Annual Report 2023

AGT Financial Services Limited

Community Bank
Adelong & District

ABN 39 107 620 137

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Chair's report

For year ending 30 June 2023

I am pleased to present the FY2023 Annual Report, which outlines the performance and key achievements of AGT Financial Services Ltd. Throughout the year, your Board has strived to enhance shareholder value, strengthen community engagement, and promote sustained growth. We are proud to share some notable highlights from the past year.

Acquisition of Service One Tumut Branch

We are delighted to announce the acquisition of the Service One branch in Tumut. This strategic move is poised to bring significant benefits to both the community and our shareholders. By expanding our presence in Tumut, we aim to enhance local financial services, create new job opportunities, and strengthen our commitment to community development. This acquisition aligns with our long-term growth strategy, promising improved financial performance and shareholder value. We are excited about the potential this venture holds and look forward to making a positive impact in Tumut while delivering sustainable returns to our shareholders.

Dividend increase

With an increase of $83k in post-tax profit from FY2022, we are pleased to report that our commitment to sustainable growth has translated into tangible benefits for our shareholders. In FY2023, we declared a dividend of 8.5 cents per share, representing a notable increase from 7.5 cents in 2022. This increase reflects our dedication to delivering value to our shareholders while maintaining a prudent financial approach that ensures the long-term stability and prosperity of the company.

Commitment to our communities

The communities of Adelong, Gundagai and Tumut have been instrumental in our success, and we want to reaffirm our unwavering commitment to these regions. We are dedicated to fostering economic growth, creating job opportunities, and supporting community development initiatives that enhance the quality of life for everyone who lives in this wonderful region.

Our commitment extends beyond financial contributions. We actively engage with local organizations, participate in community events, and collaborate with stakeholders to address the unique needs and challenges of these areas. We believe that by working together, we can build stronger, more vibrant communities.

Community investment

AGT Financial Services Ltd is deeply committed to giving back to the communities that have supported us throughout our journey. During FY2023, we proudly donated a total of $61,000 to 28 community groups in Adelong, Gundagai and Tumut. These contributions were directed towards various initiatives, including sport and recreation, arts, culture and heritage, community facilities and infrastructure, and health and wellbeing. We believe in the positive power of community support and remain dedicated to making a positive impact in the regions we serve.

Board stability and expertise

The stability and expertise of your Board have been a cornerstone of our success. We are fortunate to have a Board that comprises a diverse combination of talents and skills, which adds significant value to our decision-making processes. This diversity ensures that we are well-equipped to navigate the challenges of a rapidly evolving banking landscape while seizing opportunities for growth.

Throughout the year, your Board continued to provide strategic guidance and oversight, enabling us to make informed decisions that align with our long-term objectives. We want to assure our shareholders that the Board remains committed to upholding the highest standards of corporate governance and transparency.

Chair’s report (continued)

Leadership and employee growth

One of the highlights of the year was the appointment of Natalie Bartlett as our Senior Branch Manager. Natalie has brought a wealth of experience and leadership to our team, and her impact has been nothing short of remarkable. Under her guidance, our staff have exhibited a notable growth in confidence, and their dedication to our mission and values has been exceptional.

We recognize that our employees are the heart of our organisation, and their continued growth and development are paramount to our success. We remain committed to providing them with the tools, training, and opportunities necessary to excel in their roles and contribute to our collective achievements.

In closing, we want to express our gratitude to you, our valued shareholders, for your continued trust and support. Your confidence in us drives our determination to excel and make a positive impact in our communities. As we look ahead, we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and remain steadfast in our commitment to delivering sustainable growth and value.

Thank you for being a part of our journey.

Matt Pearce
Chair, AGT Financial Services Limited

Manager's report

For year ending 30 June 2023

It is with delight I present my first Senior Branch Manager's report for Community Bank Adelong and Gundagai for year ending June 2023.

Thank you to our valuable staff members for their continued dedication and drive throughout the past 12 months in a year that has seen many changes. Their willingness to embrace change to further support our customers and our business is exemplary. I am extremely proud to be a part of this extraordinary team.

An enormous thank you to our local volunteer Board of Directors and support staff for your guidance and leadership since my appointment, this has been invaluable. I am deeply grateful for this wonderful opportunity to grow and support AGT Financial Services Limited, their shareholders, and customers. I also take this opportunity to thank Tim Butt our Regional Manager for his continued support.

