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There was a time when the city moved to the rhythm of a clock. Literally.

Back in the '70s and early '80s, right in the heart of Port Moresby's CBD — Musgrave Street, to be exact — stood a clock. Not just any clock, but a landmark that quietly kept the city in sync. Beneath it, a policeman in polished boots and long white gloves would direct traffic with precision and pride.

Remember that?

Everything back then seemed more co-ordinated — supermarket hours, banking times, transport routes. There was a sense of structure. Public transport, run by a local company, operated on a schedule. You could set your day by that clock — and people did.

Fast forward to today. We've swapped clocks for smartphones, and order for hustle. Technology puts the world at our fingertips, and yes, in many ways we're more in control of our time — whether we use it productively or not is another story.

As an entrepreneur, I feel this shift deeply.

We do everything — pays, staff issues, accounts, admin... and somewhere in between, we try to manage our own lives too. Time is scarce. And while I appreciate the innovation in banking — mobile apps, online services, tap-and-go — there's something about face-to-face service that tech can't replace.

So when I heard that CreditBank PNG is now offering Saturday banking in Port Moresby — and even better, in Lae, Mount Hagen, and Kokopo — I felt genuinely relieved.

It's not just a convenience — it's a gift of time. A chance to catch up, to reset, to do the things that slip through the cracks between Monday and Friday. To me, it feels like CreditBank understands the rhythm of today's entrepreneurs — and is helping us find a little more balance in the chaos.

Saturday banking. It might seem small, but it's a blessing.

If you have a colleague or wantok in Kokopo, Lae and Mount Hagen – spread the word!

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