

# 2017 Annual Report



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# Chairman's report

### Year Ended 30th June 2017

The 2016/17 financial year saw an improvement in margins and profitability of the **Community Bank®** branch. In 2016/17, revenue was up 21% to \$887,183 (2016: \$732,652). Expenses were up 13% compared to the previous year with the net profit before tax up 140% to \$133,515 (2016: \$55,499). Earnings per share were up at 23.45¢ (2016: 12.39¢). Shareholder equity has increased 7.7% to \$902,562 (2016: \$837,857). We maintained a steady dividend at 8¢ per share.

The 2016/17 year saw significant contribution to revenue arising from the engagement in January 2016 of our Mobile Relationships Manager in Sydney, Corey Rodgers. Corey has continued to perform at a high level bringing almost \$19 million in loans onto our books since engagement. I congratulate Corey on his remarkable achievements. Our improved financial position is due to a mix of reasons including better margins and increased level of business principally attributable to the Sydney activity.

The former revenue share arrangement with Bendigo Bank ceased on 30 June 2016. Since 1 July 2016 revenue has been shared on a new model known as 'Funds Transfer Pricing'. Bendigo Bank provided early comparisons between the profit share under the new model and that which we would have received under the old model. The comparison established we were no worse off with the change although the difference was marginal.

Mark Hunting, Jenny Dutton, Judy Hubbard, Lu Milligan, Vicki Hageman and Debby Thompson have worked enthusiastically and tirelessly to provide a friendly, efficient and customer-focused service. They have responded positively to the changes in our business structure and provided essential back up and support to Corey Rodgers. On behalf of shareholders and the Board I thank our staff for their dedicated service.

On community development, in addition to our regular contributions to community organisations, we contributed to the purchase of a new bus for Grafton Community Bus Inc to enable them to continue their important work. Our **Community Bank®** branch is uniquely positioned to assist the local community in this manner. Your support enables this to happen.

I also thank my fellow Board members for their contribution to the voluntary work of the Board over the past 12 months. During the year Steven Ward resigned from the Board for personal reasons. Steven was an inaugural Board member and provided many years of excellent service to the **Community Bank®** company. I acknowledge Steven's valuable contribution to the success of the **Community Bank®** branch and our company and thank him for his service.

For the year ahead I expect that most of the growth in our lending book will come from the activities of our Mobile Relationships Manager in Sydney. There are changes taking place regarding lending in the Sydney market including concerns expressed by regulators as to the level of home investment lending and lending ratios. I feel further steps will be taken to reduce investment lending and to encourage owner-occupiers, particularly first home buyers. Despite these developments lending continues to grow steadily with a strong pipeline of business. I expect that we will continue this steady growth during 2017/18, even if the focus switches from investors to owner-occupiers.

# Chairman's report (continued)

In conclusion, I thank our customers and shareholders for their continued support of the branch. We appreciate that our customers and shareholders advocate for our branch. We offer an extensive range of services beyond banking. Those services include financial and wealth planning as well as insurance. The current climate presents continued challenges but also opportunities. The Community Bank® branch is well positioned, enjoys a robust balance sheet and continues to receive strong community support.

**Peter James** 

Chairman

# Manager's report

#### Year Ended 30th June 2017

As our 17th full year of business draws to an end, we reflect back on our continued strength in what has been another difficult year for the Clarence Valley. We have though, finished the year stronger than we anticipated. With only nominal changes within the lending environment, our overall performance has been pleasing. Completing our 13th year of profit, we managed to grow our book to just over \$127 million. Considering local market conditions which together with a stressed global and national economy, it is considered a very solid result. Our market share remains sound, and we continue to welcome and explore new business opportunities whenever they arise.

As at 30 June 2017, customer numbers remain steady at 2,744. Staff completed 31,085 cross counter transactions, an average of 598 per week.

Our ATM continues to provide a reliable service for both Bendigo Bank and other bank customers. This last financial year saw an increase from 2016 with transactions totaling 54,121, an average of 1,040 transactions per week.

This year saw us consolidate our new expanded team with both our Financial Planner in Sarah Woods and our Mobile Lender based out of Sydney in Corey Rodgers contributing to our results. As anticipated, Corey is writing business for us in a market space that we would normally have trouble accessing and Sarah has added depth to the list of services we can now offer our customers. Both have made a solid contribution to our overall results this year.

