

COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

3rd October 2006

The Chairman of Yarraman Financial Services Limited, Mr Wayne Emms has reported continuing growth for the Yarraman & District **Community Bank®** Branch of Bendigo Bank.

"Whilst we have very recently reported our 2005-2006 Financial Year results to Shareholders, it is significant to note that the growth has not stopped there" Mr Emms said. "Since the 30 June 2006 we have grown our Community Bank® branch business to over \$23 Million. This growth is really starting to escalate with around \$1 Million of new business in September alone. Collectively, our valued customers in the community have over 1,650 accounts with our **Community Bank®** branch, and we are absolutely delighted with the level of support and confidence expressed by our community residents and businesses."



Wayne Emms
Chairman