

South Burdekin Community Financial Services Limited

Home Hill Community Bank[®] Acquires the Ayr Branch of the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank

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South Burdekin Community Financial Services Limited (SBCFSL), operators of the Home Hill Community Bank[®] Branch, has purchased the Ayr Branch of the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank with settlement expected to occur on Thursday 1 June 2017.

Darren West, Chairman of SBCFSL, said: "Under the direction of the SBCFSL Board, there will now be a single focus on the provision of financial services and community funding in the Burdekin as a whole rather, than an individual focus on branches in the two towns.

"The change means that the Burdekin will now have two Bendigo Community Bank[®] branches - being the Home Hill Community Bank[®] branch and the Ayr Community Bank[®] branch."

"We will now have one Branch Manager leading the two branches to ensure we get our focus in the Burdekin right, but rest assured, we will continue to operate the two branches as individual identities."

"From a customer perspective everything else remains the same. Bank accounts all remain the same and there will be no changes to the products and services we offer, such as superannuation and insurance."

"We believe successful customers and successful communities create a successful bank – in that order - and as we work to provide banking products and services for our customers we consider the bigger picture. Bendigo Community Banks[®] are focused on what we can do beyond banking to help our customers and strengthen the communities they live in."

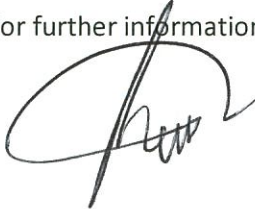
"Together, the two branches will continue to support projects such as the funding of local youth scholarships and our Learner Driver program which are great for our community, our local youth, and the prosperity of our towns, along with major fundraisers such as Careflight Chopper Awareness Month and other important health awareness campaigns such as ManUp for Prostate Cancer".

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“Customers can rest assured of another thing that won’t be changing – and that’s the level of award-winning customer service that our customers and small business operators have come to know and love”, Mr West concluded.

For further information, please contact:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darren West', with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

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To learn more about the Home Hill Community Bank® Branch, click here:

<http://www.bendigobank.com.au/community/our-branches/home-hill>

To find out more about the extraordinary range of projects in Queensland funded by Community Banks®, click here:

<http://www.bendigobank.com.au/public/community/community-bank>

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