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Bendigo Bank opens in Roleystone

The Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank opened its doors for the first time last Saturday.

Local MLA Tony Simpson, one of the founders of the Bank, said that this was a proud moment for Roleystone, Karragullen and the surrounding communities.

“This bank will help sustain and grow the local community and I am happy to be involved,” said Mr Simpson.

“A community bank can provide many benefits for a community and its economy.

“Unlike other banks, most of the money stays in the local community.

“The bank also employs local people, provides loans to local businesses and mortgages to local home buyers.

“Basically, it invests in the local community.

“It was heartening to see the community pull together to raise the money needed to start the branch.

“Having been involved in setting up the Byford branch previously, I must say that the speed and ease that the Roleystone and Karragullen communities raised the needed capital was impressive.

“The entire community should be proud of their collective achievement.

“They should also be proud of the board of Directors, led by Anne Johnston, that was responsible for much of the work done to get everything going.

“I wish the staff, board and supporters of the new bank the best of luck.

“Hopefully this will be a new beginning in local investment and entrepreneurship for the community.”

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