



Beyond Bank wins major national banking honour

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One of the nation's largest customer owned banks has taken out a top honour at this year's Australian Banking & Finance Retail Banking Awards. Beyond Bank Australia has won the highly prestigious Best Bank in Corporate Social Responsibility at a glittering ceremony in Sydney.

The Bank was congratulated for showing that social responsibility has become a core part of its day to day business with innovative ideas that engage both staff and the local community.

"This is a huge honour for us as we are driven by our desire to be the best bank for our community" said Robert Keogh, CEO, Beyond Bank.

"It also comes just a year after we became the first bank in Australia to achieve B Corp status which shows we have met and continue to meet rigorous world standards of social, environmental performance."

Key highlights from Beyond Bank in 2016:

- 9% of net profit after tax was invested into community partnerships and programs
- 2992 hours volunteered by staff and customers in our community partnerships
- 17,600 community sector employees now use our salary packaging services
- 13 grants have now been issued to innovative businesses as part of the Beyond Bank Foundation's Community Entrepreneur Program
- 2 community leave days and 3 work-life balance days provided to staff
- 4.2% reduction in overall greenhouse gas emissions

"These numbers really sum up the way we do business, and they are possible because of the strong support we receive from the community, it's an important part of our strategy of doing good by doing good" said Mr.Keogh.

"It is a commitment that extends across our network from the staff at the front counter to the call centre to the executive team, we are driven by our values every day and use them to guide our decision making and help create a sustainable future.

"It's become part of our cultural DNA and that's really exciting."

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