

Mt Evelyn & Districts Financial Services Limited

ABN 93 096 782 240

Half-year Financial Report - 31 December 2024

Mt Evelyn & Districts 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:

John David Stroud
Laura Elizabeth Lilley
Gai Williams
Lisa Maree Glassborow
Steven Colin Martin

Leigh Matthew Brown
Malcolm Scott Darke
Tamara Jayne Garrett (*appointed 9 July 2024*)
Stephen James McArthur (*appointed 8 October 2024*)
Prue Cathley Northey (*resigned 27 August 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 \$360,503 (31 December 2023: \$527,037).

Significant changes in the state of affairs

During the period the company undertook a significant refurbishment of its Mt Evelyn branch at a cost of \$417,406. The refurbishment resulted in capital expenditure of \$417,406, recognised in property, plant and equipment. At balance date, the refurbishment cost remained payable and is included in trade and other payables. The branch was temporarily closed during the refurbishment and has since reopened.

There were no other 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



John David Stroud
Chair

26 February 2025



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Lead auditor's independence declaration under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* to the Directors of Mt Evelyn & Districts 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.

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Andrew Frewin Stewart
61 Bull Street, Bendigo Vic 3550
Dated: 26th February 2025

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Lachlan Tatt
Lead Auditor

Mt Evelyn & Districts 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	1,167,113	1,325,050
Other revenue		7,721	6,363
Finance revenue		67,032	46,694
Total revenue		<u>1,241,866</u>	<u>1,378,107</u>
Employee benefits expense		(523,143)	(483,445)
Advertising and marketing costs		(10,448)	(14,261)
Occupancy and associated costs		(13,003)	(14,663)
Systems costs		(33,339)	(13,064)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(27,548)	(17,186)
General administration expenses		(74,787)	(66,212)
Total expenses before community contributions and income tax		<u>(682,268)</u>	<u>(608,831)</u>
Profit before community contributions and income tax expense		559,598	769,276
Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense		(78,927)	(68,934)
Profit before income tax expense		480,671	700,342
Income tax expense		(120,168)	(173,305)
Profit after income tax expense for the half-year		360,503	527,037
Other comprehensive income for the half-year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the half-year		<u><u>360,503</u></u>	<u><u>527,037</u></u>
		Cents	Cents
Basic earnings per share		12.26	17.93
Diluted earnings per share		12.26	17.93

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

Mt Evelyn & Districts Financial Services Limited
Statement of financial position
As at 31 December 2024

	31-Dec-24 \$	30-Jun-24 \$
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,030,565	83,351
Trade and other receivables	286,030	272,522
Investments	1,999,221	2,846,575
Total current assets	<u>3,315,816</u>	<u>3,202,448</u>
Non-current assets		
Investment properties	506,505	511,020
Property, plant and equipment	669,080	273,975
Intangibles	30,101	36,591
Deferred tax assets	11,650	16,903
Total non-current assets	<u>1,217,336</u>	<u>838,489</u>
Total assets	<u>4,533,152</u>	<u>4,040,937</u>
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	509,856	63,200
Current tax liabilities	80,863	70,288
Employee benefits	93,849	96,890
Total current liabilities	<u>684,568</u>	<u>230,378</u>
Non-current liabilities		
Employee benefits	1,942	1,011
Total non-current liabilities	<u>1,942</u>	<u>1,011</u>
Total liabilities	<u>686,510</u>	<u>231,389</u>
Net assets	<u>3,846,642</u>	<u>3,809,548</u>
Equity		
Issued capital	1,527,561	1,527,561
Retained earnings	2,319,081	2,281,987
Total equity	<u>3,846,642</u>	<u>3,809,548</u>

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

Mt Evelyn & Districts Financial Services Limited
Statement of changes in equity
For the half-year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Issued capital \$	Retained earnings \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2023		1,527,561	1,854,107	3,381,668
Profit after income tax expense		-	527,037	527,037
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	527,037	527,037
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i>				
Dividends provided for or paid	5	-	(308,709)	(308,709)
Balance at 31 December 2023		<u>1,527,561</u>	<u>2,072,435</u>	<u>3,599,996</u>
Balance at 1 July 2024		1,527,561	2,281,987	3,809,548
Profit after income tax expense		-	360,503	360,503
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	360,503	360,503
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i>				
Dividends provided for or paid	5	-	(323,409)	(323,409)
Balance at 31 December 2024		<u>1,527,561</u>	<u>2,319,081</u>	<u>3,846,642</u>

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

Mt Evelyn & Districts Financial Services Limited
Statement of cash flows
For the half-year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	31-Dec-24 \$	31-Dec-23 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)		1,313,605	1,502,436
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(831,554)	(752,621)
Interest received		45,558	36,785
Income taxes paid		<u>(104,340)</u>	<u>(59,342)</u>
Net cash from operating activities		<u>423,269</u>	<u>727,258</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Redemption of/(investment in) term deposits		847,354	(36,787)
Payments for property, plant and equipment		<u>-</u>	<u>(8,280)</u>
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities		<u>847,354</u>	<u>(45,067)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Dividends paid	5	<u>(323,409)</u>	<u>(308,709)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(323,409)</u>	<u>(308,709)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		947,214	373,482
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial half-year		<u>83,351</u>	<u>150,356</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial half-year		<u><u>1,030,565</u></u>	<u><u>523,838</u></u>

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

Mt Evelyn & Districts 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.

Classification of investment property

In the preparation of the financial statements for the current financial half-year, the directors updated its accounting policy for the treatment of the property 7/926-930 Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd. The property was previously utilised to conduct operations as the premises of the company's Montrose Branch. Following closure of the branch in September 2019 the company now holds the property for the purpose of capital appreciation and rental income.

To align with the requirements of *AASB 140 Investment Property*, a restatement has been made to the comparatives figures to reclassify the land, building and improvements of the property as non-current investments instead of property, plant and equipment in the Statement of financial position.

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

- Property, plant and equipment decreased and investments increased by \$511,020 at 30 June 2024 as reported in the Statement of financial position.

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

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 April 2027.

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

Mt Evelyn & Districts Financial Services Limited
Notes to the financial statements
31 December 2024

Note 4. Revenue from contracts with customers

	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
	\$	\$
Margin income	1,061,151	1,203,406
Fee income	61,705	63,260
Commission income	44,257	58,384
	<u>1,167,113</u>	<u>1,325,050</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.

	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
	\$	\$
Fully franked dividend of 11 cents per share (31-Dec-23: 10.5 cents)	<u>323,409</u>	<u>308,709</u>

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

Note 6. Contingent assets and liabilities

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

Note 7. Related party transactions

The company has related party transactions that include remuneration to directors. These related party transactions are consistent with those disclosed in the company's financial report for the year ended 30 June 2024. There have been no significant changes to the nature or amount of these related party transactions during the half-year ended 31 December 2024.

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.

Mt Evelyn & Districts 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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Chair

26 February 2025



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Independent auditor's review report to the Directors of Mt Evelyn & Districts Financial Services Limited

Report on the half-year financial report

Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of Mt Evelyn & Districts 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 Mt Evelyn & Districts 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.

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Dated: 26th February 2025

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