Of course our existing team of dedicated staff, Jenny, Judy, Lu, Vicki and Debby, together with our business banking team of Brett and Anna, continue to provide a high standard of service in a happy, caring and friendly environment. It is this level of service that helps set us apart from our competition.

I would also like to personally thank the continued dedication and support of the Directors, and the ongoing

loyalty and support of shareholders and customers. Together, their support is highly valued and is the key to the ongoing success of this business.

We continue to be involved with many different sponsorships throughout the Clarence Valley. Too many to mention individually, this year we have put back in excess of \$29,753 into our local community via school groups, sporting groups / clubs, cultural and community associations.

It is because of this **Community Bank®** model and our customers who support and bank with us that we are able to continue to assist these organisations within the community. Again I thank more than 2,700 customers who do business with us that has made this return of capital to the community possible.

**Mark Hunting** 

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Manager

# Bendigo & Adelaide Bank report

### Year Ended 30th June 2017

As we approach 20 years since the first Community Bank® branch opened its doors, it's timely to reflect on the role of our network's 70,000-strong shareholders and its army of nearly 2,000 passionate local Directors. As a group of people you are a powerful force that continues to influence change both locally and nationally. United for a shared purpose in your communities, you are making big things happen beyond the delivery of great banking products and services; you're creating jobs, helping businesses to thrive, solving problems and achieving outcomes that will make your communities better places to live and do business. Amongst other things, you are providing hundreds of thousands of people in communities around Australia with new opportunities to:

- Play sport in new Community Bank® funded centres.
- Continue their education thanks to a **Community Bank®** scholarship.
- Seek treatment in hospitals closer to home with equipment funded through a **Community Bank®** grant.
- Reap the environmental benefits of Community Bank® funded solar panels and LED lighting, and
- Access mental health services for teenage children with a service supported by a local

# Community Bank® branch.

In fact, since the model's inception your investment in local communities exceeds \$165 million and that figure continues to grow every year. This amount excludes the significant co-investment on key projects that many companies have obtained from Government and other parties. Nationally our voices are increasingly being heard, and our collaborative approach recognised and celebrated. Representing us all at a recent forum at Canberra's Parliament House, Bendigo Bank's Managing Director and

Chairman reinforced the significance of the Community Bank® model's achievements and called for regulatory change that would help us compete in a crowded and ever-evolving banking sector. Just two months later, the Federal Government announced a levy on Australia's biggest banks that is set to re-level the playing field as we've regularly advocated for.

But for us this is more than a levy. The Turnbull Government's announcement recognises the importance of customers having access to a robust, competitive and customer-focused banking sector. On this note Bendigo Bank was recently recognised as the banking provider of choice in the annual Mozo People's Choice Awards. Better yet, out of 110 banking providers nationally, we were the only bank recognised in all eight banking categories - and were rated the leading bank in six of those eight categories.

This is an extraordinary achievement for you and our bank. Not only does it demonstrate that, in the eyes of our customers, we are doing something right – it very clearly outlines that together we can continue to achieve results. As we've long known, the more successful our customers are, the stronger our communities become. In this regard the Community Bank® model enables these outcomes for customers and communities, as increasingly recognised by more and more Australians.

So thank you for your investment in your local Community Bank® company, for your ongoing contribution and support, tireless advocacy and continued commitment to building strong local communities. Without this, our Community Bank® branches would be just another bank.

**Robert Musgrove** 

**Executive Community Engagement** 

# Treasurer's report

### Year Ended 30th June 2017

As the table below indicates the 2016/17 financial year shows an improved profit after tax compared with the previous three years.

The Community Bank is still operating in a low interest, and subdued economic environment. With increased local and metropolitan efforts from the Manager, Staff, and Mobile Lender our revenues have increased. Employment costs have increased but most other costs have been contained.

