

Lara District Community Enterprise Limited

ABN 67 134 347 087

Half-year Financial Report - 31 December 2024

**Lara District Community Enterprise 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:

Andrew MacKenzie Hillard  
Elizabeth Joy Bate  
Charles John Saliba  
Jürgen Ulrich Günther Strauss

Natalie Grace Salcombe Candy  
Ian Graeme Duff  
Kylie Grzybek

**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 \$213,804 (31 December 2023: \$227,200).

**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



Andrew MacKenzie Hilliard  
Chair

14 February 2025



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## Lead auditor's independence declaration under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* to the Directors of Lara District Community Enterprise 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.

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**Andrew Frewin Stewart**  
61 Bull Street, Bendigo Vic 3550  
Dated: 14 February 2025

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**Lachlan Tatt**  
Lead Auditor

**Lara District Community Enterprise Limited**  
**Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income**  
**For the half-year ended 31 December 2024**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>31-Dec-24</b> \$	<b>31-Dec-23</b> \$
Revenue from contracts with customers	4	949,097	974,334
Other revenue		12,425	11,525
Finance revenue		32,365	35,626
Fair value gains on financial assets		26,310	20,642
<b>Total revenue</b>		<u>1,020,197</u>	<u>1,042,127</u>
Employee benefits expense		(421,120)	(363,394)
Advertising and marketing costs		(9,371)	(17,992)
Occupancy and associated costs		(15,981)	(16,494)
Systems costs		(15,184)	(13,476)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(38,230)	(32,902)
Finance costs		(18,990)	(19,181)
General administration expenses		(53,053)	(63,359)
<b>Total expenses before community contributions and income tax</b>		<u>(571,929)</u>	<u>(526,798)</u>
<b>Profit before community contributions and income tax expense</b>		448,268	515,329
Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense		(168,745)	(218,868)
<b>Profit before income tax expense</b>		279,523	296,461
Income tax expense		(65,719)	(69,261)
<b>Profit after income tax expense for the half-year</b>		213,804	227,200
Other comprehensive income for the half-year, net of tax		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the half-year</b>		<u>213,804</u>	<u>227,200</u>
		<b>Cents</b>	<b>Cents</b>
Basic earnings per share		24.30	25.82
Diluted earnings per share		24.30	25.82

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

**Lara District Community Enterprise Limited**  
**Statement of financial position**  
**As at 31 December 2024**

	<b>31-Dec-24</b>	<b>30-Jun-24</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	240,107	335,315
Trade and other receivables	172,807	83,225
Investments	<u>1,167,387</u>	<u>1,059,511</u>
Total current assets	<u>1,580,301</u>	<u>1,478,051</u>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Financial assets	646,785	620,475
Property, plant and equipment	158,633	167,764
Right-of-use assets	585,039	605,373
Intangibles	64,033	69,962
Deferred tax assets	17,231	21,701
Total non-current assets	<u>1,471,721</u>	<u>1,485,275</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>3,052,022</u>	<u>2,963,326</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	55,953	25,005
Lease liabilities	73,213	92,008
Current tax liabilities	18,696	61,996
Employee benefits	36,042	31,057
Total current liabilities	<u>183,904</u>	<u>210,066</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Lease liabilities	715,615	709,438
Employee benefits	5,255	5,014
Provisions	<u>10,148</u>	<u>9,911</u>
Total non-current liabilities	<u>731,018</u>	<u>724,363</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>914,922</u>	<u>934,429</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>2,137,100</u>	<u>2,028,897</u>
<b>Equity</b>		
Issued capital	857,526	857,526
Retained earnings	<u>1,279,574</u>	<u>1,171,371</u>
<b>Total equity</b>	<u>2,137,100</u>	<u>2,028,897</u>

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

**Lara District Community Enterprise Limited**  
**Statement of changes in equity**  
**For the half-year ended 31 December 2024**