Financial year 2023-24 will have many challenges ahead with the economic pressure increasing, I am excited to lean into these challenges and live the values of our Community Bank. Our focus for the year ahead will be to consolidate our growth, adding value for our existing customers whilst creating a robust business for the future.

Most importantly I would like to thank you, our shareholders and loyal customers, community continues to be the core of who we are at Community Bank Adelong and Gundagai, your ongoing banking support is invaluable in helping us to grow and to feed into our local communities.

Kind Regards

Natalie Bartlett
Senior Branch Manager

Directors' report

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the company for the year ended 30 June 2023.

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:

Matthew John Pearce

Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Matthew has worked as a Grain trader, then worked as a portfolio manager for an insurance broker managing their crop insurance portfolio and now is owner/partner along with his wife Ange, of a beef cattle operation in the Adelong area. Matthew has a bachelor of applied science. Matthew is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.
Special responsibilities:	Chair

Donna Marie Martin

Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	2010 to Current - CEO Tumut Bricks and Pavers, Tumut Tiles. In partnership with her husband they own and operate these businesses. When they took on these businesses in 2010 they also owned Tumut Plant Hire which was divested in 2019 as a going concern. Previously to this she worked for Visy Pulp and Paper at the Tumut site as their Procurement Manager 2007-2010. Prior to Visy, in partnership with her husband, Donna was self-employed as a business consultant and from 1995-2005 developed a green start engineering business in Western Victoria. Her work experience prior to then was predominantly banking and customer service roles. She worked for CBA for 15 years (1981-1994). She is a current RFS volunteer, serves on the board and is working with Snowy Valleys Council to develop a Multi-Purpose Facility and Evacuation Centre. She is the treasurer of Tumut MTB and with others organises an annual MTB event in Tumut. She is a past committee Member/Treasurer for Tumut Regional Family Services and served for three years on the Terang and Mortlake Health Service board. Donna has taken numerous executive roles in sporting organisations over her lifetime. She is currently working towards her Master of Business - has completed her Graduate Certificate in Business level and has completed a lot of community focused training activities within the RFS and other community organisations, as well as company specific and RTO recognised training courses.
Special responsibilities:	Treasurer

William Patrick O'Connell

Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	B. Bus (Bachelor of Business) from the NSW Institute of Technology, 1986. Thirty-one years experience in marketing, advertising, marketing research, management roles. Private and company investments, which includes a grazing property in Wondalga, NSW. Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Secretary and Public Officer - Adelong Community Enterprises Inc. Vice President of the Abstract Committee of Next Sense (formerly the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children). President - Vote Australia Inc. Member of the Society of Australian Genealogists. Representative on the NSW / ACT Marketing Committee for South West Region 234.
Special responsibilities:	Nil

Sarah Anne Roche

Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	A trusted and qualified senior leader with more than 20 years' experience across diverse industries in the private and public sector. Sarah has held several high-pressure leadership roles with direct line to the CEO and board leading large Operations regional geographically spread teams up to 1500 FTES to deliver on the corporate strategy and organisational objectives. Sarah's most recent roles was Head of Operations for Essential Energy (4 years) and prior to that Southern Regional Manager for Graincorp (5 years). In addition, Sarah has worked at Rabobank and was co-owner and director of proAGtive Australia's leading rural farm succession planning firm. Sarah has a Bachelor of Commerce Degree (HR/ Marketing majors) and Bachelor of Teaching (majors physical education). Sarah was the 2020 Telstra Businesswomen of Year, NSW Finalist, out of 22,000 applicants. Sarah is married to a fourth-generation Adelong farmer and together they run a beef and sheep operation in the Gilmore valley near Tumut. Sarah has been actively involved in a range of sporting and community initiatives and is currently on the Australian Rural Leadership Program Snowy Valleys Regenerate Program.
Special responsibilities:	Nil

Virginia Patricia Goode

Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	McAuley Catholic Central School Board Member (Secretary) 2006-2013. Secretary Tumut Community Preschool 2005-2008. Tumut Catholic Fete Committee Member 2006-2013. Manager of various children's soccer & netball teams. Practice Manager of Zac Zacharia Optometrists 2007-present. BA Communications Office Management, UC, 1995. High level of communication, management & organisational skill set.
Special responsibilities:	Nil

Company secretary

The company secretary is William O'Connell. William was appointed to the position of company secretary on 16 February 2022.

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 $270,366 (30 June 2022: $187,209).

The company has seen a significant increase in its revenue during the financial year. This is a result of the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) increasing the cash rate by 3.25% during the financial year moving from 0.85% to 4.10% as at 30 June 2023. The increased cash rate has had a direct impact on the revenue received by the company, increasing the net interest margin income received under the revenue share arrangement the company has with Bendigo Bank.

