Goomalling & Districts Community Financial Services Limited ABN 64 088 925 115

Financial Report - 30 June 2024

Goomalling & Districts Community Financial Services Limited 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: Title: Experience and expertise:	Natalie Margaret Bird Non-executive director Natalie is the Deputy Chief Executive Officer - Shire of Goomalling. She has been the Finance Manager at the Shire of Goomalling for the past 29 years and holds a Diploma of Business Local Government. She is also Chairperson of the Community Resource Centre and involved with a number of community groups. She has served on the board of Goomalling & Districts Community Financial Services Limited for 13 years.
Special responsibilities:	Chairperson
Name: Title: Experience and expertise:	Loretta Noelene Johnston Non-executive director Loretta is a Small Business Manager. She has worked at the Community Resource Centre for the part 12 years. Previously she spent six years as a bank officer, 14 years as an Administration Officer at Edith Cowan University and three years a Registrar at the West Coast Institute of Management and Technology. She has also completed separate terms as Secretary and Treasurer of the Sacred Heart Catholic School.
Special responsibilities:	Secretary
Name: Title: Experience and expertise:	Barry John Haywood Non-executive director Barry is a Farmer. Barry was an inaugural board member of Goomalling & Districts Community Financial Services Limited and served for 11 years. He has been a Shire Councillor for 14 years and is currently Shire President and Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee. He is also a committee member of the Goomalling Golf Club and Mortlock Sports Council. Previously he was President of the Goomalling Tennis Club and Vice President of the school P&C and Goomalling Football Club.
Special responsibilities:	Nil
Name: Title: Experience and expertise: Special responsibilities:	Andrew James French Non-executive director Andrew is a Famer. Local resident for over 40 years. Farming on a fourth generation family farm. Valued member of Goomalling Football and Cricket Clubs, holding various positions on these Committees. Volunteer on Goomalling Fire Brigade. Nil

Company secretary

The company secretary is Loretta Johnston. Loretta was appointed to the position of company secretary on 8 August 2016.

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 \$24,375 (30 June 2023: \$128,867).

Operations have continued to perform in line with expectations.

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Dividends

During the financial year, the following dividends were provided for and paid. The dividends have been provided for in the financial statements.

	2024 \$
Fully franked dividend of 5 cents per share (2023: nil cents)	13,436

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.

Meetings of directors

The number of director meetings attended by each of the directors of the company during the financial year were:

	Bo	Board	
	Eligible	Attended	
Natalie Margaret Bird Loretta Noelene Johnston Barry John Haywood Andrew James French	9 9 9 9	9 9 6 7	

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.

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
Natalie Margaret Bird Loretta Noelene Johnston Barry John Haywood Andrew James French	500 100 2,501 500	- - -	100 2,501

Shares under option

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

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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.

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 25 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

Natalie Margaret Bird Chair

18 September 2024



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

As lead auditor for the audit of Goomalling & Districts 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.

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Adrian Downing Lead Auditor

Andrew Frewin Stewart 61 Bull Street, Bendigo, Vic, 3550 Dated: 18 September 2024

Goomalling & Districts 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	611,862	675,497
Other revenue Finance revenue Total revenue	8	6,005 10,829 628,696	30,508 127 706,132
Employee benefits expense Advertising and marketing costs Occupancy and associated costs System costs Depreciation and amortisation expense Finance costs General administration expenses Total expenses before community contributions and income tax expense	9 9 9	(260,753) (17,590) (24,574) (16,165) (32,937) (316) (71,500) (423,835)	(249,976) (4,360) (18,035) (16,363) (28,779) (568) (113,932) (432,013)
Profit before community contributions and income tax	-	204,861	274,119
Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense	9	(172,193)	(101,294)
Profit before income tax expense		32,668	172,825
Income tax expense	10	(8,293)	(43,958)
Profit after income tax expense for the year		24,375	128,867
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax			
Total comprehensive income for the year	:	24,375	128,867
		Cents	Cents
Basic earnings per share Diluted earnings per share	27 27	9.07 9.07	47.96 47.96

