



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Western Chances Announces Partnership Agreement with Westpac Business Bank**

Terry Bracks, Chair of Western Chances today announced a three year partnership agreement with Westpac Business Bank at a briefing of Western region businesses.

The partnership with Westpac Business Bank will create more opportunities for talented young people in the western suburbs and provide scholarships for education related expenses.

Mrs Bracks said she is delighted about the new partnership.

“Westpac Business Bank’s support for Western Chances will be invaluable to a large number of talented young people in the Western suburbs who need a chance to fulfill their potential”.

Mrs Bracks said she was particularly happy with the arrangement with Westpac Business Bank because it was a true partnership; where the sponsorship amount is only part of the story.

“We are very excited about Westpac’s approach to working with us, because it also includes utilizing their own skills and resources in the western suburbs to deliver more opportunities to the community.

“I think the partnership model we have created with Westpac will provide the flexibility to create that special opportunity for a young person, at a time when they are most important to them.”

Mrs Bracks said that Western Chances aims to provide inspiration and support at the critical time in a young person’s life, when it can make a real difference.

The areas that receive support from Western Chances include Brimbank, Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Melton, Moonee Valley and Wyndham.

“It’s great to see companies such as Westpac getting involved in the community and giving talented young people the support they need to be successful and live their dreams,” said Mrs Bracks.

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