Dividends

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

	2023 $
Fully franked dividend of 8.5 cents per share (2022: 7.5 cents)	51,609

Significant changes in the state of affairs

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

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

The board has entered into a conditional Business Sale Agreement with Service One Financial Services Pty Ltd to purchase the business assets, including the revenue right from customer loans, deposits and other revenue generating business, of the Community Bank Tumut for $350,000.

At the date of this report, the Business Sale Agreement has not yet been signed by both parties. As such, no liability has been recognised.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2023 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

The company will continue its policy of facilitating banking services to the community.

Environmental regulation

The company is not subject to any significant environmental regulation under Australian Commonwealth or State law.

Meetings of directors

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

	Board	
	Eligible	Attended
Matthew John Pearce	14	14
Donna Marie Martin	14	14
William Patrick O'Connell	14	14
Sarah Anne Roche	14	11
Virginia Patricia Goode	14	11

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 except as disclosed in note 26 to the financial statements.

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
Matthew John Pearce	2,000	-	2,000
Donna Marie Martin	-	-	-
William Patrick O'Connell	2,100	-	2,100
Sarah Anne Roche	-	-	-
Virginia Patricia Goode	-	-	-

Indemnity and insurance of directors and officers

The company has indemnified all directors and the manager in respect of liabilities to other persons (other than the company or related body corporate) that may arise from their position as directors or manager 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 27 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

Matthew John Pearce
Chair

25 September 2023

Auditor's independence declaration

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Independent auditor's independence declaration under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* to the Directors of AGT Financial Services Ltd

As lead auditor for the audit of AGT Financial Services Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2023, 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.

Andrew Frewin Stewart
61 Bull Street, Bendigo, Vic, 3550
Dated: 25 September 2023

Joshua Griffin
Lead Auditor

Financial statements

Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 $	2022 $
Revenue from contracts with customers	6	1,892,821	1,352,722
Other revenue	7	68,809	57,576
Finance revenue		1,679	412
Fair value gains on financial assets		247	2,490
Total revenue		**1,963,556**	**1,413,200**
Employee benefits expense	8	(737,015)	(745,204)
Advertising and marketing costs		(30,218)	(27,133)
Occupancy and associated costs		(53,889)	(30,687)
System costs		(32,423)	(37,020)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	8	(70,862)	(63,066)
Finance costs	8	(1,909)	(1,655)
General administration expenses		(245,606)	(216,498)
Loss on disposal of assets		(1,537)	-
Total expenses before community contributions and income tax		**(1,173,459)**	**(1,121,263)**
Profit before community contributions and income tax expense		**790,097**	**291,937**
Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense	8	(429,596)	(42,285)
Profit before income tax expense		**360,501**	**249,652**
Income tax expense	9	(90,135)	(62,443)
Profit after income tax expense for the year	20	**270,366**	**187,209**
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		**270,366**	**187,209**
		Cents	Cents
Basic earnings per share	29	44.53	30.83
Diluted earnings per share	29	44.53	30.83

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

Statement of financial position
as at 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 $	2022 $
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	902,581	752,529
Trade and other receivables	11	173,958	139,908
Total current assets		**1,076,539**	**892,437**
Non-current assets			
Financial assets	13	31,929	31,682
Investment properties	14	98,159	100,031
Property, plant and equipment	12	593,634	646,741
Intangible assets	15	28,314	56,628
Deferred tax assets	9	4,837	5,066
Total non-current assets		**756,873**	**840,148**
Total assets		**1,833,412**	**1,732,585**
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	16	97,019	188,676
Borrowings	17	12,443	18,840
Current tax liabilities	9	49,148	22,885
Employee benefits	18	27,099	26,880
Total current liabilities		**185,709**	**257,281**
Non-current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	16	-	30,363
Borrowings	17	-	10,530
Employee benefits	18	6,736	12,201
Total non-current liabilities		**6,736**	**53,094**
Total liabilities		**192,445**	**310,375**
Net assets		**1,640,967**	**1,422,210**
Equity			
Issued capital	19	580,118	580,118
Retained earnings	20	1,060,849	842,092
Total equity		**1,640,967**	**1,422,210**