Goomalling & Districts Community Financial Services Limited Statement of financial position As at 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	11	407,328	286,015
Trade and other receivables	12	55,495	79,015
Investments Total current assets	13 _	462,823	<u>102,781</u> 467,811
Total current assets	_	402,023	407,011
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	14	260,707	238,401
Intangibles	15 _	75,118	17,424
Total non-current assets	_	335,825	255,825
Total assets	_	798,648	723,636
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	16	85,098	20,458
Borrowings	17	-	10,920
Current tax liabilities	10	42,347	35,869
Employee benefits	18 _	24,680	22,578
Total current liabilities	_	152,125	89,825
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax liabilities	10	12,087	13,338
Employee benefits	18 _	7,415	4,391
Total non-current liabilities	-	19,502	17,729
Total liabilities	_	171,627	107,554
Net assets	=	627,021	616,082
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Equity Issued capital	19	268,710	268,710
Retained earnings	.0	358,311	347,372
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Total equity	=	627,021	616,082

Goomalling & Districts Community Financial Services Limited Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 30 June 2024

	lssued capital \$	Retained earnings \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2022	268,710	218,505	487,215
Profit after income tax expense Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-	128,867 -	128,867 -
Total comprehensive income	-	128,867	128,867
Balance at 30 June 2023	268,710	347,372	616,082
Balance at 1 July 2023	268,710	347,372	616,082
Profit after income tax expense Other comprehensive income, net of tax		24,375	24,375
Total comprehensive income		24,375	24,375
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:Dividends provided for or paid2'		(13,436)	(13,436)
Balance at 30 June 2024	268,710	358,311	627,021

Goomalling & Districts 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) Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST) Interest received Interest and other finance costs paid	-	691,239 (616,689) 10,829 (316)	758,229 (570,755) 127 (568)
Net cash provided by operating activities	26	85,063	187,033
Cash flows from investing activities Redemption of/(investment in) term deposits Payments for property, plant and equipment Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	14 _	102,781 (42,175) 60,606	(30,127) (50,061) (80,188)
Cash flows from financing activities Dividends paid Repayment of borrowings	21	(13,436) (10,920)	(11,542)
Net cash used in financing activities	-	(24,356)	(11,542)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	_	121,313 286,015	95,303 190,712
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	11 =	407,328	286,015

Note 1. Reporting entity

The financial statements cover Goomalling & Districts 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 35 Railway Terrace, Goomalling WA 6460.

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 18 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 October 2029.

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.

Note 5. Economic dependency (continued)

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. Restatement of comparatives

Classification of term deposits

During the year the directors reviewed the requirements of AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows* and noted term deposits normally qualify as a cash and cash equivalent only when they have initial investment periods of three months or less. In previous financial years the company classified all term deposits as cash and cash equivalents in the preparation of the financial statements even if they had initial investment periods greater than three months.

In the preparation of the financial statements for the current financial year, the directors updated its accounting policy to align to the requirements of AASB 107, restating comparatives figures to reclassify term deposits with initial investment periods greater than three months as current investments instead of cash and cash equivalents in the Statement of financial position.

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

- Cash and cash equivalents decreased and investments increased by \$102,781 at 30 June 2023 as reported in the Statement of financial position.
- 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.

The change in classification had no impact on the company's net profit or net asset position.

Note 7. Revenue from contracts with customers

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Margin income Fee income	469,565 26,351	522,410 24,426
Commission income	115,946	128,661
	611,862	675,497

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.

Note 7. Revenue from contracts with customers (continued)

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

<u>Revenue stream</u>	Includes	its obligation to arrange for the services to be provided to the	Revenue is accrued monthly
Franchise agreement profit	Margin, commission, and fee		and paid within 10 business
share	income		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.

