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ANZ unveils new Matariki ATM surrounds

To kick off a month-long celebration of all things Māori, ANZ ATMs at several locations around the country will feature special Matariki themed surrounds.

Created by artist Kereama Taepa, of Ngāti Whakaue and Taranaki Whānui, the surrounds were inspired by two customary Māori art practices - whakairo, a carving practice and kowhaiwhai, a painting practice - and includes seven eyes inlaid with paua to reference the seven stars of the Matariki constellation.

"The whakairo depicts the separation of Ranginui, the Sky Father and Papatūānuku, the Earth Mother. This is an important part of Māori philosophy as it was this act that created the world of light that we live in today," Mr Taepa said.

It is the second year that ANZ has created special ATM surrounds to mark Matariki. ANZ also created themed ATMs for ANZAC Day in April, GAYTMs in February and Diwali and Daffodil Day in late 2014.

"Creating the themed ATMs for a second consecutive year is just one of the ways we're supporting the cultural significance of Matariki, and celebrating the cultures of our staff and diversity within New Zealand," said Head of Corporate Affairs, Peter Parussini.

The Matariki ATMs are at the following branches:

- Rotorua Mall branch, Rotorua
- Willis Street branch, Wellington
- 45 Queen Street branch, Auckland
- 205 Queen Street branch, Auckland

ANZ Head of Māori Relationships David Harrison said the ATMs launch marks the start of ANZ's month-long celebration of Te Ao Māori, with activities for staff and customers.

"We're encouraging staff to use more te reo when they can throughout July, in addition to Māori language week. There will also be cultural events in Wellington and Auckland and we'll be launching the findings of our second annual Māori Business survey."

"We'd like to thank our large Māori staff network group for being the drive and inspiration behind many of these wonderful initiatives."

ANZ has affinity groups Māori and Pasifika, Asian, Indian, Pride and Flexible Working Parents staff.

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