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

Statement of changes in equity
for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	Issued capital $	Retained earnings $	Total equity $
Balance at 1 July 2021		580,118	700,421	1,280,539
Profit after income tax expense		-	187,209	187,209
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		**-**	**187,209**	**187,209**
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:				
Dividends provided for	22	-	(45,538)	(45,538)
Balance at 30 June 2022		**580,118**	**842,092**	**1,422,210**
Balance at 1 July 2022		580,118	842,092	1,422,210
Profit after income tax expense		-	270,366	270,366
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		**-**	**270,366**	**270,366**
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:				
Dividends provided for	22	-	(51,609)	(51,609)
Balance at 30 June 2023		**580,118**	**1,060,849**	**1,640,967**

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

Statement of cash flows
for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 $	2022 $
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)		2,121,722	1,527,805
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(1,810,279)	(1,257,187)
Interest received		1,679	412
Interest and other finance costs paid		(1,909)	(1,655)
Income taxes paid		(63,643)	(23,520)
Net cash provided by operating activities	**28**	**247,570**	**245,855**
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment	12	(1,379)	(3,640)
Payments for intangible assets		(27,603)	(27,603)
Net cash used in investing activities		**(28,982)**	**(31,243)**
Cash flows from financing activities			
Dividends paid	22	(51,609)	(45,538)
Repayment of borrowings		(16,927)	(17,005)
Net cash used in financing activities		**(68,536)**	**(62,543)**
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		150,052	152,069
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		752,529	600,460
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	**10**	**902,581**	**752,529**

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

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2023

Note 1. Reporting entity

The financial statements cover AGT Financial Services Ltd (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 62 Tumut Street, Adelong NSW 2729.

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 financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of directors, on 25 September 2023. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

Note 3. Significant accounting policies

The company has consistently applied the following accounting policies to all periods presented in these financial statements.

Changes in accounting policies, standards and interpretations

There are a number of amendments to accounting standards issued by the AASB that became mandatorily effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2022, and are therefore relevant for the current financial year. The amendments did not have any impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods and are not expected to significantly affect the current or future periods.

Current and non-current classification

Assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of financial position based on current and non-current classification.

An asset is classified as current when, it is expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the company's normal operating cycle, it is held primarily for the purpose of trading, it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is classified as current when, it is either expected to be settled in the company's normal operating cycle, it is held primarily for the purpose of trading, it is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period or there is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are always classified as non-current.

Impairment

Non-derivative financial assets

Expected credit losses (ECL) are the probability-weighted estimate of credit losses over the expected life of a financial instrument. A credit loss is the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due and all cash flows expected to be received. At each reporting date, the entity recognises the movement in the ECL (if any) as an impairment gain or loss in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Note 3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

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. Due to the reliance on Bendigo Bank 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 also performed a historical assessment of receivables from Bendigo Bank and found no instances of default. As a result no ECL has been made in relation to trade receivables as at 30 June 2023.

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.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except when the amount of GST incurred on a sale or purchase of assets or services is not payable to or recoverable from the taxation authority. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the revenue or expense item.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position. Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority.

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which are recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as part of operating cash flows.

Note 4. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its 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.

Fair value measurement hierarchy

The company is required to classify all assets and liabilities, measured at fair value, using a three level hierarchy, based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement, being:

- Level 1: inputs are based on the 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.

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.

Impairment of non-financial assets

The company assesses impairment of non-financial 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 as the higher of its fair value less costs of disposal or value-in-use, each of which incorporate a number of key estimates and assumptions.

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.

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.

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 August 2024.

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.

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. Revenue from contracts with customers

	2023 $	2022 $
Margin income	1,669,956	1,126,669
Fee income	93,490	92,502
Commission income	129,375	133,551
	1,892,821	**1,352,722**

Note 6. Revenue from contracts with customers (continued)

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.

Revenue is recognised on an accruals basis, at the fair value of consideration specified in the franchise agreement. Under *AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (AASB 15), revenue recognition for the company's revenue stream is as follows:

Revenue stream	Includes	Performance obligation	Timing of recognition
Franchise agreement profit share	Margin, commission, and fee income	When the company satisfies its obligation to arrange for the services to be provided to the customer by the supplier (Bendigo Bank as franchisor).	On completion of the provision of the relevant service. Revenue is accrued monthly and paid within 10 business 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 income 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 in the form of commission generated for products and services sold. This commission is recognised at a point in time which reflects when the company has fulfilled its performance obligation.

The company receives trailing commission for products and services sold. Ongoing trailing commission payments are recognised on receipt as there is insufficient detail readily available to estimate the most likely amount of income without a high probability of significant reversal in a subsequent reporting period. The receipt of ongoing trailing commission income is outside the control of the company, and is a significant judgement area.