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. Other revenue

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Market development fund Other income	6,005_	25,000 5,508
	6,005_	30,508

Accounting policy for market development fund

In previous years Bendigo Bank made market development fund (MDF) payments to the company, which has been based on the volume of business attributed to a branch. The purpose of the discretionary payments is to assist with local market development activities, including community sponsorships and grants. It is for the board to decide how to use the MDF. The payments from Bendigo Bank are discretionary and may change the amount or stop making them at any time. Bendigo Bank ceased the MDF during the previous year and therefore the company did not receive any contributions during the current financial year.

Note 9. Expenses

Employee benefits expense

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Wages and salaries	215,148	211,730
Superannuation contributions	24,838	24,087
Expenses related to long service leave	5,126	2,845
Other expenses	15,641	11,314
=	260,753	249,976
Depreciation and amortisation expense		
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Depreciation of non-current assets		
Buildings	9,587	5,186
Plant and equipment	84	326
Motor vehicles	10,198	10,198
—	19,869	15,710
Amortisation of intangible assets		
Franchise fee	13,068	13,069
_	32,937	28,779
Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense		
chantable donations, sponsorships and grants expense	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Direct donation, sponsorship and grant payments	98,509	10,385
Contribution to the Community Enterprise Foundation™	73,684	90,909
_	172,193	101,294

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. Expenses (continued)

The funds contributed to and held by the Community Enterprise Foundation[™] (CEF) are available for distribution as grants to eligible applicants for a specific purpose in consultation with the directors.

When the company pays a contribution in to the CEF, the company loses control over the funds at that point. While the directors are involved in the payment of grants, the funds are not refundable to the company.

Note 10. Income tax

	2024 \$	2023 \$
<i>Income tax expense</i> Current tax Movement in deferred tax Under/over adjustment in respect for prior periods Recoupment of prior year tax losses	10,536 (1,251) (992) 	35,869 4,538 - 3,551
Aggregate income tax expense	8,293	43,958
Prima facie income tax reconciliation Profit before income tax expense	32,668_	172,825
Tax at the statutory tax rate of 25%	8,167	43,206
Tax effect of: Non-deductible expenses	1,118	752
Under/over adjustment in respect for prior periods	9,285 (992)	43,958 -
Income tax expense	8,293	43,958
	2024 \$	2023 \$
<i>Deferred tax attributable to:</i> Employee benefits Prepayments Property, plant and equipment	8,024 (1,080) (19,031)	6,742 (1,080) (19,000)
Deferred tax asset/(liability)	(12,087)	(13,338)
	2024 \$	2023 \$
Provision for income tax	42,347	35,869

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 current tax

Current tax assets and liabilities are measured at amounts expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. It is calculated using tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Note 10. Income tax (continued)

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 11. Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash at bank and on hand	407,328	286,015
Note 12. Trade and other receivables		
	2024 \$	2023 \$
Trade receivables	51,177	62,979
Other receivables and accruals Prepayments	4,318 4,318	11,718 4,318 16,036
	55,495	79,015
	2024 \$	2023 \$
<i>Financial assets at amortised cost classified as trade and other receivables</i> Total trade and other receivables less other receivables (net GST refundable from the ATO)	55,495	79,015 (12,647)
	55,495	66,368

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 13. Investments

	2024 \$	2023 \$
<i>Current assets</i> Term deposits		102,781

Note 14. Property, plant and equipment

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Land - at cost	75,000	75,000
Buildings - at cost Less: Accumulated depreciation	254,514 (77,438) 177,076	212,339 (67,851) 144,488
Plant and equipment - at cost Less: Accumulated depreciation	33,339 (33,339) 	33,339 (33,255) 84
Motor vehicles - at cost Less: Accumulated depreciation	40,790 (32,159) 8,631 260,707	40,790 (21,961) 18,829 238,401

