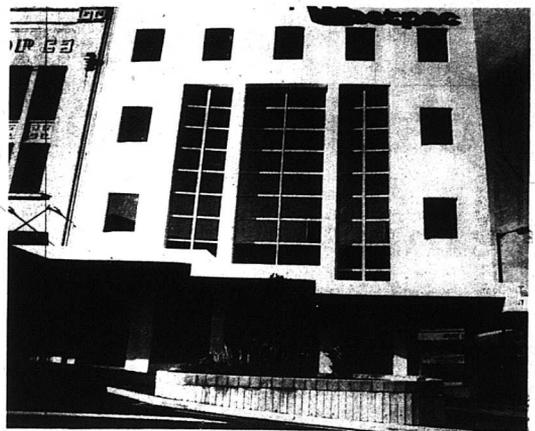


Westpac opens new branch in Mall



Westpac staff, Christine Goodwin, Christine Newland, Kaye Knofflock, Wendy Vickers, Raewyn Kenny, Christine McLean, Nicky Curry and Justine Peacock try out their new desks in anticipation of business to come.



The imposing new Westpac Banking Corporation's premises which opens for business on Monday.

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Devon Mall Branch Opens

Westpac's new Devon Mall branch opens for business on Monday.

The Westpac Banking Corporation's new branch opens in the four storey building recently completed on the corner of Devon and Currie Streets.

The official opening of the branch and unveiling of the commemorative plaque will be performed by His Worship the Mayor, Mr David Lean, between 5.30pm and 7.30pm on Monday.

The bank's new premises offer clients facilities equal to any in New Zealand. Westpac has a long association with banking in Australasia through a series of amalgamations dating back to the early 1800s.

During the nineteenth century the Bank of New South Wales had expanded overseas, whilst the Commercial Bank of Australia had consolidated its position in Victoria before considering such expansion.

Both banks had had experience of mergers long before the CBA/Wales merger took place in 1982. The last merger for the Bank of New South Wales

had been with the Australian Bank of Commerce in 1981 at the height of the Depression and this quickly built confidence in the banking system.

Two years later when a quarter of the workforce was unemployed, the bank opened fifteen new branches. It fought depression with optimism.

The CBA consolidated and emerged from the Depression ready to go into the greatest growth period in its history.

The discussions which led to the merger of the Bank of New South Wales and The Commercial Bank of Australia Limited, were held against a background of rapid change in the financial system and within banking itself.

These changes were:
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• the erosion of international boundaries as new intermediaries have moved aggressively into New Zealand,

• the emergence of new technologies.

Since the mid 1960s, banks have extended their range of services far beyond the traditional commercial banking of their origins, into savings banks, merchant banking, the finance field, the management of investments and into development banking.

Following the announcement of the merger between the Bank of New South Wales and the Commercial Bank of Australia Limited on 14 May, 1981, the new bank, recognising its future international role in the Western Pacific region, changed its name.

The two banks officially became Westpac Banking Corporation on October 30, 1982.

On July 12, 1982, shortly before the official merger, the formation of a New Zealand Board of Directors was announced. The board comprised Mr J. C. Fair, chairman and members Mr P. P. Pollock, Admiral Sir Gordon Fair, KCB, DSO, and Mr R. W. R. White, CMG. In August, 1985, a further member, Mr A. L. Carpenter, was appointed.

On behalf of Westpac Banking Corporation and the staff of Devon Mall Branch I would like to welcome our customers to our new Branch premises at 2 Devon Street East.

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Peter O'Shaughnessy Manager.

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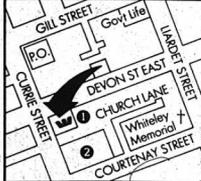
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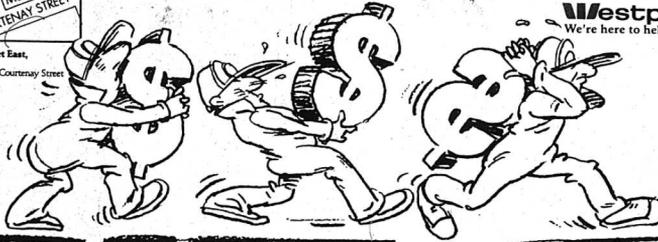


We're on the move!

On Monday 16 May, Westpac 25 Devon Street East Branch are moving into new premises in Devon Mall.

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