Media Presentation of 2007 Interim Profit Announcement

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## Agenda

Ralph Norris, CEO – Results & Company Update

Questions and Answers



### **Overview**

- Good result driven by focus on profitable growth
- All businesses performing well
- Credit quality remains excellent
- Significant progress on 4 strategic initiatives
- Momentum in business both strategic & earnings

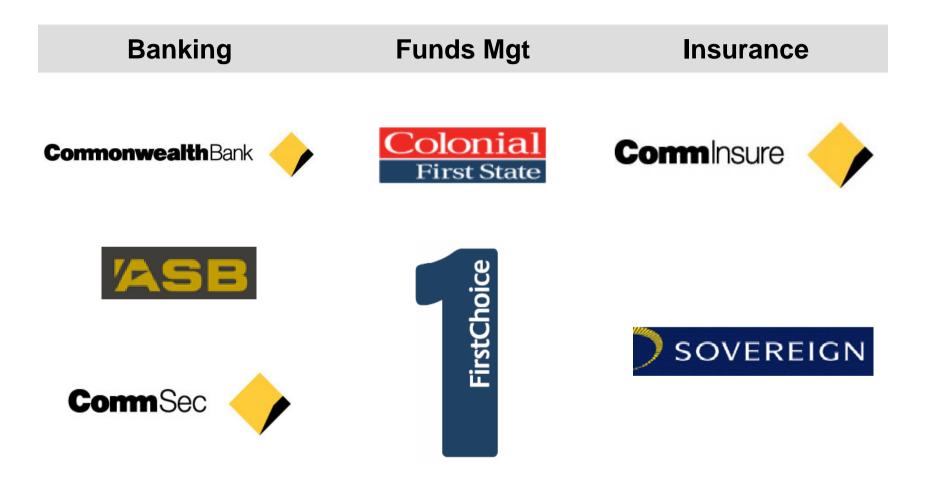


# **Strong Financial Results**

	Dec 06	Dec 06 vs Dec 05
Cash NPAT*	2,271	19%
Cash EPS*	174.7	17%
Return on Equity – Cash	22.3%	60bpts
Income	6,438	11%
Expense	3,144	<b>6</b> %
Fully Franked Dividend	107c	14%

\* Excludes profit on sale of Hong Kong in December 05

# **All Brands Performing Strongly**





## **CEO Priorities & Measures**

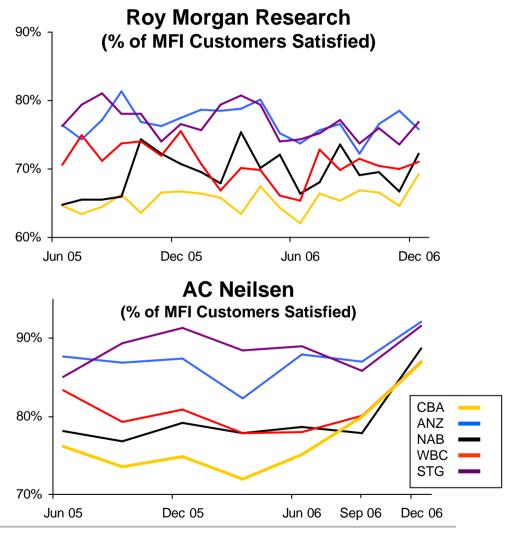
- Customer Service
- Business Banking
- Technology & Operational Excellence
- Trust & Team Spirit

- Superior operating and financial results
- Australia's finest financial services organisation



## **Customer Service improves**

- 4000 leaders trained in Cohen Brown sales and service methodology
- Increased investment in branch network
- 800 new customer facing roles
- More competitive product portfolio
- Retail customer complaints down 47% over last 12 months

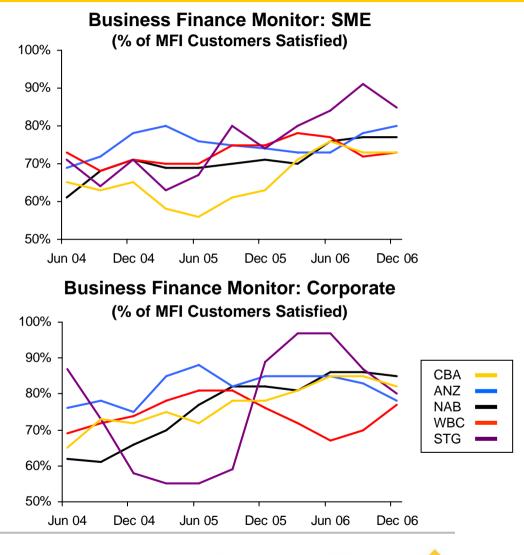


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#### **Business Banking making good progress**

