anniversary. We also participate in many working bees for our community.

Our commitments have provided funding for walking aids for children with special needs, wheel chairs, bikes and swings, and assisting with



renovations to a house to allow a young disabled man return home to live with his family.

Wantirna Lions were able to pledge to Eastern Palliative Care re purchase of special mattresses for frail persons over the years with the assistance of our neighbouring Lions Club. We funded a pilot program for suitable books and videos for children on palliative program to further understand their illnesses. Our Wantirna Primary School have an annual wishing tree supporting these special children by donating gift wrapped books, puzzles, games and soft toys each year.

Our Community of Knox are very supportive.

We care and it can make a difference!

## Partnership is child's play for Wantirna Health and Bendigo Bank

An effective partnership between Wantirna Health and Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch has resulted in the creation of a special new play facility for use by children visiting the health service.

Vicky Jacques, Site Manager at Wantirna Health, says the inspiration for the play area was a young man named Daniel Cahill, who sadly died of cancer two years ago.

"Daniel's family, friends and work colleagues wanted to do something special to honour his memory and the new children's play area at Wantirna Health provided an opportunity to physically create something joyful and lasting," said Vicky.

"We understand that Daniel loved children and used hospice care towards the end of his illness, however at that time Wantirna Health had not yet opened."

Fundraising has been held to help with buying a specific piece of outdoor play equipment, together with a suitable underlay, to create a play space within the palliative care unit.

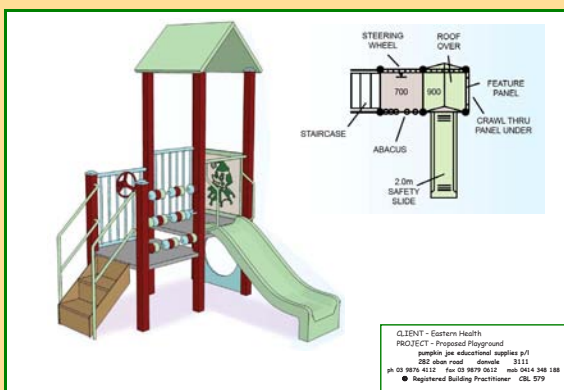
"Together with the help of Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch, creation of the new children's play area has been important because young children often form part of our patients' family and social network, and we welcome them as regular visitors," said Vicky.

"The busy ward environment and patients' needs can create an extra burden for parents of young children but not so anymore, with children now able to enjoy their own outdoor play area."

Wantirna Health, located at 251 Mountain Highway in the Melbourne suburb of Wantirna and a member of Eastern Health, provides a range of public healthcare services including a 30-bed inpatient palliative care unit that supports patients with life-limiting illnesses.

Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch has supported this initiative with advice, selling fundraising chocolates and a large cash donation.

For further information or to make a donation please contact Eastern Health's Alison Cahill on ph 0400 799 555 (m) or Sally Pearson on ph 9881 1875.



## Wantirna South Football Club

The Wantirna South football Club (WSFC) was founded by the Walker family in 1952 and commenced in Croydon – Ferntree Gully League in B Grade. Tragedy struck the Walker family in 1953 with the accidental drowning of father and daughter at Phillip Island. The community came together and erected the entrance gates and plaque in their memory and the land in Tyner road, Wantirna South become known as Walker Reserve.

In 1957, the club moved from the Croydon – Ferntree Gully league to the Mountain District Football League and was placed in B Grade. The club won its inaugural premiership in 1958.

The club started in the Eastern Districts Football League (latter to be known as Eastern Football league) in 1965. In 1967 the club was relegated to Division 4. In 1996 WSFC won the Division 4 premiership, its first premiership since 1958. In 2002 the club won the Division 3 premiership and moved into Division 2. Two years later in 2004, the club won the Division 2 premiership and progressed to Division 1 in 2005. The club certainly had a "baptism of fire" and returned to Division 2 for season 2006. The club won the Division 2 premiership in 2008 and the club has returned to Division 1 for season 2009.

The club has three levels of football grades within itself with the Under 18's (Colts), Reserves and Seniors. The WSFC provide the pathway for young men to become involved in the community by playing local football. It also provides an avenue for parents and guardians to also become involved in the club in its administration.

For a club like WSFC to be able to participate in Division 1 is due to the support of a number of people and businesses who provide financial support to sporting clubs. WSFC is no different.

This year WSFC has engaged a sponsorship agreement with MIRVAC, Property Development Company. MIRVAC have the project to re-develop the "previous brickworks" site in Stud Road, Wantirna South. MIRVAC will be a major sponsor for season 2009. Other organisations who provide considerable sponsorship to the club are Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch, Clipsal, Penfold Motors, Lou Lou's Bar, Knox Club and Knox Tavern.

The football season commences on Saturday 18th April were the club will play against Knox Football Club who have been a long term rival to Wantirna South Football Club at Walker Reserve, Tyner Rd, Wantirna. The Under 18's commence at 9.45 am, followed by the Reserves at 12.00 noon and the main game at 2.15 pm.

Come along and support local footy and the club looks forward to seeing you at Walker Reserve.

