

**Media Release**  
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## **LOCAL MORTGAGE TEAM GOES NATIONAL**

**mecu's** Bendigo based Home Mortgage Preparation and Settlements team has been established to provide national support for **mecu's** lending operations, creating new jobs in the region.

The team is now preparing all mortgage loan documentation and arranging legal documents and settlement for **mecu's** network across Australia.

Mortgage Preparation & Settlements Supervisor Paul Cook said it was a challenging task to bring this process in-house and the team has been successfully processing mortgage loans for the region.

"**mecu** set up the Mortgage Preparation and Settlements team in Bendigo in September last year and we have been working to build our capacity to go national.

"The team has been expanded to six staff with plans for additional staff in the coming months."

Mr Cook said the decision to establish a dedicated national mortgage preparation unit in Bendigo demonstrates **mecu's** support of the region.

"It also recognises the existing skills of staff in Bendigo and provides a platform for career development and advancement.

"We look forward to building the expertise of the team and will be expanding the team's role to include preparation of legal documentation for new mortgages across **mecu's** network in the next few months."

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