

East Gosford



# Community Bank® Branch Bendigo Bank

Double celebrations for local Community Bank® Company

**Kincumber, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2006:** It will be double celebrations for East Gosford & Districts Financial Services as it celebrates the sixth birthday of their East Gosford branch, and the opening of a new sub-branch in nearby Kincumber.

Federal member for Robertson, Minister for local government, territories and roads – the Hon Jim Lloyd will officially open the Kincumber sub-branch on **Tuesday, 19 September at 11.00am**

The East Gosford & District **Community Bank®** Branch will celebrate their sixth birthday on the same day at the Lions Club Hall, Russell Drysdale Street, East Gosford at 6.30pm.

“The local **Community Bank®** Company has become an important service within the Central Coast region, Chairman Bob Rudd said.

“With more than \$110 million in combined business and more than seven thousand customers, the **Community Bank®** concept has obviously been welcomed by locals.

“We employ 18 staff across three branches and have provided tens of thousands of dollars worth of sponsorship to community groups and projects during this time.

“Hundreds of locals are today shareholders in their **Community Bank®** Company, who, along with their communities, share in the profits generated by the local community owned branches.

“Through the commitment of a local board of directors, not only do the communities of East Gosford, Lisarow and Kincumber have traditional bank branches, they have created employment for locals and a revenue stream which would previously have been lost to a head office located in a capital city.” Mr. Rudd said.

The community company, which operates the Community Bank® branches in the Central Coast region, is a proud supporter of local events and projects.

“Of course, our branches provide a full range of banking products and services & are open from Monday to Friday and Saturday mornings.

We are providing more than simply banking to the Central Coast region.

This is a company owned and operated by the people of our community and importantly, a percentage of our branch profits are retained in the communities who support us.” Mr. Rudd said.

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