

Annual Report 2024

Alice Springs Community
Financial Services Limited

Community Bank
Alice Springs

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Chairperson's report

For year ending 30 June 2024

Our purpose as a company is to work with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited, our staff, our shareholders and our customers to deliver exceptional banking services and to share the benefit with our community: our shareholders, our customers and the broader Alice Springs community. We continue to work towards the goals in our Strategic Plan in order to build our business in an increasingly competitive banking business environment, locally and virtually, whilst retaining our local community-driven purpose.

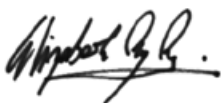
Community Bank Alice Springs continues to deliver high quality banking services, strengthening Bendigo Bank's 'most trusted' brand reputation, the caring and professional customer service of our team members, and the investments we make into our community. Throughout 2023-24 our Branch Manager Ingrid Coleman has provided strong support to the Board and leadership in the branch operations. Our corporate partners at Bendigo Bank – particularly Anthony Heinrich – continue to work with us to support all aspects of our business.

Interest rates have remained relatively stable after the rapid increases of 2022-23, which provided an extraordinary 2022-23 result for our company along with other community banks around the country. As a result of this, we were able to pay our first dividend. In 2023-24, we have had another profitable year, though not as substantial as 2022-23, our operations producing a net profit of \$88,644.

This year we invested in many valuable community initiatives through sponsorships, grants and scholarships. This included providing two higher education scholarships for young people commencing the first year of study at university, assisting Alice Springs Men's Shed with relocating to a great new venue at Blatherskite Park, the Alice Springs Karting Club multi-generational Team Challenge, and continuing our partnerships with Council on the Aging NT, Desert Sports Foundation, Birth and Beyond and the Volunteer Bushfire Brigade among others.

The Board proudly acknowledges the achievements of each team member this year. They are the heart of our operation. In June 2024 Renee De Marco celebrated 15 years of working with Community Bank Alice Springs; a major achievement.

Our shareholders and customers have played a critical role in our journey. I am grateful for your loyalty and I urge you to stand with Community Bank Alice Springs and introduce it to your family, friends, colleagues and the organisations and businesses you are connected with. Together, we can continue to grow our business, and channel our profits back into our community.



Joy Taylor
Chairperson

Manager's report

For year ending 30 June 2024

I am pleased to present this report on behalf of Community Bank Alice Springs for this financial year

Well, what a year it's been! The past 12 months have proved challenging due to interest rate rises. In September 2023, the Bank launched Banking Safely Online, a program designed to help our customers, and the community stay safe by recognising scams and fraud. We still have Victoria who is our in branch Customer Relationship Manager and is able to see our customers face to face which is no longer a standard practice locally here in Alice Springs anymore.

Our branch had their annual audit review to ensure all staff are abiding to our policies and procedures to mitigate any direct risk to our business. Staff continually worked on ensuring the operational side of the branch was in order. They did such an amazing job that we had achieved a Satisfactory Branch Compliance. This is the third year in a row.

We would like to welcome Aimee who joined the team as our newest Customer Service Officer all the way from Victoria. We also celebrated Renee DeMarco's 15 years of service on the 28 June 2024.

Our customers can choose the way they do their banking, whether that be via internet banking, via the Bendigo Bank app, or via mobile, phone or an ATM. For those customers who want to continue the tradition of coming into the branch, we look forward to our continued service. We are still here, and we are committed to helping you over the counter with all your banking needs. Community Bank Alice Springs has a strong and positive team that are continually striving to meet our customer needs.

Our continued aim for the coming financial year is to continue providing excellent customer service and invest in upskilling our staff to provide a better alternative to the community. The more we grow the business, the more we can contribute to the community which is our focus.

As always, we urge you all; staff, Directors, customers, community groups and shareholders to be proud of what we are achieving. Spread the word to your friends, families, and colleagues. We need to let as many people as possible know about the great things that we are doing. We all stand to benefit, the more people we have within our community that see Bendigo Bank as their bank of choice for their banking.

My sincere thanks to our shareholders, our passionate and hardworking Board, our loyal customers and the fantastic branch team. With your continued support and through our relationships with our community groups I am looking forward to a prosperous and enjoyable 2024/2025.



Ingrid Coleman
Branch Manager

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank report

For year ending 30 June 2024

This past year has been particularly significant for Bendigo Bank and the Community Bank network. After five years apart, we had the opportunity to come together in person and connect in Bendigo at our National Conference in September.

It was lovely to see so many familiar faces and to meet many Directors who haven't attended previously. We feel proud to support such an amazing network.

We are committed to our strategy and the qualities that make Bendigo Bank unique, by staying true to our connection with communities, our regional roots, and our position as Australia's most trusted bank.

As Bendigo Bank adapts to the evolving digital landscape and changing customer expectations, the Community Bank Network is organically evolving in response.

Over the past 12 months, we have seen Community Bank companies seek to enhance their presence within their communities more than ever.

This has been through expanding or consolidating branch sites, collaborating with local, state, and national governments to support community initiatives, or by prioritising social value alongside financial performance through Social Trader accreditation.

The anniversary of the Community Bank model, along with changing environmental factors, provides an opportunity to reset and establish a clear pathway towards the next 25 years.

Bendigo Bank's purpose, to feed into the prosperity of communities, and our willingness to ensure our purpose is relevant to the needs of communities in which we are present, is a key contributor to our commercial success.

When we utilise our combined strengths, exercise our imaginations and have the courage to commit to creating our own opportunities, we will be the partner of choice for customers and communities regardless of location or cause.

Community, regional presence, and trust are the distinctive attributes of Bendigo Bank that we have maintained and plan to uphold in the future.

While Bendigo Bank emphasises commercial success, our foundation remains in community values. Our aim is to generate mutual value by providing solutions to local challenges.

On behalf of Bendigo Bank, thank you for being a shareholder in your local Community Bank. Your contribution helps foster economic growth, creates employment opportunities, and provides essential financial services to the members of your community.

Your dedication and support is making a positive impact on your community.

Justine Minne
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank

Community Bank National Council report

For year ending 30 June 2024



Community Bank network: celebrating 26 years of empowering communities

This year our Community Bank network celebrated 26 years of providing grassroots support to metro, regional, rural and remote communities across Australia. It's a milestone that has been widely applauded by our customers and partners who recognise the significant role we play in the lives of everyday Australians. We're there when it matters – whether that be as second responders in times of natural disaster, crisis and need; or as community builders, providing resources and support; help and hope.

In the 2022-23 financial year, our Community Bank network gave back more than \$32 million in grants, sponsorships and donations to local community projects and initiatives. Over 26 years, we have returned more than \$324 million to local communities for emergency services; facilities and infrastructure; sport and recreation; education and research; health and wellbeing; art, culture and heritage as well as environment and animal welfare.

