

**Chairman's Address**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**9<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

I now wish to take a few minutes of your time to give you a brief overview of our current position, together with what our expectations are in moving forward.

There is no need to talk in detail regarding our community engagement during the past year. You will find this is covered in our annual report which is available here for you to take home.

However, I will mention that the board is returning about \$50,000 to worthy organisations in the community at the community grants night to be held later next week. This is in line with the requirements of our franchise agreement with Bendigo & Adelaide Bank and again demonstrates the commitment of the bank and your company to the community.

My main focus will be to give you our assurance that your board and management team feel confident and comfortable with the current financial position we are now in.

It is extremely pleasing to see a strong profit and growth result, especially given the past and current economic turmoil that we have all seen.

The damaging effect it has had on our economy together with the impact on other financial institutions really highlights our strong position both financially and community wise.

All this has been achieved through sound management, committed staff & the strong implementation of policies and procedures. With all this in place we feel confident that your investment will continue to grow.

An important fact is that this financial year we have managed to double our retained profit over & above the previous year, which is verified in the annual report.

From our prepared forecasts for the current year, it is reasonable to expect a similar result to last year and that will further enhance our financial stability.

Understanding these results have been achieved after our many community sponsorships and investments throughout the greater Logan City. Not forgetting the recent opening of our 5<sup>th</sup> branch in Beenleigh. The opening of this branch will further support the investment of our many shareholders. We consider it a further long term asset moving forward. It certainly adds another dimension to our group and I am confident the results will meet our expectations.

Some of you may ask why we have not paid a dividend recently. One of the reasons was we felt it was important to fast track the opening of Beenleigh and in order to do this it has been necessary to utilise part of our profit retained from the 2008/2009 year. Having said that please be assured we will continue to support and reward our shareholders whenever possible. The board will continue to monitor the financial position and pay further dividends when sufficient funds are available for that purpose.

I also want to assure you that we are extremely happy with our management and staff throughout our branches; they are an extremely committed group with a strong sense of both banking and community engagement. All of our directors are committed to achieving the desired results that you expect.

I can assure you the strong unity of our directors is paramount to our current and future success. It is most important to have stable and professional board.

In Summary –

We are in a strong financial position.

We are confident of obtaining our objectives throughout 09/10.

We expect to continue to increase our community engagement

I thank you the shareholders for your continued support and when you look back 6 to 7 years ago it was your investment and enthusiasm that has made all this possible.

Thank You.