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Suncorp Bank invests in South West Queensland recovery with two new appointments

Suncorp Bank's ongoing support of the South West Queensland region in the wake of the summer of natural disasters has received a boost with two key staff appointments to the area.

Michael Alpass has been appointed Suncorp Bank District Banking Manager Greater Lockyer Valley and Dave Taylor has been appointed District Manager Business Banking South West Queensland.

David Littleproud, Suncorp Bank's Executive Manager Business Banking for South West Queensland said the appointments were good news for the region and demonstrated Suncorp Bank's commitment to investing in the community.

"After a devastating period of natural disasters – from the flooding here in the South West, right through to the Cyclone Yasi-affected areas of North Queensland – Suncorp Bank is passionate about rebuilding Queensland," said David.

"Michael brings with him 21 years of experience in agriculture and agribusiness and a deep understanding of customer needs," he said.

"Before originally commencing his agribusiness career with Suncorp in 2000, Michael worked on large beef cattle and stud merino sheep enterprises in Queensland and New South Wales for more than ten years."

Michael Allpass said he was looking forward to building upon the relationships he had forged in the Lockyer Valley area and aimed to provide a strong customer-based service built on open communication, trust and honesty.

"I am extremely happy to be part of the Suncorp Bank team again after a two year stint with Bank West, and I am keen to support the Lockyer Valley communities, particularly after such a rough start to the year for so many ," said Michael.

David Littleproud said Dave Taylor, who would be based in Goondiwindi in his new role, joined Suncorp in 2007 and had spent the past four years working in Toowoomba as the Agribusiness Analyst and Agribusiness Manager.

"Dave also has a solid agriculture background and like many of Suncorp Bank's agribusiness customers, Dave grew up on a farm. He then spent four years working in the beef industry in the Northern Territory," said Mr Littleproud.

"Prior to joining Suncorp, Dave further developed his deep knowledge of the agronomic sector with a ten-year stint in irrigated and broad acre farming in the Gwydir Valley and Border Rivers region of New South Wales.

Dave Taylor said he was looking forward to the opportunity to continue to work with the South West Queensland communities in his new role.

“Goondiwindi is a well-established Suncorp Bank site and I look forward to working with my team there to service our customers’ full banking needs,” Dave said.

David Littleproud said Suncorp Bank had a strong heritage in agribusiness, dating back over 100 years to 1902, and remained fully committed to the sector.

“Today, we remain absolutely focussed on supporting our customers and communities through the ups and downs that come with rural life, including extreme weather events like the ones we witnessed earlier this year,” he said.

“While we recognise there is still a lot more to be done, we’re optimistic about the future and are confident we can help the South West Queensland get back on its feet,” said David.

Suncorp Bank has nine branches and a further ten business banking centres in South West Queensland offering a range of financial services solutions including personal banking, wealth management advice, insurance solutions, small business and agribusiness banking and an expanding ATM network.

Michael Allpass and Dave Taylor are both on board. Michael can be contacted on 0408 746 815 or via email at michael.allpass@suncorp.com.au. Dave can be contacted on 0428 980 011 or via email at david.taylor3@suncorp.com.au.

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