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues	887,183	732,652	696,109	704,595	727,869
Employee Expenses	522,765	444,745	366,343	339,755	351,792
Depreciation/Amortisation	30,487	32,981	33,209	33,702	32,865
Other Expenses	188,813	177,460	185,662	170,446	164,453
Charitable Donations & Sponsorships	11,603	21,967	35,447	45,080	38,198
Profit After Tax	98,202	51,857	52,036	80,468	114,459

Some comments can be made:-

- 1. The Board has continued to be very prudent in its decision making process. It is very aware of the risk capital shareholders contributed at the establishment of our **Community Bank®** and a priority is to enhance that investment.
- 2. In early 2016, the Board appointed a Sydney based Mobile Lender. The Board was aware the cost of this appointment would initially exceed revenue generated.
- Over the next 2–3 years it is expected negative cash flows will be recouped and a positive contribution will be made to the company's profitability.
- 3. The company's balance sheet shows the company is in a strong financial position. Apart from Term Deposits of some \$630,000 the company is also building a listed share portfolio (cost of \$122,680 at 30 June 2017). Employee Provisions increased by \$19,226 to \$68,692. Shareholder equity increased to \$902,562.
- 4. During the year moneys the company had transferred to the Community Enterprise Foundation were accessed by some Community groups including South Grafton's own Pelican Playhouse. The 'Pelican' used their moneys to make a significant improvement to the outside of the Theatre building. Subsequent to year end Foundation moneys will be used to assist in the purchase of a new Community Bus for Grafton.

In the near future it is unlikely buoyant economic conditions will emerge. The challenge is therefore to concentrate on what we do well and manage the company in a prudent way. The company is currently financially stable and the Board has maintained the dividend rate it has declared over the last few years. The message to all is `why would you bank anywhere else'.

Derek W Alden B.Econ (Syd) FCA

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Treasurer

# **Directors' report**

The Directors present their report of the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

### **Directors**

The following persons were Directors of Clarence Valley Community Financial Services Limited during or since the end of the financial year up to the date of this report:

Name and Position Held	Qualifications	Experience and Other Directorships
Peter James Director since 11/08/2000 Chairman	B. Juris, LLB	Director - Naupe Holdings Pty Ltd, GSD Distributors Pty Ltd, Solicitor in private practice since 1978. Former Councillor of Grafton City Council.
Laurence Marchant Director since 11/08/2000 Director Resigned 10/11/2016	Chartered Engineer Bachelor Economics Grad Dip. Econometrics Master Economics, OA	Chief Engineer for Power Supply Authority - 22 years.
Stephen Ward Director since 11/08/2000 Director Resigned 07/03/2017	Accounting Certificate	30 years as Small Business proprietor.
Derek Alden Director since 11/08/2000 Director	B. Econ (Syd) F.C.A. JP	Many years Principal of Chartered Accountancy practice. Treasurer since commencement of Community Bank.
Mervyn Smidt Director since 15/09/2003 Director	Motor Engineer	Director - Smidt Holdings Pty Ltd. Treasurer - South Grafton Neighbourhood Watch. Salvation Army Church Council Member.
Anthony Wade Director since 11/08/2000 Director	Chef Aborist	Self employed for majority of working life. Former Councillor.
lan McGaw Director since 15/09/2003 Director	No Tertiary Qualifications	Over 40 years in planning, organising, displaying and reporting for agricultural exhibitions. Past Director- 22 years Caringa Enterprises Life Member Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

# Directors' report (continued)

Name and Position Held	Qualifications	Experience and Other Directorships
<b>Brian Heath</b> Director since 05/06/2008 Director	Bachelor of Science Diploma in Education	Principal of a Secondary School (6 years). Youth Director Grafton Rotary Club (4 years).
Karen Toms Director since 08/03/2012 Director	Certificate IV Business Administration	Councillor Clarence Valley Council, Director- JKT & Sons Pty Ltd, Member and Chair of numerous Clarence Valley Council and external organisations advisory commitees.
Tania Williams Director since 14/04/2016 Director	B Arts Grad. Cert. Leadership	Experience in the media and education sectors. Substantial small business experience, hospitality and event management.

Directors were in office for this entire year unless otherwise stated. Apart from as detailed in Note 19(c) no Directors have material interests in contracts or proposed contracts with the company.

# **Directors' meetings**

Attendances by each Director during the year were as follows:

Director	Board meetings
Α	В
Peter James 11	12
Laurence Marchant 0	5
Stephen Ward 7	8
Derek Alden 10	12
Mervyn Smidt 11	12
Anthony Wade 9	12
lan McGaw 11	12
Brian Heath 11	12
Karen Toms 6	12
Tania Williams 10	12

A - The number of meetings attended.

