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**Community Bank North Ryde joins forces with Community Bank Homebush**

Community Bank North Ryde has been acquired by the operator of Community Bank Homebush; one of Sydney's first Bendigo Bank Community Banks; and from today will operate as part of Homebush Financial Services Limited.

Community Banks Homebush and North Ryde have been strengthening and supporting their local communities for more than 20 years and during this time, have collectively invested more than \$1.25M back into their communities.

Michael Brewer, Chair of Homebush Financial Services Limited, said customers can rely on the same friendly service across the new operational footprint.

"This exciting acquisition will provide the same great level of service and community benefit. In fact, operational efficiencies mean both branches can continue to grow their customer base and community contributions."

"The integration of Community Bank North Ryde into our Company will provide greater opportunity to grow the business more broadly as part of Australia's most trusted bank, and we look forward to engaging with the community as we take up operation of the North Ryde branch," Mr Brewer said.

"People need a bank to provide them with the products and services they need - and we need your banking to help us make a difference. Just by banking with us, our customers help their communities," he said.

"More than \$366 million has been returned to communities and initiatives Australia-wide since Bendigo Bank's Community Bank model was established at the turn of the century."

"At a local level, an example of the facilities we are helping to fund is the Mary Aikenhead Clinic in Strathfield. This support has already helped more than 100 families and will continue to help over 300 individuals and families each year with access to discounted psychological assessments and new psychoeducation intervention programs."

"We are now extending these psychoeducation sessions to the local area, starting with the North Ryde school community, beginning on Friday 9 May," Mr Brewer said.

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### **About Community Bank North Ryde**

Located at Cox's Road Mall in North Ryde, the branch opened on 10 June 2005 and was both the 150<sup>th</sup> Community Bank branch and 300<sup>th</sup> Bendigo Bank branch to open at the time.

### **About Community Bank Homebush**

Located at 27 Rochester Street in Homebush, the branch opened on 5 May 2002 and was the first Sydney metropolitan Community Bank branch, the second Greater Sydney Community Bank branch and 62<sup>nd</sup> Community Bank branch to open at the time.

### **About Homebush Financial Services Limited**

Founded in 2002 by 350 community members to address the need of the local community for bank services in Homebush. The Community Bank model operates both for access to bank services and a commitment to invest in community outcomes to Grow with our Community. As at May 2025, both branches have contributed over \$1.25M to local community outcomes.

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