As a shareholder in your local Community Bank, you are part of this incredible social enterprise network that is playing an ever-important role in the Australian economy. With close working relationships with local, state and federal government, peak governing bodies, clubs and community organisations, we are integrally connected and in tune with the needs of everyday Australians.

Our Community Bank network is a first mover in Australia with our unique social enterprise model. The first Community Bank opened its doors in 1998, and since then, the network has grown to 305 Community Bank branches. Today we represent a diverse cross-section of Australia with more than 215 community enterprises, 70,000+ shareholders, 1500+ volunteer Directors, 1700 staff and 950,000 customers.

Our Community Bank National Council (CBNC) plays a pivotal role in these relationships. The CBNC consists of both elected and appointed members from every state and territory. The role of council is to represent the network with its partners and to engage in strategic planning that delivers positive outcomes for our business and our communities.

The 2024 - 2026 Community Bank National Council Strategic Plan has four key focus areas:

- Impact – a planned, deliberate approach with investments that enhance community prosperity.
- Leadership and advocacy – to ensure the long-term sustainability of our enterprises.
- Network alignment – enabling us to develop and nurture partnerships that align with our defined areas of social impact.
- Commercial prosperity – supporting the commercial success of our enterprises.

It is through this strategic plan, which has a foundation built on connection and collaboration, that we will deliver a strong, and secure future for our Directors, shareholders, staff and the communities we serve.

Warm regards

Lauren Bean
General Manager
Community Bank National Council

Treasurer's report

For year ending 30 June 2024

It is my pleasure to present the financial results for the year ending 30 June 2024. The audited financial statements and Auditor's report are available for review by all shareholders.

Although this year's financial performance was slightly less favorable than the previous year, we have still achieved solid results. Revenue from contracts with customers reached \$899,014 (2023: \$932,817), with additional finance revenue of \$4,232 bringing this year's total revenue to \$903,246 (2023: \$942,817).

Our total expenses, prior to community contributions, rose to \$751,926 (2023: \$591,966), largely due to increased employee costs and general administration expenses. After accounting for community contributions of \$32,814 (2023: \$19,408), the profit before income tax was \$118,506 (2023: \$331,443), and income tax expenses totaled \$29,862 (2023: \$83,011). This resulted in a net profit after tax of \$88,644 (2023: \$248,432). Although lower than the prior year, this is still a positive outcome, and we are confident about the Community Bank's financial stability moving forward.

We have also strengthened our financial position with a closing cash balance of \$347,600 (2023: \$236,492). The Directors are pleased to note that the company remains financially secure.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our outgoing Treasurer, Eleanor Norris CPA, for her invaluable contributions and meticulous handover, ensuring a smooth transition. My heartfelt thanks also go out to the entire Board, our exceptional Branch Manager, Ingrid Coleman, and the dedicated branch staff, whose unwavering support has made this year possible. A special acknowledgement to AFS Accountants for their outstanding professionalism in auditing, and to Tristan Creed CA of Feathertop Business Services, for expertly managing our financial affairs with precision and care. Together, we are shaping a strong future for our community.

Raj Maharjan CPA
Treasurer

Directors' report

30 June 2024

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the company for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Directors

The following persons were directors of the company during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

Name:	Elizabeth Joy Taylor
Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Professional qualifications Graduate Diploma in Education, University of SA. BA Joint Honours Economics and Agricultural Economics, Nottingham University, UK. Advanced Diploma in Community Sector Management. Cert II Broadcasting (Radio). Cert IV Assessment and Workplace Training. Cert IV in Marketing. Cert IV in Community Services and Health (Community Development). Cert IV in Information Technology. Cert IV in First Line Management. Centred in Choice Pty Ltd. Company Director Consultant in business development, business planning and strategic planning, preparing grant and tender applications, project management and resource development (print, radio and multi-media), work-based training and mentoring, and professional writing and editing.
Special responsibilities:	Chairperson, Business Development and Marketing Committee.
Name:	Elizabeth Bridget May
Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Graduate Certificate of Business Management, Cert IV in Tourism. Business owner. Certificate in Effective People Skills. A member of Australian Institute of Company Directors.
Special responsibilities:	Audit & Finance and Human Resource Committees.
Name:	Roger Paul Ahwah
Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Bachelor of Computer Science. Engineering Manager. Senior Systems Engineer Manager. Past President of Rotary Club. Past Rotary Assistant Governor - District 9500.
Special responsibilities:	Business Development and Marketing Committee.
Name:	Stephen Richard Dinner
Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Stephen is a Qualified Electronics Technician (trade certificate), Stephen has also undertaken a course on Asset Maintenance (Fire Protection) at Swinbourne University. Stephen is self-employed business owner for 18 years whilst being the commissioner for OATHS in the Northern Territory. Stephen is also a member of the Alice Springs Aero Club Committee. He has past experience from positions at the Office of the public Advocate (Victoria) and the Villamauta legal Disability Services (Victoria) as he was a part of their board.
Special responsibilities:	Business Development and Marketing Committee.
Name:	Michael Crowe
Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Michael has extensive senior management experience in the Public Sector, Education and Semi Government Authority. Michael has also achieved a Bachelor of Arts, Diploma of Education and Master of International Management. Michael is also a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.
Special responsibilities:	Nil
Name:	Rajendraw Maharjan
Title:	Non-executive director (appointed 27 February 2024)
Experience and expertise:	Business Manager, Department of Education, NT.
Special responsibilities:	Treasurer.

Directors' report (continued)

Name: Eleanor Frances Norris
Title: Non-executive director (resigned 25 June 2024)
Experience and expertise: Eleanor is a recognised CGMA & CPA Accountant. She holds a PhD in Accounting, Lecturer in Accounting at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand.

Name: Shawgat Kutubi
Title: Non-executive director (Appointed January 2024 - Resigned June 2024)
Experience and expertise: Senior Lecturer in Accounting at CQ University Australia. Holds a PhD in Accounting and have CPA designation. More than 10 years of experience as an academic in Australia. In addition, Shawgat served a few other not-for-profit boards in Australia.

Company secretary

The company secretary is Anne Elizabeth Coleman. Anne was appointed to the position of secretary on 27 March 2018.

Experience and expertise: Cert IV Business Administration, Commissioner for Oaths NT. Relevant experience and expertise: 24 years administrative & management experience across a range of industries (specialising in legal administration). 2016-Current: Small Business owner/operator (Virtual Admin & Document Solutions) - providing administrative support services to businesses and individuals (professional writing/proofreading & editing, office management, legal documents, general admin support, project management, transcription, meetings/minutes, etc). 2006- Sept 2019: Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission - Administrative Manager/Paralegal/Legal Secretary (office/staff management, legal documents, court processes, Commissioner for Oaths, general admin). Prior employment history available upon request.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company during the financial year was facilitating Community Bank services under management rights of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited (Bendigo Bank).

There have been no significant changes in the nature of this activity during the financial year.

Review of operations

The profit for the company after providing for income tax amounted to \$88,644 (30 June 2023: \$248,432).

