# Dimboola & District Financial Services Limited ABN 77 108 797 324

Half-year Financial Report - 31 December 2024

### Dimboola & District Financial Services Limited Directors' report 31 December 2024

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the company for the half-year ended 31 December 2024.

#### **Directors**

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

Nicholas Carl Pietsch Peter Joseph Hughes Stuart Ivan Kuhnell Wayne Maxwell Elliott Tracey Leanne Rigney Kylie Jo Barry (appointed 7 November 2024)
Caryn Maree Pietsch (appointed 7 November 2024)
John William Moar (resigned 7 November 2024)
John Keith Nichols (resigned 30 July 2024)

#### **Principal activity**

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

#### **Review of operations**

The profit for the company after providing for income tax amounted to \$32,858 (31 December 2023: \$54,827).

#### Significant changes in the state of affairs

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

#### Matters subsequent to the end of the financial half-year

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 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.

#### 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 306(3)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the directors

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Nicholas Carl Pietsch

Chair

3 March 2025



Andrew Frewin Stewart 61 Bull Street Bendigo VIC 3550 ABN: 65 684 604 390 afs@afsbendigo.com.au 03 5443 0344

### Lead auditor's independence declaration under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* to the Directors of Dimboola & District Financial Services Limited

We declare that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, for the half-year ended 31 December 2024 there have been no contraventions of:

- i. the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review
- ii. any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

**Andrew Frewin Stewart** 

61 Bull Street, Bendigo Vic 3550

Dated: 3 March 2025

#### Dimboola & District Financial Services Limited Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income For the half-year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	31-Dec-24 \$	31-Dec-23 \$
Revenue from contracts with customers	4	287,479	282,626
Other revenue		-	12,905
Finance revenue		7,775	2,464
Total revenue		295,254	297,995
Employee benefits expense		(184,685)	(163,508)
Advertising and marketing costs		(1,726)	(214)
Occupancy and associated costs		(5,685)	(3,385)
Systems costs		(8,307)	(7,169)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(17,072)	(15,532)
Finance costs		(3,129)	(3,049)
General administration expenses		(29,736)	(31,450)
Total expenses before community contributions and income tax		(250,340)	(224,307)
Profit before community contributions and income tax expense		44,914	73,688
Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense		(1,104)	(1,850)
Profit before income tax expense		43,810	71,838
Income tax expense		(10,952)	(17,011)
Profit after income tax expense for the half-year		32,858	54,827
Other comprehensive income for the half-year, net of tax			<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive income for the half-year		32,858	54,827
		Cents	Cents
Basic earnings per share Diluted earnings per share		6.01 6.01	10.04 10.04

#### Dimboola & District Financial Services Limited Statement of financial position As at 31 December 2024

Current assets           Cash and cash equivalents         137,765         122,759           Trade and other receivables         67,357         59,114           Investments         301,985         265,656           Total current assets         507,107         447,529           Non-current assets           Property, plant and equipment         29,567         34,849           Right-of-use assets         51,228         56,545           Intangibles         69,673         5,444           Deferred tax assets         39,944         50,896           Total non-current assets         99,673         595,263           Liabilities           Current liabilities           Trade and other payables         29,685         27,206           Borrowings         2         230           Lease liabilities         10,10,68         91,053           Total current liabilities         10,10,68         91,053           Total current liabilities         62,270         -           Current liabilities         62,270         -           Total current liabilities         61,981         69,000           Total current liabilities         61,981         69,0		31-Dec-24 \$	30-Jun-24 \$
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Accumulated losses(121,404)(154,262)		522,073	522,073
Total equity <u>400,669</u> <u>367,811</u>			
	Total equity	400,669	367,811

## Dimboola & District Financial Services Limited Statement of changes in equity For the half-year ended 31 December 2024

	Issued capital \$	Accumulated losses \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2023	522,073	(266,579)	255,494
Profit after income tax expense Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	54,827	54,827
Total comprehensive income	-	54,827	54,827
Balance at 31 December 2023	522,073	(211,752)	310,321
Balance at 1 July 2024	522,073	(154,262)	367,811
Profit after income tax expense	-	32,858	32,858
Other comprehensive income, net of tax  Total comprehensive income	-	32,858	32,858
Balance at 31 December 2024	522,073	(121,404)	400,669

