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ANZ launches pre-paid foreign currency travel card

ANZ today launched a pre-paid foreign currency Visa travel card in popular foreign currencies which provides business people and holiday makers with a convenient and secure way to carry and spend money overseas.

ANZ Travel Card is available in US, Australian and New Zealand dollars, Euros and British Pounds and can be used at any of the 24 million shops and ATM locations worldwide where Visa is accepted electronically.

ANZ Managing Director Debt and Transaction Services, Mr Chris Cooper said: "The ANZ Travel Card allows users to spend their own money like a local when they are travelling overseas, providing a cost effective, convenient and simple travel money solution for business people and holiday makers.

"You don't have to be an ANZ customer to take advantage of this handy new travel product, because ANZ Travel Card is not linked to a deposit account.

"ANZ Travel Card is also covered by a range of security features, including PIN-protection to protect funds from anyone else finding and using a lost or stolen card. Purchasers are issued with a back-up card which has a separate PIN, so that if the primary card is lost or damaged while overseas, they can use their back-up card to access their remaining funds," Mr Cooper said.

The ANZ Travel Card allows people to purchase their foreign currency before they travel, avoiding fluctuations in exchange rates while they're travelling and minimising international transaction fees. For example, there is no fee when using the card to make purchases in-store at Visa accepted Point of Sale (POS) terminals and there's a flat transaction fee for withdrawing money at Visa accepted ATMs. Other features of ANZ Travel Card include:

- Card value is set by the purchaser maximum of A\$20,000 (or specified foreign equivalent)
- A flat issuance fee of A\$11.00
- Cards can be reloaded by BPAY® over the phone or online, or at selected ANZ locations
- Lost and/or Stolen Card support available 24 hours a day, seven days a week in Australia or overseas
- While traveling, access to card balance and transaction history online.

ANZ Travel Card is available from today at selected ANZ Foreign Exchange Centres, initially in Sydney and Melbourne only. The Centres are located at: 100 Queen Street, 293 Collins St (Royal Branch), 55 Collins St and 230 Swanston St in Melbourne; and 96 Pitt St, 37 Pitt St, Corner of York and Market Streets, 665 George St (Chinatown) and 205 Castlereagh Street in Sydney. Further information about ANZ Travel Card is available at www.anzfx.com.

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