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Dear Shareholder,

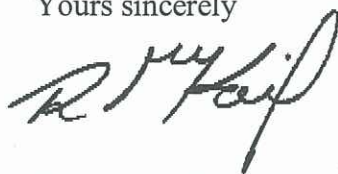
Since becoming Chairman of the Board of Directors in July this year I have been privileged to preside over a company which is by all measures in a very sound position. This has resulted from the diligence of the directors over a period of years. Testimony to this fact is the recent announcement of a 12 cents per share dividend payable on 15 October this year.

An opportunity has become available to enable the growth of the business and open a new branch in partnership with the Yarra Junction Community. The Board are very excited about the prospects of this new venture. During recent months we have worked tirelessly towards the proposal; which is detailed on the accompanying Notice of Extraordinary Meeting. I want to assure you that all decisions have been reached after due consideration of all issues, and there have certainly been many.

As Directors of a public company our Board is mindful of its responsibility and accountability to you, the Shareholder. With this in mind I personally invite you to bring any questions you might have regarding this exciting venture to the meeting on 24 October.

The Warburton community can rightfully be very proud of its achievements, not least of which being its own highly successful bank branch. The opportunity for the greater Upper Yarra district to share similar self-confidence and enhanced prospects is one the Board is very pleased to be party to.

Yours sincerely



Rodney McKail  
Chairman