

THE BRANCH – OUTLINE & CHARACTERS

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OUTLINE

The Branch follows the lives of characters working at a suburban branch of the (fictitious) National Australia Savings Bank, amid the backdrop of looming closures and the royal commission.

CHARACTERS

AMANDA PULSAR – REGIONAL BOSS – LATE 30s

Oversees the branch and represents the bank's bad side. Cold, hard nosed business woman. She gives horrible directives, but covers them in corporate speak. Acts as legal and marketing – ie. passes on info onto the branch about the marketing initiatives etc.

JOHN – BRANCH BOSS – 40s

The "Michael Bluth" of the show. A normal guy surrounded by crazies, just trying to do the right thing by everyone, but cops it from all sides. He's stressed out, just trying to keep the branch alive. He believes in banks. He's a "lifer" who worked his way up and is trying to cope in the new environment. He struggles with technologies. He's divorced but might have a thing with/for Stella.

BRAD GASETTI – LOANS OFFICER – 30s

Thinks he's a hot shot salesman but isn't very good and is actually in financial trouble. He's not as good as he makes out. Using job as stepping stone. Arrogant, sexist, dumb. Has two blue teeth, constantly texting. No self-awareness, no reflection.

STELLA WEST – TELLER – LATE 30s

Straight character, probably smartest in office. Can do job with her eyes closed. Not ambitious and got stuck in job. Her typical Friday night is a bad tinder date. She likes John- there's something between them. Often comes up with the solution to a problem and helps John get out of the predicaments he's in. Smarter than Stephanie, who is possibly a little scared or threatened by Stella.

DAN – NEW TELLER – 20s

New guy. Hot, good looking, good for front of house. Old women love him. John hired him at a Maccas drive through while drunk. Has never had a proper job. Very dumb.

JULIE WISE – CONCEIERGE / FRONT OF HOUSE – 20s

Keen as mustard, positive. All she ever wanted in life was to be a concierge at a bank (she's in banking!). Thinks bankers (and the banks) are good, honest people. Has never contemplated the evil of banks. Would be shocked by Royal Commission – if she believed it. Would do anything for John. Keeps front of house immaculate – pens in order, dust buster etc

GARY KEVIN-BARRY – ACCOUNTS MANAGER – 60s

Longest serving employee. He remembers when tellers had guns. He's over it. Hoping to be paid out. 60s but pension age keeps going up, can't retire. Wants to be made redundant