Dividends

During the financial year, the following dividends were declared.

	2024 \$
Unfranked dividend of 5 cents per share	<u>42,873</u>

Significant changes in the state of affairs

On 1 July 2023, Bendigo Bank updated the Funds Transfer Pricing (FTP) base rate on certain deposits which has reduced the income earned on these products.

There were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the company during the financial year.

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2024 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

Likely developments and expected results of operations

No matter, circumstance or likely development in operations has arisen during or since the end of the financial year that has significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the company.

Environmental regulation

The company is not subject to any significant environmental regulation under Australian Commonwealth or State law.

Directors' report (continued)

Meetings of directors

The number of directors meetings (including meetings of committees of directors) attended by each of the directors of the company during the financial year were:

	Board Eligible	Board Attended	Business Development & Marketing Committee Eligible	Business Development & Marketing Committee Attended
Elizabeth Bridget May	1	1	-	-
Elizabeth Joy Taylor	10	10	3	3
Roger Paul Ahwah	9	8	3	1
Stephen Richard Dinner	10	9	3	2
Michael Crowe	10	10	-	-
Rajendraw Maharjan	6	5	-	-
Eleanor Frances Norris	10	9	-	-
Shawgat Kutubi	6	2	-	-

HR and Finance & Risk Management were discussed at monthly Board meetings.

Directors' benefits

No director has received or become entitled to receive, during or since the financial year, a benefit because of a contract made by the company, controlled entity or related body corporate with a director, a firm which a director is a member or an entity in which a director has a substantial financial interest except as disclosed in note 21 to the financial statements. This statement excludes a benefit included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by directors shown in the company's accounts, or the fixed salary of a full-time employee of the company, controlled entity or related body corporate.

Directors' interests

The interest in company shareholdings for each director are:

	Balance at the start of the year	Changes	Balance at the end of the year
Elizabeth Bridget May	3,500	-	3,500
Elizabeth Joy Taylor	500	-	500
Roger Paul Ahwah	-	-	-
Stephen Richard Dinner	-	-	-
Michael Crowe	-	-	-
Rajendraw Maharjan	-	-	-
Eleanor Frances Norris	-	-	-

Shares under option

There were no unissued ordinary shares of the company under option outstanding at the date of this report.

Shares issued on the exercise of options

There were no ordinary shares of the company issued on the exercise of options during the year ended 30 June 2024 and up to the date of this report.

Indemnity and insurance of directors and officers

The company has indemnified all directors and management in respect of liabilities to other persons (other than the company or related body corporate) that may arise from their position as directors or management of the company except where the liability arises out of conduct involving the lack of good faith.

Disclosure of the nature of the liability and the amount of the premium is prohibited by the confidentiality clause of the contract of insurance.

Directors' report (continued)

Proceedings on behalf of the company

No person has applied to the Court under section 237 of the *Corporations Act 2001* for leave to bring proceedings on behalf of the company, or to intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or part of those proceedings.

No proceedings have been brought or intervened in on behalf of the company with leave of the Court under section 237 of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Indemnity and insurance of auditor

The company has not, during or since the end of the financial year, indemnified or agreed to indemnify the auditor of the company or any related entity against a liability incurred by the auditor.

During the financial year, the company has not paid a premium in respect of a contract to insure the auditor of the company or any related entity.

Non-audit services

The company may decide to employ the auditor on assignments additional to their statutory duties where the auditor's expertise and experience with the company are important. Details of the amounts paid or payable to the auditor (Andrew Frewin Stewart) for audit and non-audit services provided during the year are set out in note 23 to the accounts.

The board has considered the non-audit services provided during the year by the auditor and is satisfied that the provision of the non-audit services is compatible with, and did not compromise, the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* for the following reasons:

- all non-audit services have been reviewed by the board to ensure they do not impact on the impartiality, integrity and objectivity of the auditor
- the non-audit services provided do not undermine the general principles relating to auditor independence as set out in *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*, as they did not involve reviewing or auditing the auditor's own work, acting in a management or decision making capacity for the company, acting as an advocate for the company or jointly sharing risks and rewards.

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out immediately after this directors' report.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors, pursuant to section 298(2)(a) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

On behalf of the directors



Elizabeth Joy Taylor
Chairperson

24 September 2024

Auditor's independence declaration



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Independent auditor's independence declaration under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* to the Directors of Alice Springs Community Financial Services Limited

As lead auditor for the audit of Alice Springs Community Financial Services Limited for the year ended 30 June 2024, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Frewin Stewart'.

Andrew Frewin Stewart
61 Bull Street, Bendigo, Vic, 3550
Dated: 24 September 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lachlan Tatt'.

Lachlan Tatt
Lead Auditor

Financial statements

Alice Springs Community Financial Services Limited Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Revenue from contracts with customers	7	899,014	932,817
Other revenue		-	10,000
Finance revenue		4,232	-
Total revenue		<u>903,246</u>	<u>942,817</u>
Employee benefits expense	8	(491,409)	(347,475)
Advertising and marketing costs		(25,334)	(24,038)
Occupancy and associated costs		(21,437)	(20,784)
System costs		(17,892)	(16,452)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	8	(80,860)	(79,471)
Finance costs		(11,339)	(14,916)
General administration expenses		(103,655)	(88,830)
Total expenses before community contributions		<u>(751,926)</u>	<u>(591,966)</u>
Profit before community contributions and income tax expense		151,320	350,851
Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense		<u>(32,814)</u>	<u>(19,408)</u>
Profit before income tax expense		118,506	331,443
Income tax expense	9	<u>(29,862)</u>	<u>(83,011)</u>
Profit after income tax expense for the year		88,644	248,432
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>88,644</u>	<u>248,432</u>
		Cents	Cents
Basic earnings per share	25	10.34	28.97
Diluted earnings per share	25	10.34	28.97

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Financial statements (continued)

Alice Springs Community Financial Services Limited Statement of financial position As at 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	347,600	236,492
Trade and other receivables	11	84,319	91,096
Total current assets		<u>431,919</u>	<u>327,588</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	12	70,646	86,021
Right-of-use assets	13	141,778	187,264
Intangible assets	14	40,015	52,993
Deferred tax assets	9	101,414	131,276
Total non-current assets		<u>353,853</u>	<u>457,554</u>
Total assets		<u>785,772</u>	<u>785,142</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	15	66,605	42,031
Lease liabilities	16	73,080	61,426
Employee benefits		18,735	17,468
Total current liabilities		<u>158,420</u>	<u>120,925</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	15	28,552	42,827
Lease liabilities	16	140,375	212,316
Employee benefits		3,901	321
Total non-current liabilities		<u>172,828</u>	<u>255,464</u>
Total liabilities		<u>331,248</u>	<u>376,389</u>
Net assets		<u>454,524</u>	<u>408,753</u>
Equity			
Issued capital	17	839,034	839,034
Accumulated losses		<u>(384,510)</u>	<u>(430,281)</u>
Total equity		<u>454,524</u>	<u>408,753</u>

