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ANZ opens in NZ's newest mall

ANZ Group's Chief Executive designate, Shayne Elliott, went back to his old West Auckland stomping ground today to open the bank's newest branch.

Mr Elliott, who grew up in Te Atatu South and attended Waitakere College, cut the ribbon to the branch at Auckland's NorthWest Shopping Centre. Also at the opening was ANZ New Zealand CEO David Hisco, Auckland Councillor for Waitakere, Linda Cooper and ANZ General Manager Auckland Andrew Webster.

"People are increasingly recognising what locals already know – that West Auckland is a great place to live, raise a family and do business," Mr Elliott said.

"It's a privilege to be here opening a new branch so close to where I spent a great deal of my childhood. It's amazing to see how much the area's flourished over the years."

ANZ NorthWest is the fourth ANZ branch serving West Auckland - along with Huapai, Henderson and the adjacent branch at Westgate.

"Auckland is booming, and one of the places where the growth in population and infrastructure can be best seen is West Auckland," said Fred Ohlsson, ANZ's Managing Director, Retail and Business Banking.

Mr Ohlsson said it was important for the bank to make its branches as accessible as possible. In addition to West Auckland, ANZ has opened branches in the high growth areas of Tauranga and Christchurch over the past two years.

ANZ Northwest will have Business Banking specialists onsite, with several staff members speaking Mandarin, Cantonese, Hindi, Samoan, Vietnamese as well as English. It will also feature the latest version of ANZ's Smart ATM and teller technology, making it easier and quicker for customers to do their banking.

Thuy Tra, Branch Manager, says she and the 15-strong team are looking forward to meeting their new customers in the area and helping them with their banking needs.

The branch will be open seven days:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 9.00am - 4.30pm
- Thursday: 9.00am-7.00pm
- Sunday: 10.00am-4.00pm
- Public holidays: 10.00am-3.00pm

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