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## ANZ Banking Museum starts new chapter

The ANZ Banking Museum has re-opened its doors on Collins Street unveiling new historical exhibits that provide a unique insight into Australian banking over the last 160 years.

ANZ Chief Executive Officer Mr John McFarlane and Aunty Joy Murphy, Senior Woman of the Wurundjeri people, officially launched the refurbished museum today, encouraging visitors to explore the rare artefacts only on show at the site.

"The ANZ Banking Museum highlights ANZ's long and proud contribution to the banking industry in Australia," Mr McFarlane said. "At the time it was established in 1985, the ANZ Banking Museum was the first of its kind in Australia and it remains the only banking museum in this State.

"While unfortunate, the flooding of the museum in September 2005 presented us with an opportunity to revamp its design and introduce new displays including an interactive ATM exhibit that shows how technology has transformed banking," Mr McFarlane said.

Located in Melbourne's historic Gothic Bank at 380 Collins Street, the museum tells the story of Australia's banking heritage. A new exhibit entitled 'People and Money' tracks the early indigenous economy, and 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century banking, including the economic depressions, through to banking in the technology era.

Mr McFarlane said the ANZ Banking Museum drew upon the rich historical resource of ANZ's archives which includes an extensive collection of manuscripts, photographs, moneyboxes, office machines, firearms, gold-mining equipment, television commercials and bank uniforms. Also on display is the "holey dollar" - the first currency exclusive to Australia which dates back to 1856.

"The ANZ Banking Museum is rich with stories of its employees and the customers who built this bank," Mr McFarlane said. "Understanding the vast and varied history of banking in Australia helps us better understand how far we have come."

The ANZ Banking Museum was opened in May 1985 by the Governor of Victoria. This commemorated the sesqui centenary of ANZ's establishment through the granting of a Royal Charter to the Bank of Australasia.

Admission to ANZ Banking Museum is free. The Museum will be open to the public Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm, excluding public holidays, and special arrangements can be made for school excursions. The Gothic Bank is listed and registered by the Historic Buildings Council, the Australian Heritage Commission and the National Trust of Australia.

The Wurundjeri are Indigenous Australians of the Kulin nation, who occupied the Yarra River Valley and its tributaries in what is now Melbourne.

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