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## 40 years of better value banking for The Junction

This week Newcastle Permanent's Junction branch is celebrating its 40th anniversary!

Regional Manager Christie Morgan will celebrate this milestone with Branch team members Michael Bottyan Alana Noble, Sue Thomas, Ashleigh Garland, Jacinta Brain, and Monique Hill, as well as customers, and past and present colleagues.

"Our Junction branch first opened its doors 40 years ago and since that time our local team has helped many thousands customers with their everyday banking needs.

"No matter what our customers need—be it to simply answer a banking question, withdraw cash, or help a customer set up a new account to help reach a saving goal, it's a delight to help our customers with their banking," Christie said.

"The goal is to have our customers leave the branch feeling better than when they walked in, the team gets a real kick out of getting to know our customers and helping them to achieve their goals."

Terry Millett, CEO, said The Junction branch encapsulated the essence of Newcastle Permanent's 'Here for Good' ethos.

"Our Junction branch has been a cornerstone—and corner store—of the Junction community for 40 years. Our local team has grown with our customers and their families providing informed and friendly service to many generations of customers," Terry said.

The 40th anniversary of The Junction branch coincides with Newcastle Permanent's 115 year anniversary. Newcastle Permanent was established by a group of hardworking local people who couldn't get a home loan from the banks—because they weren't wealthy. This group created a cooperative building society and they put their savings together to help everyone in the cooperative access a home loan. Newcastle Permanent has now become the largest and most financially secure Building Society in Australia.

Supporting the local community is at the heart of Newcastle Permanent's ethos. In addition to being named Australia's Home Lender of the Year for 2018 by Mozo, Newcastle Permanent is proud to support the local Junction community through support of Hunter Surf Life Saving, Northern NSW Football, hosting free family outdoor movies each summer with Cinema Under the Stars, and being a major partner of the annual Carols by Candlelight at King Edward Park.

"We're super proud of our Hunter heritage and we're also proud that we've been part of The Junction community for the past four decades," said Terry.

"We're looking forward to celebrating this milestone with our local customers and community on Friday morning."