#### Dimboola & District Financial Services Limited Statement of cash flows For the half-year ended 31 December 2024

	31-Dec-24 \$	31-Dec-23 \$
Cash flows from operating activities Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST) Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST) Interest received Interest and other finance costs paid	318,492 (264,283) 6,934 (376)	334,110 (253,653) 1,485 (81)
Net cash from operating activities	60,767	81,861
Cash flows from investing activities Redemption of/(investment in) term deposits Payments for property, plant and equipment Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	(36,329)	(91,486) (34,192) 20,000
Net cash used in investing activities	(36,329)	(105,678)
Cash flows from financing activities Repayment of lease liabilities Interest and other finance costs paid Repayment of borrowings	(7,015) (2,189) (228)	(6,343) (2,432) (2,500)
Net cash used in financing activities	(9,432)	(11,275)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial half-year	15,006 122,759	(35,092) 180,016
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial half-year	137,765	144,924

### Dimboola & District Financial Services Limited Notes to the financial statements 31 December 2024

#### Note 1. Material accounting policy information

These general purpose financial statements for the interim half-year reporting period ended 31 December 2024 have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 'Interim Financial Reporting' and the *Corporations Act 2001*. Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standard IAS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting'.

These general purpose financial statements do not include all the notes of the type normally included in annual financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements are to be read in conjunction with the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024 and any public announcements made by the company during the period.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year and corresponding interim reporting period, unless otherwise stated.

#### Note 2. Restatement of comparatives

#### Classification of term deposits

In the 30 June 2024 financial statements the directors disclosed a change in classification of term deposits to align the accounting policy with the requirements of AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows.

The change in classification had the following impacts on comparative figures:

- Opening and closing cash balances were reduced to exclude term deposits with initial investment periods greater than three months as reported in the Statement of cash flows.
- Investments in and redemptions of term deposits with initial investment periods greater than three months are now classified within investment activities as reported in the Statement of cash flows.

#### Note 3. 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 revenue under the franchise agreement. The franchise agreement expires in December 2029.

The directors have a reasonable expectation that a new franchise agreement will be signed prior to the expiry date.

#### Note 4. Revenue from contracts with customers

	31-Dec-24 \$	31-Dec-23 \$
Margin income	248,425	245,075
Fee income	18,509	17,699
Commission income	20,545	19,852
Revenue from contracts with customers	287,479	282,626

#### Disaggregation of revenue

All revenue from contracts with customers has been recognised at a point in time during the half-year.

#### Note 5. Dividends

There were no dividends paid, recommended or declared during the current or previous financial half-year.

#### Note 6. Contingent assets and liabilities

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

#### Dimboola & District Financial Services Limited Notes to the financial statements 31 December 2024

#### Note 7. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the half-year ended 31 December 2024. The nature of relationships with related parties remains consistent with those disclosed in the company's financial report for the year ended 30 June 2024, and there have been no significant changes in related party relationships or arrangements since year-end.

#### Note 8. Events after the reporting date

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 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.

### Dimboola & District Financial Services Limited Directors' declaration 31 December 2024

In the directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the *Corporations Act 2001*, Australian Accounting Standard *AASB 134 'Interim Financial Reporting'*, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of its performance for the financial half-year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors made pursuant to section 303(5)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the directors

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Nicholas Carl Pietsch

Chair

3 March 2025



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### Independent auditor's review report to the Directors of Dimboola & District Financial Services Limited

#### Report on the half-year financial report

#### Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of Dimboola & District Financial Services Limited (the company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, a summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying half-year financial report of Dimboola & District Financial Services Limited does not present fairly, in all material respects, the company's financial position at 31 December 2024, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and Accounting Standard *AASB 134: Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

#### **Basis for Conclusion**

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410: Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity. Our responsibilities are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review 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 annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001* which has been given to the directors of the company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's review report.

#### Responsibility of the directors for the financial report

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



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#### Auditor's responsibility for the review of the financial report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the half-year financial report does not present fairly, in all material respects in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

**Andrew Frewin Stewart** 

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Dated: 3 March 2025

**Lead Auditor**