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MoneyMinded and Saver Plus recognised with Financial Literacy Australia Awards

ANZ's two flagship financial literacy programs have been recognised at the Financial Literacy Australia awards, which celebrated achievements from across Australia for contributions made to improving financial literacy and inclusion.

The *Saver Plus: A decade of impact* report was recognised in the 'Research' category for making a significant contribution to the evaluation of a financial literacy program. Compiled by RMIT University for ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence, the report tracked the social and economic impact of Saver Plus over a decade. The research found that after completing Saver Plus, participants have increased financial capabilities, financial self-efficacy and financial resilience, and improved personal and social wellbeing.

ANZ's *MoneyMinded* online program won the 'Large Program' award as an educative general money management program delivered across Australia. Launched in 2014, MoneyMinded online builds upon the success of the face-to-face program which has been delivered by community organisations since 2003. Last year, MoneyMinded reached 39,000 people across the country and in total has had more than 360,000 participants from across Australia, New Zealand, Asia and the Pacific since 2003.

ANZ CEO Australia Mark Whelan said: "These awards acknowledge the results we've seen from our long-term investment in improving financial literacy, particularly among vulnerable groups. Importantly they also recognise the hard work from our partners such as the Brotherhood of St Laurence, who help us to deliver programs to the community each year.

"Research continues to highlight that having the ability to save and manage money is critical to building financial wellbeing and resilience – and through the MoneyMinded and Saver Plus programs we are helping people build the skills, knowledge and confidence to better manage their money for the future," Mr Whelan said.

ANZ also sponsored a 'Financial Literacy Australia' award category for the best 'Targeted Program' which was awarded jointly to Good Shepherd Microfinance and the ATO.

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MoneyMinded is a comprehensive suite of adult financial education resources, developed by ANZ in 2003 to support financial counsellors and community educators to build the financial skills, knowledge and confidence of participants. The program is delivered by AnglicareSA, Berry Street, Brotherhood of St Laurence, Kildonan UnitingCare, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family. It is also available at www.moneyminded.com.au.

Saver Plus is a matched savings and financial education program developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence in 2002. It is delivered by local agencies such as the Brotherhood, Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian government. More than 28,000 Australians have participated in Saver Plus.