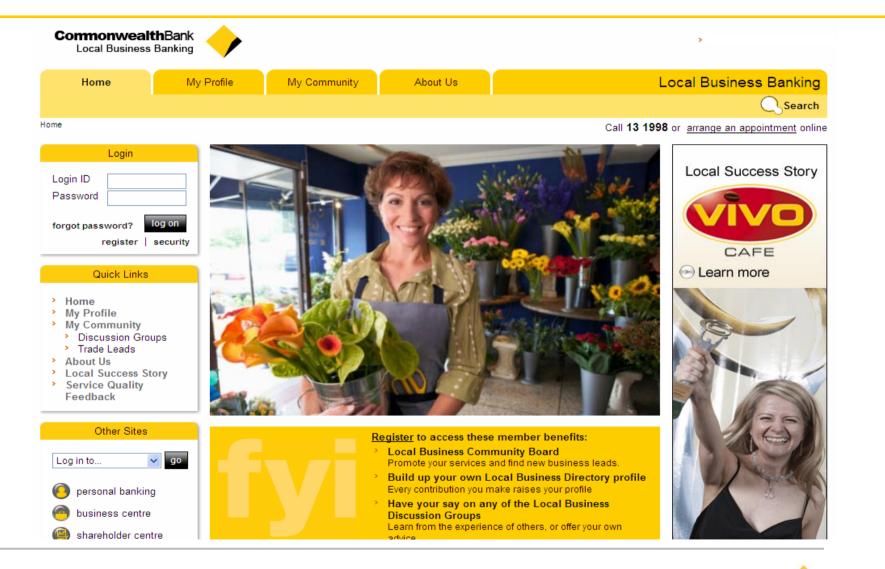
- Recruitment & training of new in branch Business Bankers commenced
- First new Business Banking Centre opened (8 additional planned by July 2007)
- Replaced voicemail system with 24/7 telephone access to staff
- Local Business Banking online internet channel and Commbiz
- Simplification of application processes



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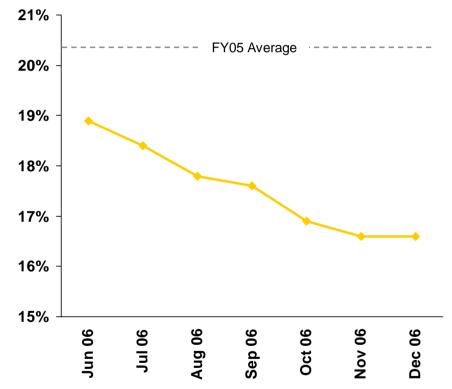
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## **Local Business Banking website**



# **Technology & Operational Excellence**

- Implemented new shared services approach to Enterprise IT
- \$64 million of annualised savings locked in in first half
- \$23m reduction in consultant and contractor spend
- Zero high severity system outages during peak times
- Good progress on strategic growth initiatives
- 319 staff trained in CommWay, taking total to 1,419



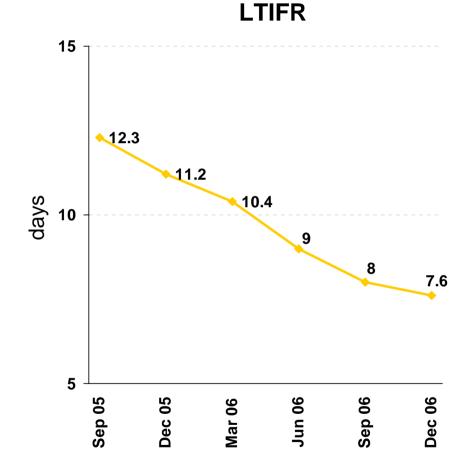
(Rolling 2 month average since Jun 06)

**IT Efficiency Ratio\*** 

\* Efficiency Ratio = Total IT Expense (excluding strategic initiative spend) / Total bank Op Expenses

## **Trust & Team Spirit improving**

- Improved internal staff engagement scores
- Improvements in key people metrics
  - LTIFR
  - Staff turnover
- Building pride through strong community engagement and involvement of our people



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## Asian growth continues





# Outlook

- Domestic economy expected to support double digit system credit growth
- Earnings momentum maintained into second half
- Strategic initiatives continuing to deliver
- Financial market to remain competitive committed to profitable growth
- Outlook for earnings growth and credit quality remain positive
- Given growth outlook and diversity of income streams confident of EPS growth which meets or exceeds average of peers

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