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Long standing business relationship recognised

ANZ Australia recently recognised the long standing relationship between the financial giant and local building supplies company Porters over the past 125 years, with a commemorative plaque.

The plaque was awarded to Mr Barry Porter, Porters Board Chairman, in a surprise presentation at a recent ANZ corporate luncheon in Brisbane, to meet the newly appointed Managing Director of ANZ Australia.

Mr Porter said that Porters has banked with ANZ since the inception of the business 125 years ago, making it one of the longest running business accounts with ANZ in Australia.

"Approximately 180 ANZ corporate clients from throughout Queensland attended the lunch for the opportunity to meet Mr Mike Smith, the new Managing Director of ANZ Australia," Mr Barry Porter said.

"Mr Smith spoke about the important role strong partnerships and teamwork plays in the growth of all businesses. Unbeknownst to us, Mr Smith then took the opportunity to present a plaque commemorating the relationship between Porters and ANZ over the past 125 years.

"ANZ has been an integral part of our business over the past 125 years. We have always had an open and honest relationship with our bank managers and find that they have a genuine interest in the development of our company.

"We are very proud of our long history in business and it was an honour that ANZ also recognizes this achievement," Mr Barry Porter said.

The company's history dates back to 1883 when Scottish born Charles Porter started his building contracting business, Charles Porters & Sons.

"Throughout 2008 we will be using the opportunity to launch some really exciting incentives and promotions to mark our 125th year," Mr Porter said.

"We want all customers, old and new, to celebrate this momentous occasion with us," Mr Porter said.

Porters is a family owned company, employing some 270 staff across four locations in Mackay and Whitsunday.

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