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Financial statements (continued)

Alice Springs Community Financial Services Limited Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Issued capital \$	Accumulated losses \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2022	839,034	(678,713)	160,321
Profit after income tax expense	-	248,432	248,432
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income	-	248,432	248,432
Balance at 30 June 2023	<u>839,034</u>	<u>(430,281)</u>	<u>408,753</u>
Balance at 1 July 2023	839,034	(430,281)	408,753
Profit after income tax expense	-	88,644	88,644
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income	-	88,644	88,644
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i>			
Dividends provided for or paid	19	(42,873)	(42,873)
Balance at 30 June 2024	<u>839,034</u>	<u>(384,510)</u>	<u>454,524</u>

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Financial statements (continued)

Alice Springs Community Financial Services Limited Statement of cash flows For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)		995,958	1,012,865
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(754,911)	(645,538)
Interest received		4,232	-
Interest and other finance costs paid		-	(310)
Net cash provided by operating activities	24	<u>245,279</u>	<u>367,017</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment	12	(5,117)	(8,210)
Payments for intangible assets		<u>(12,978)</u>	<u>(12,978)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(18,095)</u>	<u>(21,188)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Interest and other finance costs paid		(11,339)	(14,606)
Dividends paid	19	(42,873)	-
Repayment of lease liabilities		<u>(61,864)</u>	<u>(57,158)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(116,076)</u>	<u>(71,764)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		111,108	274,065
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		<u>236,492</u>	<u>(37,573)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	10	<u><u>347,600</u></u>	<u><u>236,492</u></u>

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Notes to the financial statements

30 June 2024

Note 1. Reporting entity

The financial statements cover Alice Springs Community Financial Services Limited (the company) as an individual entity, which is a for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The company is an unlisted public company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is 39a Yeperenye Shopping Centre, 36-38 Hartley Street, Alice Springs NT 0870.

A description of the nature of the company's operations and its principal activity is included in the directors' report, which is not part of the financial statements.

Note 2. Basis of preparation and statement of compliance

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Corporations Act 2001*. The financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual and historical cost basis and are presented in Australian dollars, which is the company's functional and presentation currency.

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to pay its debts as and when they fall due for the foreseeable future. For these reasons, the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of directors, on 24 September 2024. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

Note 3. Material accounting policy information

The accounting policies that are material to the company are set out either in the respective notes or below. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year, unless otherwise stated.

Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

The company has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the AASB that are mandatory for the current financial year. A description of the impact of new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have had a material impact on the company during the current financial year is outlined below:

AASB 2021-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates is mandatory for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023 and was adopted by the company in the preparation of the 30 June 2024 financial statements.

AASB 2021-2 includes amendments to AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, requiring the company to disclose material accounting policy information in its financial statements rather than significant accounting policies which was required in previous financial years. Accounting policy information is material if it, when considered with other information, could reasonably be expected to influence decisions of primary users based on the financial statements.

Adoption of AASB 2021-2 has had no impact on the numerical information disclosed in the company's financial statements. Rather, adoption has required the company to remove significant accounting policy information from the notes to the financial statements that is not considered material.

Accounting standards issued but not yet effective

An assessment of accounting standards and interpretations issued by the AASB that are not yet mandatorily applicable to the company has been performed. No new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not mandatory have been early adopted, nor are they expected to have a material impact on the company in future financial years.

Current and non-current classification

Assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of financial position based on current and non-current classification.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 3. Material accounting policy information (continued)

Impairment of non-financial assets

At each reporting date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of any impairment loss.

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately.

Recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value-in-use. The value-in-use is the present value of the estimated future cash flows relating to the asset using a pre-tax discount rate specific to the asset or cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Assets that do not have independent cash flows are grouped together to form a cash-generating unit.

Note 4. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires the directors to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. The directors continually evaluate their judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses.

The directors base their judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events that it believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. Differences between the accounting judgements and estimates and actual results and outcomes are accounted for in future reporting periods. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

Judgements

Timing of revenue recognition associated with trail commission

The company receives trailing commission from Bendigo Bank for products and services sold. Ongoing trailing commission payments are recognised on a monthly basis when earned as there is insufficient detail readily available to estimate the most likely amount of revenue without a high probability of significant reversal in a subsequent reporting period. The receipt of ongoing trailing commission revenue is outside the control of the company.

Allowance for expected credit losses on trade and other receivables

The allowance for expected credit losses assessment requires a degree of estimation and judgement. It is based on the lifetime expected credit loss, grouped based on days overdue, and makes assumptions to allocate an overall expected credit loss rate for each group. These assumptions include recent sales experience and historical collection rates.

The company has not recognised an allowance for expected credit losses in relation to trade and other receivables for the following reasons:

- The company's trade receivables are limited to the monthly profit share distribution from Bendigo Bank, which is received 10 business days post month end.
- The credit risk (i.e. the risk that a customer will not make repayments) is for Bendigo Bank to bear as long as the company has complied with the appropriate procedures and relevant obligations and has not exercised a discretion in granting or extending credit. The directors are not aware of any such non-compliance at balance date.
- The company has reviewed credit ratings provided by Standard & Poors, Moody's and Fitch Ratings to determine the level of credit exposure to the company.
- The company has not experienced any instances of default in relation to receivables owed to the company from Bendigo Bank.

Impairment of non-financial assets

The company assesses impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the company and to the particular asset that may lead to impairment. If an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. This involves fair value less costs of disposal or value-in-use calculations, which incorporate a number of key estimates and assumptions. The directors did not identify any impairment indications during the financial year.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 4. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)

Recovery of deferred tax assets

Deferred tax assets are recognised for deductible temporary differences only if the company considers it is probable that future taxable amounts will be available to utilise those temporary differences and losses.

Lease term

The lease term is a significant component in the measurement of both the right-of-use asset and lease liability. Judgement is exercised in determining whether there is reasonable certainty that an option to extend the lease will be exercised, or an option to terminate the lease will not be exercised, when ascertaining the periods to be included in the lease term.

In determining the lease term, all facts and circumstances that create an economical incentive to exercise an extension option, or not to exercise a termination option, are considered at the lease commencement date. Factors considered may include the importance of the asset to the company's operations, comparison of terms and conditions to prevailing market rates, incurrence of significant penalties, existence of significant leasehold improvements and the costs and disruption to replace the asset. The reassesses whether it is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option, if there is a significant event or significant change in circumstances.

The company includes extension options applicable to the lease of branch premises in its calculations of both the right-of-use asset and lease liability except where the company is reasonably certain it will not exercise the extension option. This is due to the significant disruption of relocating premises and the loss on disposal of leasehold improvements fitted out in the leased premises.

