

Palerang Financial Services Limited

ABN 83 097 801 100

Half-year Financial Report - 31 December 2024

Palerang 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:

Garry Edward Cook
Rhyll Elizabeth Tozer
Dale Josephine Towell
Alexandra Rofe
Richard Elliott

Shane Anthony Holness
Andrew Trevor Callan
Craig Hinder
Diana Mary Izzard (resigned 28 November 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 \$515,769 (31 December 2023: \$676,070).

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



Garry Edward Cook
Chair

6 March 2025



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Lead auditor's independence declaration under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* to the Directors of Palerang 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: 6 March 2025

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Jessica Ritchie
Lead Auditor

Palerang 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	1,845,846	1,869,523
Other revenue		2,892	16,704
Finance revenue		21,605	5,366
Fair value gain on financial assets		11,611	8,545
Total revenue		<u>1,881,954</u>	<u>1,900,138</u>
Employee benefits expense		(697,029)	(619,557)
Advertising and marketing costs		(27,408)	(30,539)
Occupancy and associated costs		(39,370)	(32,713)
Systems costs		(22,574)	(17,771)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(53,391)	(31,137)
Finance costs		(3,715)	(207)
General administration expenses		(180,038)	(170,930)
Total expense before community contributions and income tax		<u>(1,023,525)</u>	<u>(902,854)</u>
Profit before community contributions and income tax expense		858,429	997,284
Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense		(169,839)	(99,039)
Profit before income tax expense		688,590	898,245
Income tax expense		(172,821)	(222,175)
Profit after income tax expense for the half-year		515,769	676,070
Other comprehensive income			
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>			
Gain on the revaluation of land and buildings, net of tax		-	629,601
Other comprehensive income for the half-year, net of tax		-	629,601
Total comprehensive income for the half-year		<u>515,769</u>	<u>1,305,671</u>
		Cents	Cents
Basic earnings per share		39.06	51.20
Diluted earnings per share		39.06	51.20

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

Palerang 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	427,080	479,905
Trade and other receivables	346,458	403,393
Investments	1,400,000	674,878
Current tax assets	-	19,590
Total current assets	<u>2,173,538</u>	<u>1,577,766</u>
Non-current assets		
Financial assets	175,371	162,640
Investment properties	21,746	24,318
Property, plant and equipment	2,218,738	2,220,168
Right-of-use assets	73,774	80,525
Intangibles	35,738	48,425
Total non-current assets	<u>2,525,367</u>	<u>2,536,076</u>
Total assets	<u>4,698,905</u>	<u>4,113,842</u>
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	178,533	173,282
Lease liabilities	22,142	22,135
Current tax liabilities	166,803	-
Employee benefits	176,537	172,779
Total current liabilities	<u>544,015</u>	<u>368,196</u>
Non-current liabilities		
Lease liabilities	76,802	84,534
Deferred tax liabilities	349,462	344,474
Employee benefits	11,034	15,783
Total non-current liabilities	<u>437,298</u>	<u>444,791</u>
Total liabilities	<u>981,313</u>	<u>812,987</u>
Net assets	<u>3,717,592</u>	<u>3,300,855</u>
Equity		
Issued capital	1,062,849	1,062,849
Revaluation Reserve	1,052,751	1,052,751
Retained earnings	<u>1,601,992</u>	<u>1,185,255</u>
Total equity	<u>3,717,592</u>	<u>3,300,855</u>

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

Palerang Financial Services Limited
Statement of changes in equity
For the half-year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Issued capital \$	Reserves \$	Retained earnings \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2023		<u>1,062,849</u>	<u>423,150</u>	<u>1,154,439</u>	<u>2,640,438</u>
Profit after income tax expense		-	-	676,070	676,070
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	629,601	-	629,601
Total comprehensive income		-	629,601	676,070	1,305,671
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i>					
Dividends provided for or paid	5	-	-	(99,032)	(99,032)
Balance at 31 December 2023		<u>1,062,849</u>	<u>1,052,751</u>	<u>1,731,477</u>	<u>3,847,077</u>
Balance at 1 July 2024		<u>1,062,849</u>	<u>1,052,751</u>	<u>1,185,255</u>	<u>3,300,855</u>
Profit after income tax expense		-	-	515,769	515,769
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	-	515,769	515,769
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i>					
Dividends provided for or paid	5	-	-	(99,032)	(99,032)
Balance at 31 December 2024		<u>1,062,849</u>	<u>1,052,751</u>	<u>1,601,992</u>	<u>3,717,592</u>

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

Palerang 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)		2,052,137	2,104,852
Payments to suppliers and employees and for community contributions (inclusive of GST)		(1,276,124)	(1,000,547)
Interest received		18,145	5,366
Income taxes refunded/(paid)		18,560	(50,312)
Net cash from operating activities		<u>812,718</u>	<u>1,059,359</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Redemption of/(investment in) term deposits		(725,122)	(1,250,000)
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(29,949)	(2,110)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	13,636
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(755,071)</u>	<u>(1,238,474)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Interest and other finance costs paid		(3,715)	(207)
Dividends paid	5	(99,032)	(99,032)
Repayment of lease liabilities		(7,725)	(10,239)
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(110,472)</u>	<u>(109,478)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(52,825)	(288,593)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial half-year		<u>479,905</u>	<u>841,522</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial half-year		<u><u>427,080</u></u>	<u><u>552,929</u></u>

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

Palerang Financial Services Limited
Notes to the financial statements
31 December 2024

Note 1. Basis of preparation

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 of 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 2026.

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

Note 3. Change to comparative figures

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

	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
	\$	\$
Margin income	1,740,423	1,756,230
Fee income	65,218	64,679
Commission income	40,205	48,614
Revenue from contracts with customers	<u>1,845,846</u>	<u>1,869,523</u>

Disaggregation of revenue

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

Palerang Financial Services Limited
Notes to the financial statements
31 December 2024

Note 5. Dividends

The following dividends were provided for 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 7.5 cents per share (31-Dec-23: 7.5 cents)	<u>99,032</u>	<u>99,032</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

During the reporting period, the Community Enterprise Foundation (the Foundation) approved a contribution of \$1,000,000 to support the acquisition of a new building intended to house the Bungendore Preschool Association. Palerang Financial Services Limited has historically remitted funds to the Foundation, who holds these funds for future purposes. Although Palerang Financial Services Limited does not have control or significant influence over the Foundation (and, as such, the contribution is not a direct related party transaction under AASB 124), it is noted that a director of Palerang Financial Services Limited also serves as a committee member of the Bungendore Preschool Association. Management has applied its judgment and determined that, while the technical criteria for a related party transaction are not met, the existence of a potential conflict of interest arising from the common directorship warrants disclosure. This note is provided to ensure transparency regarding the indirect relationship and to inform users of the financial statements of the potential for conflicts of interest.

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.

Palerang 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



Garry Edward Cook
Chair

6 March 2025



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Independent auditor's review report to the Directors of Palerang Financial Services Limited

Report on the half-year financial report

Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of Palerang 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 significant 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 Palerang 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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Andrew Frewin Stewart
61 Bull Street, Bendigo Vic 3550
Dated: 6 March 2025

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Jessica Ritchie
Lead Auditor