

# *Celebrating* the official opening of The Bendigo Centre



## Commitment to the community

I am pleased to invite you to celebrate with us a major milestone – the opening of our vibrant new building in the heart of our home city, Bendigo.

Less than six months ago we all celebrated the 150th anniversary of the founding of Bendigo Bank. I hope you will be able to join us for the celebrations today.

We are enormously proud of The Bendigo Centre. It states in spectacular style our confidence about our business and future and our commitment to Bendigo.

The decision to make such a large investment in regional Australia is testimony also to our broader commitment to serve Australian communities.

The building is designed to reduce energy and water consumption. This environmental efficiency is important to us and we know it is

important to our customers and the communities in which they live.

We hope that the open space, the laneways, the shops and restaurants in The Bendigo Centre will be visited by lots of people. They are public spaces for you to use.

Planning started more than five years ago. In that time, the bank and the conditions in which it operates have changed enormously.

But the core values that shaped the design of the centre – a commitment to regional Australia and to sustainability, the provision of a good workplace for our staff and an area for the Bendigo community – are as relevant and will endure.

I welcome you today to the opening our centre of excellence in Bendigo.



*Robert Johanson*

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Chairman,  
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank**