Estimates and assumptions

Estimation of useful lives of assets

The company determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other event. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives or assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

Incremental borrowing rate

Where the interest rate implicit in a lease cannot be readily determined, an incremental borrowing rate is estimated to discount future lease payments to measure the present value of the lease liability at the lease commencement date. Such a rate is based on what the company estimates it would have to pay a third party to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of a similar value to the right-of-use asset, with similar terms, security and economic environment.

Employee benefits provision

The liability for employee benefits expected to be settled more than 12 months from the reporting date are recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates and inflation have been taken into account.

The company uses historical employee attrition rates in determining the probability of an employee, at a given date, achieving continuous employment eligible for entitlement in accordance with long service leave legislation.

In the absence of sufficient historical employee attrition rates, the company applies a benchmark probability rate from across the Community Bank network to factor in estimating the probability of an employee, at a given date, achieving continuous employment eligible for entitlement in accordance with legislation.

Note 5. Economic dependency

The company has entered into a franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank that governs the management of the Community Bank. The company is economically dependent on the ongoing receipt of income under the franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank. The directors have no reason to believe a new franchise arrangement under mutually acceptable terms will not be forthcoming following expiry in August 2027.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 5. Economic dependency (continued)

The company operates as a franchise of Bendigo Bank, using the name "Bendigo Bank" and the logo and system of operations of Bendigo Bank. The company manages the Community Bank on behalf of Bendigo Bank, however all transactions with customers conducted through the Community Bank are effectively conducted between the customers and Bendigo Bank.

All deposits are made with Bendigo Bank, and all personal and investment products are products of Bendigo Bank, with the company facilitating the provision of those products. All loans, leases or hire purchase transactions, issues of new credit or debit cards, temporary or bridging finance and any other transaction that involves creating a new debt, or increasing or changing the terms of an existing debt owed to Bendigo Bank, must be approved by Bendigo Bank. All credit transactions are made with Bendigo Bank, and all credit products are products of Bendigo Bank.

The company promotes and sells the products and services, but is not a party to the transaction.

The credit risk (i.e. the risk that a customer will not make repayments) is for Bendigo Bank to bear as long as the company has complied with the appropriate procedures and relevant obligations and has not exercised a discretion in granting or extending credit.

Bendigo Bank provides significant assistance in establishing and maintaining the Community Bank franchise operations. It also continues to provide ongoing management and operational support and other assistance and guidance in relation to all aspects of the franchise operation, including advice and assistance in relation to:

- the design, layout and fit out of the Community Bank premises
- training for the branch manager and other employees in banking, management systems and interface protocol
- methods and procedures for the sale of products and provision of services
- security and cash logistic controls
- calculation of company revenue and payment of many operating and administrative expenses
- the formulation and implementation of advertising and promotional programs
- sales techniques and proper customer relations
- providing payroll services.

Note 6. Change to comparative figures

Calculation of right-of-use asset cost and accumulated depreciation

On adoption of AASB 16 Leases on 1 July 2019, the company previously recognised the right-of-use asset cost and accumulated depreciation on a gross basis from the commencement of the lease as if AASB 16 had always been applied by the company.

During the financial year the company recorded a change in accounting policy, whereby it elected to recognise the right-of-use asset net of accumulated depreciation on initial adoption of AASB 16. The change in accounting policy had no impact on the company's net profit or net asset position, however it did reduce the company's right-of-use asset cost and accumulated depreciation at 30 June 2023 by \$91,748.

Note 7. Revenue from contracts with customers

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Margin income	744,404	790,475
Fee income	62,668	56,293
Commission income	91,942	86,049
	<u>899,014</u>	<u>932,817</u>

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 7. Revenue from contracts with customers (continued)

Accounting policy for revenue from contracts with customers

The company has entered into a franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank. The company delivers banking and financial services of Bendigo Bank to its community. The franchise agreement provides for a share of interest, fee, and commission revenue earned by the company. Interest margin share is based on a funds transfer pricing methodology which recognises that income is derived from deposits held, and that loans granted incur a funding cost. Fees are based on the company's current fee schedule and commissions are based on the agreements in place. All margin revenue is recorded as non-interest income when the company's right to receive the payment is established.

The company acts as an agent under the franchise agreement and revenue arises from the rendering of services through its franchise agreement.

Revenue is recognised on an accruals basis, at the fair value of consideration specified in the franchise agreement, as follows:

<u>Revenue stream</u>	<u>Includes</u>	<u>Performance obligation</u>	<u>Timing of recognition</u>
Franchise agreement profit share	Margin, commission, and fee income	When the company satisfies its obligation to arrange for the services to be provided to the customer by the supplier (Bendigo Bank as franchisor).	On completion of the provision of the relevant service. Revenue is accrued monthly and paid within 10 business days after the end of each month.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of GST. There was no revenue from contracts with customers recognised over time during the financial year.

Revenue calculation

The franchise agreement provides that three forms of revenue may be earned by the company which are margin, commission and fee income. Bendigo Bank decides the form of revenue the company earns on different types of products and services. The revenue earned by the company is dependent on the business that it generates, interest rates and funds transfer pricing and other factors, such as economic and local conditions.

Margin income

Margin on core banking products is arrived at through the following calculation:

	Interest paid by customers on loans less interest paid to customers on deposits
plus:	any deposit returns i.e. interest return applied by Bendigo Bank for a deposit
minus:	any costs of funds i.e. interest applied by Bendigo Bank to fund a loan.

The company is entitled to a share of the margin earned by Bendigo Bank. If this reflects a loss, the company incurs a share of that loss.

Commission income

Commission income is generated from the sale of products and services. This commission is recognised at a point in time which reflects when the company has fulfilled its performance obligation. Refer to note 4 for further information regarding key judgements applied by the directors in relation to the timing of revenue recognition from trail commission.

Fee income

Fee income is a share of what is commonly referred to as 'bank fees and charges' charged to customers by Bendigo Bank including fees for loan applications and account transactions.

Core banking products

Bendigo Bank has identified some products and services as 'core banking products'. It may change the products and services which are identified as core banking products by giving the company at least 30 days notice. Core banking products currently include Bendigo Bank branded home loans, term deposits and at call deposits.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 7. Revenue from contracts with customers (continued)

Ability to change financial return

Under the franchise agreement, Bendigo Bank may change the form and amount of financial return the company receives. The reasons it may make a change include changes in industry or economic conditions or changes in the way Bendigo Bank earns revenue.

The change may be to the method of calculation of margin, the amount of margin, commission and fee income or a change of a margin to a commission or vice versa. This may affect the amount of revenue the company receives on a particular product or service.

Bendigo Bank must not reduce the margin and commission the company receives on core banking products and services to less than 50% (on an aggregate basis) of Bendigo Bank's margin at that time. For other products and services, there is no restriction on the change Bendigo Bank may make.

