

Deloraine & Districts Community Bank® Branch Bendigo Bank



State's third Community Bank® opens at Deloraine

Tasmania's third Community Bank® Branch of the Bendigo Bank officially opened at Deloraine on Wednesday 27th July 2005.

The branch's opening marks the completion of a campaign by the Deloraine community to establish a Community Bank® that will provide benefits for many years to come. Over 200 people attended the opening celebrations that featured an appearance by Bendigo mascot "Piggy Bank" and enjoyed feasting at the world's first "Bendigo Bangers" "sausage sizzle."

Chairman of Meander Valley Financial Services Ltd., Franchisees for the Community Bank® Branch of the Bendigo Bank, Dr Christopher Moorhouse said the Deloraine & Districts Community Bank® Branch board of directors were thrilled to have opened a venture which would leave a legacy for the community for years to come.

"We will not only be providing an excellent banking option for locals, the Community Bank® is everyone's opportunity to create investment back into their community," Dr Moorhouse said.

"The key to the Community Banking model is that a percentage of profits generated by the branch will remain in the Deloraine community.

"The support the branch receives from the local community will be directly linked to the profits which will be returned directly to local projects to the benefit of all who live in Deloraine.

"That is a fabulous legacy to leave to our children and grandchildren."

The Community Bank® Branch at 49 Emu Bay Road, Deloraine, was officially opened Wednesday morning by Dr Moorhouse and Mr Robert Musgrove, chief manager community and alliance banking, Bendigo Bank.

Also present was Mr Max Papley, chairman of the Lang Lang and Pearcedale Community Bank® Branches, who had acted as a mentor to the Deloraine board.

Dr Moorhouse said the Community Bank® style of banking meant a return to face-to-face banking where customers could speak to local staff on the phone or in the branch, even on Saturday mornings.

Branch manager John Tabor said he was looking forward to making contact with new customers at the branch, which will be open from 9am-5pm on weekdays and 9am-noon on Saturdays, or by phone on 6362 4801.

Deloraine will be the third Community Bank® branch to open in Tasmania.

There are currently branches in Geeveston and Dover and a Community Bank® and a transaction centre in Queenstown.

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