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

	Land \$	Buildings \$	Plant and equipment \$	Motor vehicles \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2022 Additions	75,000	99,613 50,061	410	29,027	204,050 50,061
Depreciation		(5,186)	(326)	(10,198)	(15,710)
Balance at 30 June 2023 Additions Depreciation	75,000 - -	144,488 42,175 (9,587)	84 - (84)	18,829 - (10,198)	238,401 42,175 (19,869)
Balance at 30 June 2024	75,000	177,076		8,631	260,707

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:

Building	10 to 40 years
Plant and equipment	2 to 5 years
Motor vehicles	4 years

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

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 15. Intangibles

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Franchise fee Less: Accumulated amortisation	202,784 (186,635)	190,991 (173,567)
	16,149	17,424
Franchise renewal fee	58,969	
	75,118	17,424

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

	Franchise fee \$
Balance at 1 July 2022	30,493
Amortisation expense	(13,069)
Balance at 30 June 2023	17,424
Additions	70,762
Amortisation expense	(13,068)
Balance at 30 June 2024	75,118

Additions

During the year the company renewed the franchise fee for an additional five year term once the current agreement ends in October 2024. This is to be amortised over five years to October 2029.

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>	Expiry/renewal date	
Franchise fee	Straight-line	Over the franchise term (5 years)	October 2029	

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

Note 16. Trade and other payables

	2024 \$	2023 \$
<i>Current liabilities</i> Trade payables	-	3,758
Other payables and accruals	85,098	16,700
	85,098	20,458

Note 16. Trade and other payables (continued)

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as trade and other payables	05.000	00.450
Total trade and other payables less other payables and accruals (net GST (payable to) / refundable from the ATO)	85,098 5,855	20,458 (4,740)
	90,953	15,718
Note 17. Borrowings		
	2024 \$	2023 \$
<i>Current liabilities</i> Chattel mortgage	<u>-</u>	10,920

Accounting policy for borrowings

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received, net of transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Note 18. Employee benefits

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current liabilities		
Annual leave	11,061	11,061
Long service leave	13,619	11,517
	24,680	22,578
Non-current liabilities Long service leave	7,415	4,391

Accounting policy for short-term employee benefits

Liabilities for annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Non-accumulating non-vesting sick leave is expensed when the leave is taken and is measured at the rates paid or payable.

Accounting policy for other long-term employee benefits

The liability for annual leave and long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on corporate bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

Remeasurements are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

Note 19. Issued capital

	2024	2023	2024	2023
	Shares	Shares	\$	\$
Ordinary shares - fully paid	268,710	268,710	268,710	268,710

Note 19. Issued capital (continued)

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).

<u>Transfer</u>

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:

- 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").

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.

Note 19. Issued capital (continued)

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 20. 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 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.

Note 21. Dividends

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

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Fully franked dividend of 5 cents per share (2023: nil cents)	13,436	
Franking credits	2024 \$	2023 \$
Franking account balance at the beginning of the financial year Franking debits from the payment of franked distributions	143,941 (4,479) 139,462	143,941 143,941
<i>Franking transactions that will arise subsequent to the financial year end:</i> Balance at the end of the financial year Franking credits (debits) that will arise from payment (refund) of income tax Franking credits available for future reporting periods	139,462 42,347 181,809	143,941 35,869 179,810

Note 21. Dividends (continued)

The ability to utilise franking credits is dependent upon the company's ability to declare dividends. The tax rate at which future dividends will be franked is 25%.

Accounting policy for dividends

Dividends are recognised when declared during the financial year and no longer at the discretion of the company.

Note 22. Financial risk management

The company's financial instruments include trade receivables and payables, cash and cash equivalents, investments 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 12)	55,495	66,368
Cash and cash equivalents (note 11)	407,328	286,015
Investments (note 13)	-	102,781
	462,823	455,164
Financial liabilities		
Trade and other payables (note 16)	90,953	15,718

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

Accounting policy for financial instruments

Financial assets

Classification

The company classifies its financial assets at amortised cost.

Financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial asset.

The company's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables, cash and cash equivalents and investments in term deposits.