Note 8. Expenses

Employee benefits expense

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Wages and salaries	415,933	320,839
Superannuation contributions	48,931	36,094
Expenses related to long service leave	5,325	(30,821)
Other expenses	21,220	21,363
	<u>491,409</u>	<u>347,475</u>

Depreciation and amortisation expense

	2024 \$	2023 \$
<i>Depreciation of non-current assets</i>		
Leasehold improvements	19,836	19,209
Plant and equipment	656	505
	<u>20,492</u>	<u>19,714</u>
<i>Depreciation of right-of-use assets</i>		
Leased land and buildings	47,390	46,816
<i>Amortisation of intangible assets</i>		
Franchise fee	2,163	2,157
Franchise renewal process fee	10,815	10,784
	<u>12,978</u>	<u>12,941</u>
	<u>80,860</u>	<u>79,471</u>

Leases recognition exemption

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Expenses relating to low-value leases	5,888	6,293
	<u>5,888</u>	<u>6,293</u>

Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Direct donation, sponsorship and grant payments	32,814	19,408
	<u>32,814</u>	<u>19,408</u>

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 8. Expenses (continued)

The overarching philosophy of the Community Bank model, is to support the local community in which the company operates. This is achieved by circulating the flow of financial capital into the local economy through community contributions (such as donations, sponsorships and grants).

Note 9. Income tax

	2024 \$	2023 \$
<i>Income tax expense</i>		
Movement in deferred tax	(543)	7,249
Recoupment of prior year tax losses	30,405	75,762
Aggregate income tax expense	<u>29,862</u>	<u>83,011</u>
<i>Prima facie income tax reconciliation</i>		
Profit before income tax expense	118,506	331,443
Tax at the statutory tax rate of 25%	29,627	82,861
Tax effect of:		
Non-deductible expenses	235	150
Income tax expense	<u>29,862</u>	<u>83,011</u>

	2024 \$	2023 \$
<i>Deferred tax assets/(liabilities)</i>		
Tax losses	63,976	94,382
Property, plant and equipment	12,795	9,873
Employee benefits	5,860	4,539
Lease liabilities	53,364	68,435
Accrued expenses	863	863
Right-of-use assets	(35,444)	(46,816)
Deferred tax asset	<u>101,414</u>	<u>131,276</u>

Accounting policy for income tax

The income tax expense or benefit for the period is the tax payable on that period's taxable income based on the applicable income tax rate, adjusted by the changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities attributable to temporary differences, unused tax losses and the adjustment recognised for prior periods, where applicable.

Accounting policy for deferred tax

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilised.

Note 10. Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash at bank and on hand	<u>347,600</u>	<u>236,492</u>

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 11. Trade and other receivables

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Trade receivables	74,466	81,509
Prepayments	9,853	9,587
	<u>84,319</u>	<u>91,096</u>

Accounting policy for trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any allowance for expected credit losses. The company's trade receivables are limited to the monthly profit share distribution from Bendigo Bank, which is received 10 business days post month end.

Note 12. Property, plant and equipment

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Leasehold improvements - at cost	203,725	192,681
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(135,365)	(115,529)
	<u>68,360</u>	<u>77,152</u>
Plant and equipment - at cost	26,429	32,356
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(24,143)	(23,487)
	<u>2,286</u>	<u>8,869</u>
	<u>70,646</u>	<u>86,021</u>

Reconciliations of the carrying values at the beginning and end of the current and previous financial year are set out below:

	Leasehold improvements \$	Plant and equipment \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2022	96,361	1,164	97,525
Additions	-	8,210	8,210
Depreciation	(19,209)	(505)	(19,714)
Balance at 30 June 2023	77,152	8,869	86,021
Additions	2,835	2,282	5,117
Transfers in/(out)	8,209	(8,209)	-
Depreciation	(19,836)	(656)	(20,492)
Balance at 30 June 2024	<u>68,360</u>	<u>2,286</u>	<u>70,646</u>

Accounting policy for property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are measured at cost or fair value as applicable, less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment over their expected useful lives as follows:

Leasehold improvements	1 to 10 years
Plant and equipment	1 to 20 years

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 12. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the assets.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the company. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss.

Note 13. Right-of-use assets

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Land and buildings - right-of-use	378,351	376,449
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(236,573)</u>	<u>(189,185)</u>
	<u>141,778</u>	<u>187,264</u>

Reconciliations of the carrying values at the beginning and end of the current and previous financial year are set out below:

	Land and buildings \$
Balance at 1 July 2022	234,128
Remeasurement adjustments	(48)
Depreciation expense	<u>(46,816)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2023	187,264
Remeasurement adjustments	1,904
Depreciation expense	<u>(47,390)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2024	<u>141,778</u>

Accounting policy for right-of-use assets

Right-of-use assets are initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the unexpired period of the lease. Right-of-use assets are subject to impairment and are adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

Refer to note 16 for more information on lease arrangements.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 14. Intangible assets

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Franchise fee	43,370	43,370
Less: Accumulated amortisation	<u>(36,701)</u>	<u>(34,538)</u>
	6,669	8,832
Franchise renewal fee	166,852	166,852
Less: Accumulated amortisation	<u>(133,506)</u>	<u>(122,691)</u>
	33,346	44,161
	<u>40,015</u>	<u>52,993</u>

Reconciliations of the carrying values at the beginning and end of the current and previous financial year are set out below:

	Franchise fee \$	Franchise renewal fee \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2022	174	870	1,044
Additions	10,815	54,075	64,890
Amortisation expense	<u>(2,157)</u>	<u>(10,784)</u>	<u>(12,941)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2023	8,832	44,161	52,993
Amortisation expense	<u>(2,163)</u>	<u>(10,815)</u>	<u>(12,978)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2024	<u>6,669</u>	<u>33,346</u>	<u>40,015</u>

Accounting policy for intangible assets

Intangible assets of the company relate to the franchise fees paid to Bendigo Bank which conveys the right to operate the Community Bank franchise.

Intangible assets are measured on initial recognition at cost. Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates.

The franchise fees paid by the company are amortised over their useful life and assessed for impairment whenever impairment indicators are present.

The estimated useful life and amortisation method for the current and comparative periods are as follows:

<u>Asset class</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>Useful life</u>	<u>Expiry/renewal date</u>
Franchise fee	Straight-line	Over the franchise term (5 years)	August 2027
Franchise renewal fee	Straight-line	Over the franchise term (5 years)	August 2027

Amortisation methods, useful life, and residual values are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at each reporting date.

