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ANZ gets behind Grand Designs New Zealand

ANZ New Zealand and TV3 have formed a production partnership to create the New Zealand version of the hit British show *Grand Designs*, the bank announced tonight.

ANZ Chief Executive David Hisco and MediaWorks TV Chief Executive Paul Maher made the announcement while introducing Kevin McCloud, host of the UK version of the show, who was speaking at an ANZ-hosted event at Auckland's ANZ Viaduct Events Centre.

Mr Maher comments: **"We're thrilled to bring this internationally successful series to New Zealand and I'd like to acknowledge the support of both ANZ and NZ on Air and their commitment to the project right from the beginning.**

"Grand Designs New Zealand will be in production for 12 months and will feature 10 ambitious projects from around the country.

"Together we're going to be showcasing some very creative, enterprising and entertaining New Zealanders."

Mr Hisco said owning a home was part of the Kiwi dream. **"Around one in three New Zealanders get their home loan through ANZ, and a lot of those people go on to create their own grand designs – whether that's through building, renovating or redecorating.**

"Our staff keep in touch with customers and some of the results we've seen are truly remarkable.

"As the bank helping more New Zealanders into homes than anyone else, naturally we wanted to be a part of telling the stories of Kiwis who are determined to create their ultimate dream home – often against the odds.

"We're looking forward to the show sharing some uniquely Kiwi stories. There's some serious talent out there and I can't wait to see what spectacular ideas and ingenious solutions they come up with," he said.

Grand Designs New Zealand joins an impressive stable of partnerships for ANZ, including the ANZ Netball Championship, the ANZ cricket series, golfing sensation Lydia Ko, the New Zealand Olympic team, the RSA's ANZ Cyril Bassett Speech Contest, and the Cancer Society.

"We want to support the causes and events that are important to New Zealanders and see them achieve their goals," said Mr Hisco, "and we're honoured to be a part of bringing *Grand Designs* to New Zealand."

In 2013 ANZ contributed more than \$12 million in sponsorship and donations to the community.

Grand Designs New Zealand will screen on TV3, with additional content across radio and online, in 2015.

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