Note 22. Financial risk management (continued)

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.

Financial liabilities

Classification

The company classifies its financial liabilities at amortised cost.

Derecognition

A financial liability is derecognised when 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 \$407,328 and term deposits of nil at 30 June 2024 (2023: \$286,015 and \$102,781).

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 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.

2024	1 year or less \$	Between 1 and 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	Remaining contractual maturities \$
Trade and other payables	90,953			90,953
Total non-derivatives	90,953_			90,953
	1 year or less	Between 1 and 5 years	Over 5 years	Remaining contractual maturities
2023	\$	\$	\$	\$
Chattel mortgage	10,920	-	-	10,920
Trade and other payables	15,718		-	15,718
Total non-derivatives	26,638			26,638

Note 23. Key management personnel disclosures

The following persons were directors of Goomalling & Districts Community Financial Services Limited during the financial year and up to the date of signing of these Financial Statements

Natalie Margaret Bird	Barry John Haywood
Loretta Noelene Johnston	Andrew James French

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

There are no executives within the company whose remuneration is required to be disclosed.

Note 24. Related party transactions

Key management personnel Disclosures relating to key management personnel are set out in note 23.

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 provided sponsorship to Danny Green Mental Health in the form of a Door		
Prize. The total benefit received was:	589	-
The company donated to CRC Market Day. The total benefit received was:	349	-
The company donated to the Shire of Goomalling in the form of a Nature Playground. The		
total benefit received was:	50,000	-
The company donated to the Shire of Goomalling in the form of a Pool Entry. The total benefit		
received was:	1,000	-
The company purchased Food for the Australia Day Breakfast, which is hosted by the Shire	000	
of Goomalling. The total benefit received was:	389	-
The company purchased Bowling League Representation Association Shirts – In conjunction	200	
with Toodyay & York Branches. The total benefit was The company provided sponsorship to the Goomalling Golf Club. The total benefit received	300	-
Was:	500	_
The company provided sponsorship to Goomalling Football Club. The total benefit received	500	-
Was:	638	-
The company provided sponsorship to the Goomalling Bowling Club in the form of the	000	
Lighting Funding Project The total benefit received was:	7,500	-
The company donated to Goomalling CRC in the form of the Biggest Morning Tea. The total	,	
benefit received was:	40	-

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

Note 25. 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	6,650 _	5,400
<i>Other services</i> Taxation advice and tax compliance services General advisory services	870 4,175	400 5,020
	5,045	5,420
	11,695	10,820

Note 26. Reconciliation of profit after income tax to net cash provided by operating activities

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Profit after income tax expense for the year	24,375	128,867
Adjustments for: Depreciation and amortisation	32,937	28,779
Change in operating assets and liabilities: Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables Increase in provision for income tax Increase/(decrease) in deferred tax liabilities Increase in employee benefits	23,520 (6,122) 6,478 (1,251) 5,126	(25,092) 7,675 35,869 8,090 2,845
Net cash provided by operating activities	85,063	187,033
Note 27. Earnings per share		
	2024 \$	2023 \$
Profit after income tax	24,375	128,867
	Number	Number
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share	268,710	268,710
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted earnings per share	268,710	268,710
	Cents	Cents
Basic earnings per share Diluted earnings per share	9.07 9.07	47.96 47.96

Note 28. Commitments

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

Note 29. Contingencies

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

Note 30. 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.

Goomalling & Districts 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 Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the 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 as at 30 June 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 as 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

Natalie Margaret Bird Chair

18 September 2024



Independent auditor's report to the Directors of Goomalling & Districts Community Financial Services Limited

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Goomalling & Districts 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 for the year then ended
- Statement of changes in equity for the year then ended
- Statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- Notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policies
- The directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Goomalling & Districts 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.



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.



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.

Andrew Frewin Stewart 61 Bull Street, Bendigo, Vic, 3550 Dated: 18 September 2024

Adrian Downing Lead Auditor