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.

Note 6. Revenue from contracts with customers (continued)

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 7. Other revenue

	2023 $	2022 $
Market development fund	41,250	51,250
Rental income	6,240	6,240
Other income	21,319	86
	68,809	**57,576**

The company's activities include the generation of income from sources other than the core products under the franchise agreement. Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the company and can be reliably measured.

Revenue stream	Revenue recognition policy
Discretionary financial contributions (also "Market development fund" or "MDF" income)	MDF income is recognised when the right to receive the payment is established. MDF income is discretionary and provided and receivable at month-end and paid within 14 days after month-end.
Rental income	Rental income from owned investment properties, is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease term. If not received at balance date, revenue is reflected on the balance sheet as a receivable and carried at its recoverable amount.
Other income	All other revenues that did not contain contracts with customers are recognised as goods and services are provided.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of GST.

Discretionary financial contributions

In addition to margin, commission and fee income, and separate from the franchise agreement, Bendigo Bank has also made MDF payments to the company.

The amount 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. The company retains control over the funds, the funds are not refundable to Bendigo Bank.

Note 8. Expenses

Employee benefits expense

	2023 $	2022 $
Wages and salaries	650,806	652,973
Non-cash benefits	2,968	(34,129)
Superannuation contributions	65,506	70,619
Expenses related to long service leave	(5,465)	8,203
Other expenses	23,200	47,538
	737,015	**745,204**

Note 8. Expenses (continued)

Depreciation and amortisation expense

	2023 $	2022 $
Depreciation of non-current assets		
Buildings	11,532	11,566
Leasehold improvements	5,353	5,446
Plant and equipment	3,798	2,427
Investment property	1,872	1,878
Motor vehicles	19,993	15,613
	42,548	**36,930**
Amortisation of intangible assets		
Franchise fee	28,314	26,136
	70,862	**63,066**

Finance costs

	2023 $	2022 $
Bank loan interest paid or accrued	**1,909**	**1,655**

Finance costs are recognised as expenses when incurred using the effective interest rate.

Leases recognition exemption

	2023 $	2022 $
Expenses relating to low-value leases	**10,802**	**13,556**

The company pays for the right to use information technology equipment. The underlying assets have been assessed as low value and exempted from recognition under *AASB 16 Leases*. Expenses relating to low-value exempt leases are included in system costs expenses.

Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense

	2023 $	2022 $
Direct donation, sponsorship and grant payments	61,175	42,825
Contribution to the Community Enterprise Foundation™	368,421	-
	429,596	**42,825**

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).

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 9. Income tax

	2023 $	2022 $
Income tax expense		
Current tax	89,906	53,281
Movement in deferred tax	229	9,162
Aggregate income tax expense	**90,135**	**62,443**
Prima facie income tax reconciliation		
Profit before income tax expense	**360,501**	**249,652**
Tax at the statutory tax rate of 25%	90,125	62,413
Tax effect of:		
Non-deductible expenses	10	30
Income tax expense	**90,135**	**62,443**

	2023 $	2022 $
Deferred tax assets/(liabilities)		
Employee benefits	8,499	9,770
Accrued expenses	1,375	750
Income accruals	(108)	(38)
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(3,035)	(2,973)
Prepayments	(1,894)	(2,443)
Deferred tax asset	**4,837**	**5,066**

	2023 $	2022 $
Provision for income tax	**49,148**	**22,885**

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.

Accounting policy for deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, carried-forward tax losses, and unused tax credits to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used.

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.

Deferred tax is measured at the rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and reflects uncertainty related to income taxes, if any.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax and when the balances relate to taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the entity intends to settle its tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

Note 10. Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 $	2022 $
Cash at bank and on hand	794,782	644,917
Term deposits	107,799	107,612
	902,581	**752,529**

Accounting policy for cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and deposits held with banks.