## Bayswater Park Sharks

The Bayswater Park Sharks provide cricketers of all ages the opportunity to play cricket in a community based, family friendly atmosphere. Located at Guy Turner Reserve Amber Street Bayswater the club has Cricket Australia accredited coaches at all levels from Milo In2 Cricket, junior U10, U12, U14, U16, U18, 5 Senior men's teams, 1 senior women's, 2 masters 0/40's and 1 Legends 0/50's teams.

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Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm  
and Saturday mornings 9.00am – 12 noon

As part of the Bayswater/Wantirna community we hold an annual Charity match V Wantirna South CC to raise money for Leukaemia research and the Eliza Baird foundation. With the support of Bendigo Bank Manager Steve Wright, his staff and local traders at Wantirna Mall, this year raising just under \$10,000.

For further information about playing cricket for the Sharks, our brochure can be obtained at the Wantirna **Community Bank**® Branch of the Bendigo Bank or by phoning President Paul Dodd on 0413 366 165.

## The Knox Little Athletics Centre

For many people in the Knox Community the Knox Little Athletic Centre has been around for as long as they can remember. In fact the Knox LAC has been a part of Knox for 40 years, having celebrated its 40th Anniversary in September 2008.

The Knox Little Athletics Centre was formed in 1968, just 4 years after

Little Athletics was started by Trevor Billingham in Geelong in 1964. A number of Centres have formed around Victoria during 1967 and in September 1968 the Knox Shire (the forerunner of Knox Council) held a meeting with the purpose of starting a Little Athletics Centre in Knox. At that meeting twelve school-based clubs were formed and following meetings resulted in the creation of the Knox Little Athletics Centre No 23 (the 23rd Centre in Victoria).

The Knox Centre has a proud history over its 40 years with 8 former athletes going on to represent Australia at world junior level (including Youth World Championship) and 5 competing at Commonwealth and Olympic Games. A number of other former athletes have gone on to distinction in other sports including VFL/AFL football, National Basketball and Netball. Knox LAC has also had 6 National Champions in the past 10 years. It currently has 15 registered coaches and 27 assistant coaches as well as IAAF-certified walks judges. Since 1968 Knox LAC athletes have won almost 1600 State medals of which almost 600 are Gold. The Centre has also won the Victorian Little Athletics "Grand Slam" on a number of occasions - the "Grand Slam" being the best performing Centre at State Championships in Track and Field, Cross Country, Relays and Multi Event in the one year/season.

The Knox Little Athletics Centre currently has over 600 registered athletes competing during the current Track and Field season with over 500 athletes from 44 Centres around Victorian competing at the Knox LAC T&F Open Day, making it the largest Little Athletics competition outside of the State Championships. Similarly with Cross Country the Centre has over 250 athletes competing each week with over 500 athletes from 33 Centres competing at the Knox LAC Cross Country Open Day.

The Knox LAC is proud of its history and reputation within the Knox Community and beyond. It is extremely grateful for the ongoing



support from Federal and State politicians, Knox Council and the sponsorship of many local businesses including the Community Branches of the Bendigo Bank.

The motto of Little Athletics is "Family, Fun and Fitness" and provides an ideal environment for athletes and their families to mix and develop their social skills as well as provide a healthy environment for sport and friendly competition. The Centre which is located in Bunjil Way, Knoxfield welcomes families and athletes to come down and join in Little Athletics. If you would like any further information, you can visit the Knox LAC Website at [www.klac23.org.au](http://www.klac23.org.au) or contact the Centre via email at [fo@klac23.org.au](mailto:fo@klac23.org.au) or contact Phil Matthews on 0418521439.

## My profile

Rachael has eight years experience in both the financial services industry and as a financial planner. She has been employed by Bendigo Bank as a financial planner since June 2008.

Rachael grew up in Wantirna South and now lives in the Dandenongs so the community involvement of the Bendigo Bank is quite special to Rachael and you will often see her supporting events where possible.



Rachael can provide personal advice on the following:

- Guidance on budgeting and goal setting
- Savings and wealth creation strategies
- Investment planning
- Superannuation planning
- Pre-retirement planning
- Retirement planning
- Risk and Insurance analysis including life, disability and Income protection
- Estate planning considerations
- Centrelink planning
- Salary packaging advice
- Business succession planning

Rachael supports an on going relationship with her clients. A strategy cannot be put in place and not reviewed and updated over time. Circumstances change which means your strategy may need to be altered accordingly to ensure you can reach your goals.

Bendigo Bank Financial Planning is a fee for service arrangement, so the fees you pay are based on the advice you receive. To contact Rachael for a free, no obligation interview, please contact her on 0458 384 602 or via the branch.

### Bendigo Bank snapshot

- > Established in 1858
- > Branch network throughout Australia
- > 189 Company owned branches
- > 227 Community owned branches

\*Figures relevant March 2009

**Chairman:** Garry Grace

**Directors:** Judy Blizzard, John Katselas, Francisus Kruize, Robert Scott, Julianne Spithill, Gary Tor, Rowland Ward, Judy Blizzard, Tom Spiesser

# Come and support the Eliza Baird Appeal

Cruise down to our Car Boot Market  
See Custom Cars, Motorcycles and Go-Karts on display

**When:** Saturday 18 April 2009, 9.00am to 2.00pm

**Where:** Wantirna Primary School, Mountain Highway, Wantirna

If you would like to book a site please complete an entry form,  
pay the \$20.00 donation and you will receive 2 free raffle tickets

For more information please call into the branch

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