Change in estimates

During the financial year, the company assessed estimates used for intangible assets including useful lives, residual values, and amortisation methods. There were no changes in estimates for the current reporting period.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 15. Trade and other payables

	2024 \$	2023 \$
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Trade payables	29,772	23,944
Other payables and accruals	36,833	18,087
	<u>66,605</u>	<u>42,031</u>
<i>Non-current liabilities</i>		
Other payables and accruals	<u>28,552</u>	<u>42,827</u>
	2024 \$	2023 \$
<i>Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as trade and other payables</i>		
Total trade and other payables	95,157	84,858
Less: other payables and accruals (net GST payable to the ATO)	<u>(24,703)</u>	<u>(23,607)</u>
	<u>70,454</u>	<u>61,251</u>

Note 16. Lease liabilities

	2024 \$	2023 \$
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Land and buildings lease liabilities	<u>73,080</u>	<u>61,426</u>
<i>Non-current liabilities</i>		
Land and buildings lease liabilities	<u>140,375</u>	<u>212,316</u>
<i>Reconciliation of lease liabilities</i>		
	2024 \$	2023 \$
Opening balance	273,742	330,948
Remeasurement adjustments	1,577	(48)
Lease interest expense	11,339	14,606
Lease payments - total cash outflow	<u>(73,203)</u>	<u>(71,764)</u>
	<u>213,455</u>	<u>273,742</u>

Accounting policy for lease liabilities

The company has applied the following accounting policy choices in relation to lease liabilities:

- The company has elected not to separate lease and non-lease components when calculating the lease liability for property leases.
- The company has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases and low-value assets, which include the company's lease of information technology equipment. The company recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 16. Lease liabilities (continued)

The company's lease portfolio includes:

Lease	Discount rate	Non-cancellable term	Renewal options available	Reasonably certain to exercise options	Lease term end date used in calculations
Alice Springs branch	4.79%	5 years	N/A	N/A	June 2027

Note 17. Issued capital

	2024 Shares	2023 Shares	2024 \$	2023 \$
Ordinary shares - fully paid	857,467	857,467	857,467	857,467
Less: Equity raising costs	-	-	(18,433)	(18,433)
	<u>857,467</u>	<u>857,467</u>	<u>839,034</u>	<u>839,034</u>

Accounting policy for issued capital

Ordinary shares are recognised at the fair value of the consideration received by the company being \$1 per share. Any transaction costs arising on the issue of ordinary shares are recognised directly in equity as a reduction of the share proceeds received.

Rights attached to issued capital

Ordinary shares

Voting rights

Subject to some limited exceptions, each member has the right to vote at a general meeting.

On a show of hands or a poll, each member attending the meeting (whether they are attending the meeting in person or by attorney, corporate representative or proxy) has one vote, regardless of the number of shares held. However, where a person attends a meeting in person and is entitled to vote in more than one capacity (for example, the person is a member and has also been appointed as proxy for another member) that person may only exercise one vote on a show of hands. On a poll, that person may exercise one vote as a member and one vote for each other member that person represents as duly appointed attorney, corporate representative or proxy.

The purpose of giving each member only one vote, regardless of the number of shares held, is to reflect the nature of the company as a community based company, by providing that all members of the community who have contributed to the establishment and ongoing operation of the Community Bank branch have the same ability to influence the operation of the company.

Dividends

Generally, dividends are payable to members in proportion to the amount of the share capital paid up on the shares held by them, subject to any special rights and restrictions for the time being attaching to shares. The franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank contains a limit on the level of profits or funds that may be distributed to shareholders. There is also a restriction on the payment of dividends to certain shareholders if they have a prohibited shareholding interest (see below).

Transfer

Generally, ordinary shares are freely transferable. However, the directors have a discretion to refuse to register a transfer of shares.

Subject to the foregoing, shareholders may transfer shares by a proper transfer effected in accordance with the company's constitution and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Prohibited shareholding interest

A person must not have a prohibited shareholding interest in the company.

In summary, a person has a prohibited shareholding interest if any of the following applies:

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 17. Issued capital (continued)

- They control or own 10% or more of the shares in the company (the "10% limit").
- In the opinion of the board they do not have a close connection to the community or communities in which the company predominantly carries on business (the "close connection test").
- Where the person is a shareholder, after the transfer of shares in the company to that person the number of shareholders in the company is (or would be) lower than the base number (the "base number test"). The base number is 336. As at the date of this report, the company had 370 shareholders (2023: 370 shareholders).

As with voting rights, the purpose of this prohibited shareholding provision is to reflect the community-based nature of the company.

Where a person has a prohibited shareholding interest, the voting and dividend rights attaching to the shares in which the person (and their associates) has a prohibited shareholding interest in are suspended.

The board has the power to request information from a person who has (or is suspected by the board of having) a legal or beneficial interest in any shares in the company or any voting power in the company, for the purpose of determining whether a person has a prohibited shareholding interest. If the board becomes aware that a member has a prohibited shareholding interest, it must serve a notice requiring the member (or the member's associate) to dispose of the number of shares the board considers necessary to remedy the breach. If a person fails to comply with such a notice within a specified period (that must be between three and six months), the board is authorised to sell the specified shares on behalf of that person. The holder will be entitled to the consideration from the sale of the shares, less any expenses incurred by the board in selling or otherwise dealing with those shares.

In the constitution, members acknowledge and recognise that the exercise of the powers given to the board may cause considerable disadvantage to individual members, but that such a result may be necessary to enforce the prohibition.

Note 18. Capital management

The board's policy is to maintain a strong capital base so as to sustain future development of the company. The board monitor the return on capital and the level of distributions to shareholders. Capital is represented by total equity as recorded in the statement of financial position.

In accordance with the franchise agreement, in any 12 month period the funds distributed to shareholders shall not exceed the distribution limit.

The distribution limit is the greater of:

- 20% of the profit or funds of the company otherwise available for distribution to shareholders in that 12 month period; and
- subject to the availability of distributable profits, the relevant rate of return multiplied by the average level of share capital of the company over that 12 month period where the relevant rate of return is equal to the weighted average interest rate on 90 day bank bills over that 12 month period plus 5%.

The board is managing the growth of the business in line with this requirement. There are no other externally imposed capital requirements, although the nature of the company is such that amounts will be paid in the form of charitable donations and sponsorship. Charitable donations and sponsorship paid for the financial year can be seen in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive Income.

There were no changes in the company's approach to capital management during the year.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 19. Dividends

Dividends provided for and paid during the period

The following dividends were declared to shareholders during the financial year as presented in the Statement of changes in equity and Statement of cash flows.

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Unfranked dividend of 5 cents per share	<u>42,873</u>	<u>-</u>

Accounting policy for dividends

Dividends are recognised when declared during the financial year.

Note 20. Financial risk management

The company's financial instruments include trade receivables and payables, cash and cash equivalents and lease liabilities. The company does not have any derivatives.

The directors are responsible for monitoring and managing the financial risk exposure of the company, to which end it monitors the financial risk management policies and exposures and approves financial transactions within the scope of its authority.