B - The number of meetings eligible to attend.

# Directors' report (continued)

### **Company Secretary**

Brian Heath has been the Company Secretary of Clarence Valley Community Financial Services Limited since 2017.

### **Principal activities**

The principal activities of the company during the course of the financial year were in providing **Community Bank®** branch services under management rights to operate a franchised branch of Bendigo and Adelaide
Bank Limited. There has been no significant changes in the nature of these activities during the year.

### **Review of operations**

The profit of the company for the financial year after provision for income tax was \$98,202 (2016 profit: \$51,857), which is a 90% increase as compared with the previous year. Increased banking activity and favourable margin rates have contributed to the improved results.

#### **Dividends**

A fully franked final dividend of 8 cents per share was declared and paid during the year for the year ended 30 June 2016.

## **Options**

No options over issued shares were granted during or since the end of the financial year and there were no options outstanding as at the date of this report.

## Significant changes in the state of affairs

No significant changes in the company's state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

## Events subsequent to the end of the reporting period

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year that significantly affect or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years

### Likely developments

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

### **Environmental regulations**

The company is not subject to any significant environmental regulation.

### **Indemnifying Officers or Auditor**

The company has agreed to indemnify each Officer (Director, Secretary or Employee) out of assets of the company to the relevant extent against any liability incurred by that person arising out of the discharge of their duties, except where the liability arises out of conduct involving dishonesty, negligence, breach of duty or the lack of good faith. The company also has Officers Insurance for the benefit of Officers of the company against any liability incurred by the Officer, which includes the Officer's liability for legal costs, in or arising out of the conduct of the business of the company or in or arising out of the discharge of the Officer's duties.

Disclosure of the nature of the liability and the amount of the premium is prohibited by the confidentiality clause of the contract of insurance. The company has not provided any insurance for an Auditor of the company.

# Directors' report (continued)

# Proceedings on behalf of company

No person has applied for leave of court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or 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 any part of those proceedings. The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

# Auditor independence declaration

A copy of the Auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out at page 11 of this financial report. No Officer of the company is or has been a partner of the Auditor of the company.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors at Grafton on 25 September 2017.

**Peter James** 

Chairman

# Auditor independence declaration



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Auditor's Independence Declaration under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* to the Directors of Clarence Valley Community Financial Services Limited.

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2017 there has been no contraventions of:

- the Auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

RSD Audit Chartered Accountants

**Kathie Teasdale** 

Partner Bendigo

Dated: 25 September 2017





# **Financial Statements**

Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended June 30 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Revenue	2	887,183	732,652
Expenses			
Employee benefits expense	3	(522,765)	(444,745)
Depreciation and amortisation	3	(30,487)	(32,981)
Finance costs	3	(36)	-
Bad and doubtful debts expense	3	(193)	95
Administration and general costs		(106,888)	(88,165)
Occupancy expenses		(28,541)	(33,312)
IT costs		(22,457)	(23,174)
ATM expenses		(16,004)	(16,335)
Other expenses		(14,694)	(16,569)
		(742,065)	(655,186)
Operating profit before charitable donations & sponsorships		145,118	77,466
Charitable donations and sponsorships		(11,603)	(21,967)
Profit before income tax		133,515	55,499
Income tax expense	4	(35,313)	(3,642)
Profit for the year		98,202	51,857
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	_	98,202	51,857
Profit attributable to members of the company		98,202	51,857
Total comprehensive income attributable to company member	rs <u> </u>	98,202	51,857

Earnings per share for profit from continuing operations attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the company (cents per share):

- basic earnings per share

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# Financial Statements (continued) Statement of financial position as at June 30 2017