	Note	Issued capital \$	Retained earnings \$	Total equity \$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2023</b>		857,526	973,781	1,831,307
Profit after income tax expense		-	227,200	227,200
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	227,200	227,200
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i>				
Dividends provided for or paid	5	-	(105,601)	(105,601)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>		<u>857,526</u>	<u>1,095,380</u>	<u>1,952,906</u>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2024</b>		857,526	1,171,371	2,028,897
Profit after income tax expense		-	213,804	213,804
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	213,804	213,804
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i>				
Dividends provided for or paid	5	-	(105,601)	(105,601)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2024</b>		<u>857,526</u>	<u>1,279,574</u>	<u>2,137,100</u>

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

**Lara District Community Enterprise Limited**  
**Statement of cash flows**  
**For the half-year ended 31 December 2024**

	Note	31-Dec-24 \$	31-Dec-23 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)		964,214	1,079,027
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(674,782)	(733,620)
Dividends received		12,425	11,459
Interest received		26,316	15,830
Income taxes paid		(104,549)	(5,466)
		<u>223,624</u>	<u>367,230</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Redemption of/(investment in) term deposits		(107,876)	12,589
Payments for financial assets		-	(23,132)
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(2,836)	(80,213)
Payments for intangible assets		(71,148)	(13,184)
		<u>(181,860)</u>	<u>(103,940)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Interest and other finance costs paid		(18,753)	(18,953)
Dividends paid	5	(105,601)	(105,601)
Repayment of lease liabilities		(12,618)	(17,175)
		<u>(136,972)</u>	<u>(141,729)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities			
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(95,208)	121,561
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial half-year		<u>335,315</u>	<u>226,276</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial half-year		<u><u>240,107</u></u>	<u><u>347,837</u></u>

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

**Lara District Community Enterprise 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. 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 June 2029.

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

**Note 3. 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 4. Revenue from contracts with customers**

	<b>31-Dec-24</b>	<b>31-Dec-23</b>
	\$	\$
Margin income	860,685	887,262
Fee income	47,017	45,273
Commission income	41,395	41,799
Revenue from contracts with customers	<u>949,097</u>	<u>974,334</u>

*Disaggregation of revenue*

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

**Note 5. Dividends**

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

	<b>31-Dec-24</b>	<b>31-Dec-23</b>
	\$	\$
Fully franked dividend of 12 cents per share (31-Dec-23: 12 cents)	<u>105,601</u>	<u>105,601</u>



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**Note 5. Dividends (continued)**

The tax rate at which dividends have been franked is 25%.

**Note 6. Fair value measurement**

Some of the company's assets and liabilities are measured at fair value for financial reporting purposes. The board of directors determine the appropriate valuation techniques and inputs for fair value measurements.

Fair value measurements are categorised into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

Level 1: Quoted market price at the close of business at the end of the reporting period.

Level 2: Inputs are based on a valuation performed by a third party qualified valuer using quoted prices for similar assets in an active market.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability

	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
<b>31-Dec-24</b>				
<i>Assets</i>				
Equity securities	646,785	-	-	646,785
Total assets	646,785	-	-	646,785
	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
<b>30-Jun-24</b>				
<i>Assets</i>				
Equity securities	620,475	-	-	620,475
Total assets	620,475	-	-	620,475

There were no transfers between levels during the financial half-year.

**Note 7. Contingent assets and liabilities**

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

**Note 8. Related party transactions**

Arrangements with related parties continue to be in place. For details on these arrangements, refer to the 30 June 2024 annual financial report.

**Note 9. 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.

**Lara District Community Enterprise 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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Chair

14 February 2025



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# Independent auditor's review report to the Directors of Lara District Community Enterprise Limited

## Report on the half-year financial report

### Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of Lara District Community Enterprise 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 Lara District Community Enterprise 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.

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**Andrew Frewin Stewart**  
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Dated: 14 February 2025

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**Lachlan Tatt**  
Lead Auditor