

Deloraine & Districts Community Bank® Branch Bendigo Bank



Birthday celebrations for Deloraine & Districts

DELORAIN Monday 24th July 2006 The people of the Meander Valley will celebrate the first birthday of their Community Bank® branch this week.

With more than \$20 million in business and more than 1200 accounts open, the concept of Community Banking has obviously been welcomed by locals.

The local board of directors and branch staff will celebrate 12 months of business with a birthday party on 29th July from 11 am to 12 noon at the branch and everyone is welcome to attend.

The official cutting of the cake ceremony will be held at 11AM. There will be special giveaways for the children to share the fun.

Chairman Dr. Chris Moorhouse said the local board of directors welcomed the marking of the first year of trading, a year which has been a steep learning curve.

"We thought there was a lot of work to be done to get the branch open," Dr. Moorhouse said.

"That work load did not lessen once the doors of the branch opened for the directors who volunteer their time to oversee the running of the community company.

"Having said that, it has been a remarkable year and one in which our expectations of what a Community Bank® branch would bring to our community have been realised."

It has also been a busy 12 months for branch manager John Tabor and his staff, who have opened more than 1200 accounts and brought the Bendigo way of banking to the Meander Valley community.

"It really is great to see satisfied existing customers, many new faces, coming through the door each week to do their banking," John Tabor said.

"We promised people 12 months ago that we would deliver a banking service that the people of Meander Valley expected, and deserved, and I am confident that we have achieved that goal.

"The establishment of our Community Bank® branch really was a community achievement and we would like to share this first year milestone with everyone in the community," John Tabor said.

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