Assets	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	126,105	30,362
Trade and other receivables	6	94,429	72,773
Financial assets	7	752,416	740,558
Current tax asset	4	_	4,288
Total current assets		972,950	847,981
Non-current assets			
Plant and equipment	8	6,739	16,313
Intangible assets	9	39,539	50,836
Deferred tax assets	4	17,058	12,173
Total non-current assets		63,336	79,322
Total assets		1,036,268	927,303
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	38,103	39,980
Current tax liability	4	26,929	-
Provisions	12	61,381	24,640
Total current liabilities	,	126,413	64,620
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions	12	7,311	24,826
Deferred tax liability	4	-	
Total non-current liabilities	,	7,311	24,826
Total liabilities		133,724	89,446
Net assets		902,562	837,857
Equity			
Issued capital	13	418,708	418,708
Retained earnings	14	383,854	319,149
Reserves	16	100,000	100,000
Total equity		902,562	837,857
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# Financial Statements (continued) Statement of changes in equity for the year ended June 30 2017

	Note	Issued Capital \$	Retained Earnings \$	Reserves \$	Total Equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2015		418,708	300,789	100,000	819,497
Profit for the year		-	51,857	_	51,857
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-	_	_
Total comprehensive income for the year			51,857	-	51,857
Transactions with owners, in their capacity as owners					
Dividends paid or provided	15	-	(33,497)	-	(33,497)
Balance at 30 June 2016		418,708	319,149	100,000	837,857
Balance at 1 July 2016		418,708	319,149	100,000	837,857
Profit for the year		-	98,202	-	98,202
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	_	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	98,202	-	98,202
Transactions with owners, in their capacity as owners					
Dividends paid or provided	15	_	(33,497)	-	(33,497)
Balance at 30 June 2017		418,708	383,854	100,000	902,562

# Financial Statements (continued) Statement of cash flows for the year ended June 30 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		•	•
Receipts from customers		933,666	783,344
Payments to suppliers and employees		(794,441)	(710,850)
Dividends received		4,921	4,951
Interest paid		(36)	-
Interest received		13,655	16,540
Income tax paid		(8,981)	(23,194)
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	18b	148,784	70,791
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of plant and equipment		(9,616)	(2,165)
Purchase of investments		(11,848)	(32,159)
Purchase of intangible assets		-	(56,484)
Net cash flows from / (used in) investing activities	-	(21,464)	(90,808)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from borrowings		-	-
Repayment of borrowings		-	-
Dividends paid	_	(31,577)	(33,497)
Net cash provided by / (used in) financing activities		(31,577)	(33,497)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held	-	95,743	(53,514)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		30,362	83,876
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	18a -	126,105	30,362

# **Notes to Financial Statements**

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017

These financial statements and notes represent those of Clarence Valley Community Financial Services Limited. Clarence Valley Community Financial Services Limited ('the company') is a company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Directors on 25 September 2017.

# 1. Summary of significant accounting policies (a) Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. The company is a for profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

# Economic dependency

The company has entered into a franchise agreement with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited that governs the management of the **Community Bank®** branch at South Grafton.

The branch operates as a franchise of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited, using the name "Bendigo Bank", the logo, and systems of operation of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited. The company manages the **Community Bank®** branch on behalf of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited, however, all transactions with customers conducted through the **Community Bank®** branch are effectively conducted between the customers and Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited.

All deposits are made with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited, and all personal and investment products are products of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited, 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 and Adelaide Bank Limited, must be approved by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited. All credit transactions are made with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited, and all credit products are products of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited.

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited provides significant assistance in establishing and maintaining the **Community Bank®** branch 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 in relation to:

- Advice and assistance in relation to the design, layout and fit out of the Community Bank® branch;
- Training for the Branch Managers 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; and
- Sale techniques and proper customer relations.

# 1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

### (b) Impairment of assets

At the end of each reporting period, the company assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. The assessment will include the consideration of external and internal sources of information. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less cost to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount in accordance with another Standard. Any impairment loss of a revalued asset is treated as a revaluation decrease in accordance with that other Standard.

### (c) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

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 ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

### (d) New and amended accounting policies adopted by the company

There are no new and amended accounting policies that have been adopted by the company this financial year.

## (e) Comparitive figures

When required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

#### (f) Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The Directors evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the company. Estimates and judgements are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revision to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected. The estimates and judgements that have a significant risk of causing material adjustments to the carrying values of assets and liabilities are as follows:

#### 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 intangible assets. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where useful lives are less than previously estimated lives.

#### Fair value assessment of non-current physical assets

The AASB 13 Fair Value standard requires fair value assessments that may involve both complex and significant judgement and experts. The value of land and buildings may be materially misstated and potential classification and disclosure risks may occur.

