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Suncorp Bank's Chatting About Change forum

Suncorp Bank's Chatting About Change forum will create a bigger voice for rural women to share their stories, grow their strengths and generate optimism for rural families.

The forum will bring to the surface the positive stories to motivate and inspire other women on the land.

Suncorp Bank's Regional General Manager David Littleproud for South West Queensland says the event will be a key platform for the voice of rural women.

"I've seen first hand the contribution of rural woman on the farm, they're both the glue holding the family farm together and managing the business," Mr Littleproud said.

"Women are great communicators and with more customers wanting to know the story behind the produce, they're the best story tellers."

The Chatting About Change forum is designed to inspire and empower woman and directed at women in a range of situations but who may find it difficult to attend urban-based events.

"Traditionally agriculture has had a strong representation by men, this forum will give women the opportunity to connect and create a larger voice," he said.

"Rural women play a key role not only on the farms but in their local communities and economies."

Three leading professionals will share their experiences and different backgrounds.

Prue Bondfield is highly recognised throughout the beef industry for her commitment to innovation, genetics and education.

Philippa Harris is a Registered Mental Nurse who runs her own educational practice providing a range of mental health and wellbeing workshops across rural and remote Queensland.

Jill Rigney is trained to apply the principles of Neuro Linguistics Programming in her professional responsibilities, presenting programs and facilitating meetings across Australia.

Suncorp Bank is staging the event together with TopX Roma.

When: Tuesday, 25 February 2014

Venue: Roma Cultural Centre, Cnr of Bungil and Quintin Street, Roma

Time: 2pm

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