Note 11. Trade and other receivables

	2023 $	2022 $
Trade receivables	**165,947**	**129,983**
Accrued income	436	153
Prepayments	7,575	9,772
	8,011	**9,925**
173,958	**139,908**	

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. Trade receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

Note 12. Property, plant and equipment

	2023 $	2022 $
Land - at cost	**57,511**	**57,511**
Buildings - at cost	461,308	461,308
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(75,055)	(63,523)
	386,253	**397,785**
Leasehold improvements - at cost	227,763	227,763
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(162,636)	(157,283)
	65,127	**70,480**
Plant and equipment - at cost	91,424	90,046
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(74,074)	(70,277)
	17,350	**19,769**
Motor vehicles - at cost	116,428	160,502
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(49,035)	(59,306)
	67,393	**101,196**
	593,634	**646,741**

Note 12. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

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

	Land $	Buildings $	Leasehold improvements $	Plant and equipment $	Motor vehicles $	Total $
Balance at 1 July 2021	57,511	409,351	75,926	18,556	116,809	678,153
Additions	-	-	-	3,640	-	3,640
Depreciation	-	(11,566)	(5,446)	(2,427)	(15,613)	(35,052)
Balance at 30 June 2022	**57,511**	**397,785**	**70,480**	**19,769**	**101,196**	**646,741**
Additions	-	-	-	1,379	-	1,379
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(13,810)	(13,810)
Depreciation	-	(11,532)	(5,353)	(3,798)	(19,993)	(40,676)
Balance at 30 June 2023	**57,511**	**386,253**	**65,127**	**17,350**	**67,393**	**593,634**

Accounting policy for property, plant and equipment

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost or fair value as applicable, less accumulated depreciation. Any gain or loss on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised in profit or loss.

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Depreciation is calculated on a diminishing value and straight-line basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment over their expected useful lives as follows:

Buildings	40 years
Leasehold improvements	2 to 40 years
Plant and equipment	1.5 to 40 years
Motor vehicles	4 years

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

Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the estimated useful life of the assets.

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.

Changes in estimates

During the financial year, the company assessed estimates used for property, plant and equipment including useful lives, residual values, and depreciation methods. There were no changes in estimates for the current reporting period.

Note 13. Financial assets

	2023 $	2022 $
Equity securities - designated at fair value through profit or loss	**31,929**	**31,682**

Accounting policy for financial assets

Financial assets are recognised at their market value. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows have been transferred and the company has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

Note 14. Investment properties

	2023 $	2022 $
Investment property - at cost	103,791	103,791
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(5,632)	(3,760)
	98,159	**100,031**

Reconciliation

Reconciliation of the beginning and end of the current and previous financial year are set out below:

	2023 $	2022 $
Opening amount	100,031	101,909
Depreciation expense	(1,872)	(1,878)
Closing amount	**98,159**	**100,031**

Accounting policy for investment properties

Investment properties principally comprise of freehold land and buildings held for long-term rental and capital appreciation that are not occupied by the company. Investment properties are recognised at cost, less accumulated depreciation.

Investment properties are derecognised when disposed of or when there is no future economic benefit expected.

Note 15. Intangible assets

	2023 $	2022 $
Franchise fee	245,237	245,237
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(216,923)	(188,609)
	28,314	**56,628**

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 2021	82,764
Amortisation expense	(26,136)
Balance at 30 June 2022	**56,628**
Amortisation expense	(28,314)
Balance at 30 June 2023	**28,314**

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:

Asset class	Method	Useful life	Expiry/renewal date
Franchise fee	Straight-line	Over the franchise term (5 years)	August 2024

Note 15. Intangible assets (continued)

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

Change in estimates

During the financial year, the company assessed estimates used for intangible assets including useful lives, residual values, and amortisation methods. There were no changes in estimates for the current reporting period.

Note 16. Trade and other payables

	2023 $	2022 $
Current liabilities		
Trade payables	-	3,493
Other payables and accruals	97,019	185,183
	97,019	**188,676**
Non-current liabilities		
Other payables and accruals	**-**	**30,363**

Accounting policy for trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the company prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

Where the company is liable to settle the amount within 12 months of the reporting date, the liability is classified as current. All other obligations are classified as non-current.

Note 17. Borrowings

	2023 $	2022 $
Current liabilities		
Bank loans	**12,443**	**18,840**
Non-current liabilities		
Bank loans	**-**	**10,530**

Bank loans

Bank loans are repayable monthly. Interest is recognised at rate of 8.39% (2022: 5.14%). The loan is secured by a fixed and floating charge over the company's assets.

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

	2023 $	2022 $
Current liabilities		
Annual leave	**27,099**	**26,880**
Non-current liabilities		
Long service leave	**6,736**	**12,201**

Note 18. Employee benefits (continued)

Accounting policy for employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognised for salary and wages where the employee has provided the service but payment has not yet occurred at the reporting date. They are measured at amounts expected to be paid, plus related on-costs. Non-accumulating sick leave is expensed when the leave is taken and measured at the rates paid or payable.