# 1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

### (f) Critical accounting estimates and judgements (continued)

## Employee benefits provision

Assumptions are required for wage growth and CPI movements. The likelihood of employees reaching unconditional service is estimated. The timing of when employee benefit obligations are to be settled is also estimated.

#### Income tax

The company is subject to income tax. Significant judgement is required in determining the deferred tax asset. Deferred tax assets are recognised only when it is considered sufficient future profits will be generated. The assumptions made regarding future profits is based on the company's assessment of future cash flows.

### **Impairment**

The company assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluating conditions and events specific to the company that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value in use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

### (g) New accounting standards for application in future periods

The AASB has issued a number of new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods, some of which are relevant to the company. The company has decided not to early adopt any of the new and amended pronouncements. The company's assessment of the new and amended pronouncements that are relevant to the company but applicable in the future reporting periods is set below:

# (i) AASB 9 Financial Instruments and associated Amending Standards (applicable for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018)

AASB 9 introduces new requirements for the classification and measurement of financial assets and liabilities and includes a forward-looking 'expected loss' impairment model and a substantially-changed approach to hedge accounting.

These requirements improve and simplify the approach for classification and measurement of financial assets compared with the requirements of AASB 139.

The main changes are:

- a) Financial assets that are debt instruments will be classified based on:
  - (i) the objective of the entity's business model for managing the financial assets; and
  - (ii) the characteristics of the contractual cash flows.
- b) Allows an irrevocable election on initial recognition to present gains and losses on investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading in other comprehensive income (instead of in profit or loss). Dividends in respect of these investments that are a return on investment can be recognised in profit or loss and there is no impairment or recycling on disposal of the instrument.
- c) Introduces a 'fair value through other comprehensive income' measurement category for particular simple debt instruments.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

# (g) New accounting standards for application in future periods (continued)

d) Financial assets can be designated and measured at fair value through profit or loss at initial recognition if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would arise from measuring assets or liabilities, or recognising the gains and losses on them, on different bases.
e) Where the fair value option is used for financial liabilities the change in fair value is to be accounted for as follows:

- the change attributable to changes in credit risk are presented in Other Comprehensive Income (OCI)
- the remaining change is presented in profit or loss If this approach creates or enlarges an accounting mismatch in the profit or loss, the effect of the changes in credit risk are also presented in profit or loss. Otherwise, the following requirements have generally been carried forward unchanged from AASB 139 into AASB 9:
- classification and measurement of financial liabilities; and
- derecognition requirements for financial assets and liabilities

AASB 9 requirements regarding hedge accounting represent a substantial overhaul of hedge accounting that enable entities to better reflect their risk management activities in the financial statements.

Furthermore, AASB 9 introduces a new impairment model based on expected credit losses. This model makes use of more forward-looking information and applies to all financial instruments that are subject to impairment accounting.

When this standard is first adopted for the year ending 30 June 2019, there will be no material impact on the transactions and balances recognised in the financial statements.

# (ii) AASB 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2018)

When effective, this Standard will replace the current accounting requirements applicable to revenue with a single, principles-based model. Except for a limited number of exceptions, including leases, the new revenue model in AASB 15 will apply to all contracts with customers as well as non-monetary exchanges between entities in the same line of business to facilitate sales to customers and potential customers.

The core principle of the Standard is that an entity will recognise revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for the goods or services. To achieve this objective, AASB 15 provides the following five-step process:

- identify the contract(s) with customers;
- identify the performance obligations in the contract(s);
- determine the transaction price;
- allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract(s); and
- recognise revenue when (or as) the performance obligations are satisfied.

This Standard will require retrospective restatement, as well as enhanced disclosure regarding revenue. When this Standard is first adopted for the year ending 30 June 2019, it is not expected that there will be a material impact on the transactions and balances recognised in the financial statements.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

# (g) New accounting standards for application in future periods (continued)

# (iii) AASB 16: Leases (applicable for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2019)

#### AASB 16:

- replaces AASB 117 Leases and some lease-related Interpretations;
- requires all leases to be accounted for 'on-balance sheet' by lessees, other than short-term and low value asset leases;
- provides new guidance on the application of the definition of lease and on sale and lease back accounting;
- largely retains the existing lessor accounting requirements in AASB 117; and
- requires new and different disclosures about leases.