The directors have identified that the only significant financial risk exposures of the company are liquidity and market (price) risk. Other financial risks are not significant to the company due to the following factors:

- The company has no foreign exchange risk as all of its account balances and transactions are in Australian Dollars.
- The company's franchise agreement limits the company's credit exposure to one financial institution, being Bendigo Bank. The company monitors credit worthiness through review of credit ratings, Bendigo Bank is rated BBB+ on Standard & Poor's credit ratings.
- The company has no direct exposure to movements in commodity prices.
- The company's interest-bearing instruments are held at amortised cost which have fair values that approximate their carrying value since all cash and payables have maturity dates within 12 months.
- The company has no borrowings.

Further details regarding the categories of financial instruments held by the company that hold such exposure are detailed below.

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Financial assets at amortised cost		
Trade and other receivables (note 11)	74,466	81,509
Cash and cash equivalents (note 10)	<u>347,600</u>	<u>236,492</u>
	<u>422,066</u>	<u>318,001</u>
Financial liabilities		
Trade and other payables (note 15)	70,454	61,251
Lease liabilities (note 16)	<u>213,455</u>	<u>273,742</u>
	<u>283,909</u>	<u>334,993</u>

At balance date, the fair value of financial instruments approximated their carrying values.

Accounting policy for financial instruments

Financial assets

Classification

Financial assets are measured at amortised cost.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 20. Financial risk management (continued)

The company's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents.

Derecognition

A financial asset is derecognised when the company's contractual right to its cash flows expires, or the asset is transferred in such a way that all the risks and rewards of ownership are substantially transferred.

Impairment of trade and other receivables

Impairment of trade receivables is determined using the simplified approach which uses an estimation of lifetime expected credit losses. The company has not recognised an allowance for expected credit losses in relation to trade and other receivables. Refer to note 4 for further information.

Financial liabilities

Classification

The company classifies its financial liabilities at amortised cost.

Derecognition

A financial liability is derecognised then it is extinguished, cancelled or expires.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices - e.g. foreign exchange rates, interest rates, and equity prices - will affect the company's income or the value of its holdings in financial instruments.

Interest-bearing assets and liabilities are held with Bendigo Bank and earnings on those are subject to movements in market interest rates. Interest-rate risk could also arise from long-term borrowings. Borrowings issued at variable rates expose the company to cash flow interest-rate risk. The company held cash and cash equivalents of \$347,600 at 30 June 2024 (2023: \$236,492).

Price risk

The company is not exposed to equity securities price risk as it does not hold investments for sale or at fair value. The company is not exposed to commodity price risk.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the company will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The company's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when they are due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the company's reputation.

The following are the company's remaining contractual maturities of financial liabilities. The contractual cash flow amounts are gross and undiscounted and therefore may differ from their carrying amount in the statement of financial position.

	1 year or less \$	Between 1 and 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	Remaining contractual maturities \$
2024				
Trade and other payables	41,902	28,552	-	70,454
Lease liabilities	74,664	153,839	-	228,503
Total non-derivatives	<u>116,566</u>	<u>182,391</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>298,957</u>

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 20. Financial risk management (continued)

2023	1 year or less \$	Between 1 and 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	Remaining contractual maturities \$
Trade and other payables	18,424	42,827	-	61,251
Lease liabilities	73,201	228,503	-	301,704
Total non-derivatives	<u>91,625</u>	<u>271,330</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>362,955</u>

Note 21. Key management personnel disclosures

The following persons were directors of Alice Springs Community Financial Services Limited during the financial year and/or up to the date of signing of these Financial Statements.

Elizabeth Bridget May	Michael Crowe
Elizabeth Joy Taylor	Eleanor Frances Norris
Roger Paul Ahwah	Rajendraw Maharjan
Stephen Richard Dinner	Shawgat Kutubi

No director of the company receives remuneration for services as a company director or committee member.

Note 22. Related party transactions

Key management personnel

Disclosures relating to key management personnel are set out in note 21.

Receivable from and payable to related parties

There were no trade receivables from or trade payables to related parties at the current and previous reporting date.

Terms and conditions of transactions with related parties

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

Transactions with related parties

The following transactions occurred with related parties:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
The company used the company secretary services of one of its directors. The total fees paid was:	<u>1,008</u>	<u>884</u>

Note 23. Remuneration of auditors

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by Andrew Frewin Stewart, the auditor of the company:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
<i>Audit services</i>		
Audit or review of the financial statements	<u>6,450</u>	<u>5,400</u>
<i>Other services</i>		
Taxation advice and tax compliance services	700	660
General advisory services	3,406	2,910
Share registry services	<u>6,880</u>	<u>3,260</u>
	<u>10,986</u>	<u>6,830</u>
	<u>17,436</u>	<u>12,230</u>

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 24. Reconciliation of profit after income tax to net cash provided by operating activities

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Profit after income tax expense for the year	88,644	248,432
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	80,860	79,471
Lease liabilities interest	11,339	14,606
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	6,777	(29,465)
Decrease in deferred tax assets	29,862	83,011
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	22,950	(1,848)
Increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	4,847	(27,190)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>245,279</u>	<u>367,017</u>

Note 25. Earnings per share

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Profit after income tax	<u>88,644</u>	<u>248,432</u>
	Number	Number
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share	<u>857,467</u>	<u>857,467</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted earnings per share	<u>857,467</u>	<u>857,467</u>
	Cents	Cents
Basic earnings per share	10.34	28.97
Diluted earnings per share	10.34	28.97

Accounting policy for earnings per share

Basic and diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to the owners of Alice Springs Community Financial Services Limited, by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year.

Note 26. Commitments

The company has no commitments contracted for which would be provided for in future reporting periods.

Note 27. Contingencies

There were no contingent liabilities or contingent assets at the date of this report.

Note 28. Events after the reporting period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2024 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

Directors' declaration

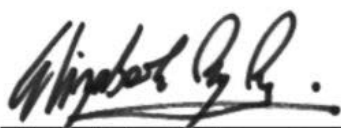
Alice Springs Community Financial Services Limited Directors' declaration 30 June 2024

In the directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the *Corporations Act 2001*, the *Accounting Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as International Accounting Standards Board as described in the notes to the financial statements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the company's financial position 2024 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date;
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- the company does not have any controlled entities and is not required by the Accounting Standards to prepare consolidated financial statements. Therefore, a consolidated entity disclosure statement has not been included. Section 295(3A)(a) of the *Corporations Act 2001* does not apply to the entity.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors made pursuant to section 295(5)(a) of the *Corporations Act 2001*

On behalf of the directors



Elizabeth Joy Taylor
Chairperson

24 September 2024

Independent audit report



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Independent auditor's report to the Directors of Alice Springs Community Financial Services Limited

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Alice Springs Community Financial Services Limited (the company), which comprises:

- Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024
- Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
- Statement of changes in equity
- Statement of cash flows
- Notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policies
- The directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Alice Springs Community Financial Services Limited, is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report.

We are independent of the company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



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Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the company's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that it gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatement can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.



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As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Frewin Stewart'.

Andrew Frewin Stewart
61 Bull Street, Bendigo, Vic, 3550
Dated: 24 September 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lachlan Tatt'.

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