

Junee-Illabo Red Cross

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Dear Regional Closure of Banks banking enquiry

The Junee-Illabo Red Cross operates via the Commonwealth Bank, as do all Red Cross Branches.

We are very concerned about the closure of the Commonwealth Bank in Junee, which we use to deposit cash which we raise for Red Cross to use.

Our members tend to be elderly, and our Treasurer is 80. Although she finds it acceptable to walk up the ramp to the Commonwealth Bank in Junee, and to enter via the self-opening door, she says that she will find it extremely difficult to access the steps, and then the heavy door into the Junee Post Office, in order to bank the money which we raise.

We have been given one card which we can use to bank money at the Post Office. What if we lose it, and then have to go to all the trouble to travel to Wagga, 45 minutes of driving, parking and walking, to put in the paperwork to get a new one?

As a Red Cross Branch, we are also very concerned about the number of elderly in Junee and District who will find banking very difficult if and when the Commonwealth Bank closes in Junee.

We feel that there should be at least one bank in regional/rural towns the size of Junee (approx. 6,500 people) which are growing, as is Junee.

Closing banks in growing towns such as Junee will stifle their growth, and that is untenable.

Please do not close these banks.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary

Junee-Illabo Red Cross