

SUNCORP BANK OPENS IN CLAREMONT

Suncorp Bank, Australia's fifth largest bank, continues its expansion in Western Australia with the opening of its Claremont banking branch on Wednesday 7 July 2010.

Located on busy Bay View Terrace, Claremont, the new branch will offer personal banking, wealth management, insurance solutions, small business banking and an expanding 24 hour ATM network.

Suncorp Bank Regional General Manager Michael Goynich said Perth local Paul Tuffin had been appointed Branch Manager for the Claremont branch.

"Paul has a decade of banking and financial services experience in senior leadership positions. Most of the branch staff are also locals which is testament to our commitment to create jobs for the local communities in which we operate," Mr Goynich said.

"The new Claremont branch will cater to everyone, especially people with busy lifestyles. Meeting rooms, private studio pods and two teller counters have been incorporated into the branch design so clients can discuss their needs with branch staff in a welcoming environment.

"Claremont is the ninth Suncorp Bank branch to open in greater Perth, with the flagship Hay Street branch due to open at the end of the month. We plan to open a further seven in the next two years bringing it to a total of 17 branches by 2013," he said.

"Just last month our Bank CEO David Foster announced Suncorp's intention to treble its market share in Western Australia by 2013. In addition to the planned branch openings, we are doubling our ATM access points to 119 in the coming month.

"We're also looking to further build on our brand and commitment here by opening an agribusiness and small business centre outside of Perth.

"The Claremont branch opening supports our strategy to position our branches and ATMs in the best places to meet the needs of our local customers and become the best bank for Western Australia," said Mr Goynich.

To celebrate the Claremont branch opening, Suncorp Bank will be offering Bay View Terrace shoppers the chance to win a \$2000 Suncorp Bank Term Deposit Account. Competition entry forms can be picked up from the new Claremont branch from 7 July and will be handed out by promotional teams driving mobile billboards around the branch from Wednesday 7 July until Tuesday 13 July. The competition will run from 7 July until 30 July 2010.

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