

Deloraine & Districts



Community Bank™ Branch Bendigo Bank

**Deloraine & Districts Community Bank® Grand
Opening Set for 27th July 2005**

Deloraine: 20th July 2005

**Northern Tasmania's first Community Bank® branch of the Bendigo Bank
officially opens Wednesday the 27th July 2005.**

A gala public celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony will herald the opening of the Northern Tasmania's first Community Bank premises in Deloraine's CBD starting at 10:30 AM on the 27th July. The Meander Valley community-wide is invited to the party.

"This is a long anticipated day for Deloraine and Districts," said Board Chairman, Dr. Chris Moorhouse. "Everyone involved is excited our town now joins the thriving network of 157 Community Bank® branches of the Bendigo Bank across Australia."

"This landmark day marks the fruition of five years of hard work by dedicated Deloraine and District people to establish their own locally owned company in partnership with Bendigo Bank Ltd.," Dr. Moorhouse said, "Meander Valley can take great pride in this outcome."

"The community has demonstrated by its support of the community banking concept that local people want to have a say in their financial future," Dr. Moorhouse said. "There is no doubt that communities taking up this challenge are determined to play a major role in local development and put their community spirit to work in practical ways."

"Our partners in this enterprise, Bendigo Bank Ltd. have encouraged the local project team throughout this multi-stage process making sure at every point the community's viewpoints are taken into account," Dr. Moorhouse said. "We could hardly have had a more professional partner than Bendigo Bank Ltd. Bendigo's representatives are always accessible and no efforts are spared to resolve any issues that arise."

Bendigo Bank Ltd.'s Chief Manager of Community and Alliance Banking, Mr. Robert Musgrove, will officially open the branch at 11 AM. Dr. Chris Moorhouse - Meander Valley Financial Services Ltd. Chairman, franchisees for the Community Bank® enterprise, will introduce the Board of Directors who worked throughout the community over the past 5 years to bring the project to fruition.

Thereafter celebrations will continue with a free sausage sizzle introducing the world's first "Bendigo Bank Bangers." Bendigo Bank's celebrity mascot, "Piggy" will be on hand to greet the young and old alike and winners of the "Piggy's Colouring Competition" for school children will be announced.

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