An annual leave liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid if the company has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be reliably estimated. The company's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as salaries and wages are recognised as part of current trade and other payables in the statement of financial position. The company's obligations for employees' annual leave and long service leave entitlements are recognised in employee benefits in the statement of financial position.

Superannuation contributions

Contributions to superannuation plans are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Short-term employee benefits

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, 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.

Other long-term employee benefits

The company's net obligation in respect of long-term employee benefits is the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior reporting periods.

That benefit is discounted to determine its present value. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels plus related on-costs, experience of employee departures, and years of service achieved. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on high quality corporate bonds with terms to maturity and currencies 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

	2023 Shares	2022 Shares	2023 $	2022 $
Ordinary shares - fully paid	607,169	607,169	607,169	607,169
Less: Equity raising costs	-	-	(27,051)	(27,051)
	607,169	**607,169**	**580,118**	**580,118**

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.

Note 19. Issued capital (continued)

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).

Transfer

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.

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. Retained earnings

	2023 $	2022 $
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	842,092	700,421
Profit after income tax expense for the year	270,366	187,209
Dividends paid (note 22)	(51,609)	(45,538)
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	**1,060,849**	**842,092**

Note 21. 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.

Note 21. Capital management (continued)

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. 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 22. Dividends

Dividends provided for and paid during the period

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.

	2023 $	2022 $
Fully franked dividend of 8.5 cents per share (2022: 7.5 cents)	**51,609**	**45,538**

Franking credits

	2023 $	2022 $
Franking account balance at the beginning of the financial year	269,354	261,013
Franking credits (debits) arising from income taxes paid (refunded)	70,519	23,520
Franking debits from the payment of franked distributions	(17,203)	(15,179)
	322,670	**269,354**
Franking transactions that will arise subsequent to the financial year end:		
Balance at the end of the financial year	322,670	269,354
Franking credits (debits) that will arise from payment (refund) of income tax	49,148	54,756
Franking credits available for future reporting periods	**371,818**	**324,110**

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 in the financial year they are declared.

Note 23. Financial instruments

	2023 $	2022 $
Financial assets		
Trade and other receivables	166,383	130,136
Cash and cash equivalents	902,581	752,529
Financial assets	31,929	31,682
	1,100,893	**914,347**

Note 23. Financial instruments (continued)

	2023 $	2022 $
Financial liabilities		
Trade and other payables	97,019	219,039
Bank loans	12,443	29,370
	109,462	**248,409**

Accounting policy for financial instruments

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity. The company's financial instruments include trade debtors and creditors, cash and cash equivalents, borrowings and equity securities.

Trade receivables are initially recognised at the transaction price when they originated. All other financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs (where applicable), when the company

becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. These assets and liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, except for the equity securities which remain at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL).

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expires or the rights are transferred to another party whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and rewards associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled, or expire. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the company currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and intends either to settle them on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial risk management

The company has exposure to credit, liquidity and market risk arising from financial instruments. The company's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the company. The company does not use derivative instruments. Risk management is carried out directly by the board.

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. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return. The company has no exposure to any transactions denominated in a currency other than Australian dollars.

Interest-bearing assets and liabilities are held with Bendigo Bank and earnings on those are subject to movements in market interest rates. The company held cash and cash equivalents of $902,581 at 30 June 2023 (2022: $752,529).

As at the reporting date, the company had the following variable rate borrowings outstanding:

	2023		2022	
	Nominal interest rate %	Balance $	Nominal interest rate %	Balance $
Bank loans	8.39%	12,443	5.14%	29,370
Net exposure to cash flow interest rate risk		**12,443**		**29,370**

An analysis by remaining contractual maturities is shown in 'liquidity risk' below.

Price risk

The primary goal of the company's investment in equity securities is to hold the investments for the long term for strategic purposes.

Equity Price risk

All of the company's listed equity investments are listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX). Changes in equity securities value is recognised through profit or loss or other comprehensive income.

Note 23. Financial instruments (continued)

	% change increase	Effect on profit before tax	Effect on equity	% change decrease	Effect on profit before tax	Effect on equity
2023						
Equity securities	10%	**3,193**	**2,395**	(10%)	**(3,193)**	**(2,395)**
2022						
Equity securities	10%	**3,168**	**2,376**	(10%)	**(3,168)**	**(2,376)**

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations, and arises principally from the company's receivables from customers.

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.

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.

Exposure to liquidity risk

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.

	1 year or less $	Between 1 and 5 years $	Over 5 years $	Remaining contractual maturities
2023				
Bank loans	12,443	-	-	12,443
Trade and other payables	97,019	-	-	97,019
Total non-derivatives	**109,462**	**-**	**-**	**109,462**
2022				
Bank loans	18,840	10,530	-	29,370
Trade and other payables	188,676	30,363	-	219,039
Total non-derivatives	**207,516**	**40,893**	**-**	**248,409**

Note 24. Fair value measurement

	Level 1 $
2023	
Assets	
Equity securities	31,929
Total assets	**31,929**
2022	
Assets	
Equity securities	31,682
Total assets	**31,682**

There were no transfers between levels during the financial year.

Note 24. Fair value measurement (continued)

Accounting policy for fair value measurement

When an asset or liability, financial or non-financial, is measured at fair value for recognition or disclosure purposes, the fair value is based on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date; and assumes that the transaction will take place either: in the principal market; or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market.

Fair value is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming they act in their economic best interests.

Note 25. Key management personnel disclosures

The following persons were directors of AGT Financial Services Ltd during the financial year and/or up to the date of signing of these Financial Statements.

Matthew John Pearce
Sarah Anne Roche
Donna Marie Martin
Virginia Patricia Goode
William Patrick O'Connell

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 26. Related party transactions

The following transactions occurred with related parties:

	2023 $	2022 $
Director received tickets to Rock the Turf. The total benefit received was:	-	120
Director had their membership of Australian Institute of Company Directors paid for. The total benefit received was:	-	620

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

Note 27. 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:

	2023 $	2022 $
Audit services		
Audit or review of the financial statements	**6,400**	**5,600**
Other services		
General advisory services	5,040	3,450
Share registry services	6,471	6,761
	11,511	**10,211**
	17,911	**15,811**

Note 28. Reconciliation of profit after income tax to net cash provided by operating activities

	2023 $	2022 $
Profit after income tax expense for the year	270,366	187,209
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	70,862	63,066
(Increase)/decrease in fair value of equity instruments designated at FVTPL	(247)	(2,490)
Net loss on disposal of non-current assets	13,810	-

Note 28. Reconciliation of profit after income tax to net cash provided by operating activities (continued)

	2023 $	2022 $
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Increase in trade and other receivables	(34,050)	(26,376)
Decrease in deferred tax assets	229	9,162
Increase in other operating assets	(247)	-
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(94,170)	17,365
Increase in provision for income tax	26,263	29,761
Decrease in employee benefits	(5,246)	(31,842)
Net cash provided by operating activities	**247,570**	**245,855**

Note 29. Earnings per share

	2023 $	2022 $
Profit after income tax	**270,366**	**187,209**

	Number	Number
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share	607,169	607,169
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted earnings per share	**607,169**	**607,169**

	Cents	Cents
Basic earnings per share	44.53	30.83
Diluted earnings per share	44.53	30.83

Accounting policy for earnings per share

Basic and diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to the owners of AGT Financial Services Ltd, by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year.

Note 30. Commitments

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

Note 31. Contingencies

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

Note 32. Events after the reporting period

The board has entered into a conditional Business Sale Agreement with Service One Financial Services Pty Ltd to purchase the business assets, including the revenue right from customer loans, deposits and other revenue generating business, of the Community Bank Tumut for $350,000.

At the date of this report, the Business Sale Agreement has not yet been signed by both parties. As such, no liability has been recognised.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2023 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.

Directors' declaration

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

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 2023 and of its performance for the financial 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 295(5)(a) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

On behalf of the directors

Matthew John Pearce
Chair

25 September 2023

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Independent auditor's report to the Directors of AGT Financial Services Ltd

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of AGT Financial Services Ltd (the company), which comprises:

- Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023
- Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
- Statement of changes in equity
- Statement of cash flows
- Notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies
- The directors' declaration of the company.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of AGT Financial Services Ltd, 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 2023 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.

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Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the company's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2023, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon. The annual report may also include "other information" on the company's operations and financial results and financial position as set out in the financial report, typically in a Chairman's report and Manager's report, and reports covering governance and shareholder matters.

The directors are responsible for the other information. The annual report is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available 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 we identify that a material inconsistency appears to exist when we read the annual report (or become aware that the other information appears to be materially misstated), we will discuss the matter with the directors and where we believe that a material misstatement of the other information exists, we will request management to correct the other information. 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.

The directors are responsible for overseeing the company's financial reporting process.

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.

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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.

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Dated: 25 September 2023

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