The entity is yet to undertake a detailed assessment of the impact of AASB 16. However, based on the entity's preliminary assessment, the Standard is not expected to have a material impact on the transactions and balances recognised in the financial statements when it is first adopted for the year ending 30 June 2020.

#### 2. Revenue

Revenue arises from the rendering of services through its franchise agreement with the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited. The revenue recognised is measured by reference to the fair value of consideration received or receivable, excluding sales taxes, rebates, and trade discounts.

The entity applies the revenue recognition criteria set out below to each separately identifiable sales transaction in order to reflect the substance of the transaction.

### Rendering of services

The entity generates service commissions on a range of products issued by the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited. The revenue includes upfront and trailing commissions, sales fees and margin fees.

#### Interest, dividend and other income

Interest income is recognised on an accrual basis using the effective interest rate method.

Dividend and other revenue is recognised when the right to the income has been established. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

# 2. Revenue (continued)

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Revenue		
Service commisions	867,145	711,161
	867,145	711,161
Other revenue		
Interest received	15,117	16,540
Other revenue	4,921	4,951
	20,038	21,491
Total revenue	887,183	732,652

### 3. Expenses

### Operating expenses

Operating expenses are recognised in profit or loss on an accruals basis, which is typically upon utilisation of the service or at the date upon which the entity becomes liable.

### Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are capitalised during the period of time that is necessary to complete and prepare the asset for its intended use or sale. Other borrowing costs are expensed in the period in which they are incurred and reported in finance costs.

#### Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated over the asset's useful life to the company commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are:

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Class of asset	Rate	Method
Leasehold improvements	20%	SL
Plant and equipment	100%	SL

SL = Straight line depreciation

# Gains/losses upon disposal of non-current assets

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

# 3. Expenses (continued)

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Profit before income tax includes the following specific expenses:		
Employee benefits expense		
Wages and salaries	417,990	378,472
Superannuation costs	65,260	45,306
Other costs	39,515	20,967
	522,765	444,745
Depreciation and amortisation		
Depreciation		
Plant and equipment	11,097	4,129
Leasehold improvements	8,093	19,964
•	19,190	24,093
Amortisation		
Franchise fees	11,297	8,888
Total depreciation and amortisation	30,487	32,981
Finance costs		
Interest paid	36	-
Bad and doubtful debts expenses / (recovery)	193	(95)
Auditors' remuneration		
Remuneration of the Auditor, Richmond, Sinnott & Delahunty, for:		
Audit or review of the financial report	5,650	5,100

#### 4. Income tax

The income tax expense for the year comprises current income tax expense and deferred tax expense. Current income tax expense charged to profit or loss is the tax payable on taxable income. Current tax liabilities are measured at the amounts expected to be paid to the relevant taxation authority. Deferred income tax expense reflects movements in deferred tax asset and deferred tax liability balances during the year as well as unused tax losses. Deferred tax assets relating to temporary differences and unused tax losses are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the benefits of the deferred tax asset can be utilised. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, and their measurement also reflects the manner in which management expects to recover or settle the carrying amount of the related asset or liability.

# Notes to Financial Statements (continued) 4. Income tax (continued)

Current tax expense		2017 \$	2016
Deferred tax expense relating   (4,885)   (381)   Recoupment of franking credits   (1,935)   (1,980)   (1,980)   (1,1920)   (1,1792)   (1,179	a) The components of tax expense comprise:	Ψ	Þ
Name	Current tax expense	42,133	17,795
Dimonal Provision of prior years   1	Deferred tax expense relating	(4,885)	
b) Prima facie tax payable         35,313         3,642           The prima facie tax on profit from ordinary activities before income tax is reconciled to the income tax expense as follows:         15,817           Prima facie tax on profit before income tax at 27.5% (2016: 29.5%)         36,717         15,817           Less imputation credits         (1,935)         (1,980)           Add tax effect of:         (10,935)         564           Under/(Over) provision of prior years         - (11,792)         (11,792)           Change in company tax rates         - 1,033         1,033           Income tax attributable to the entity         35,313         3,642           The applicable weighted average effective tax rate is:         26.45%         6.56%           c) Current tax liability:         Current tax relates to the following: Current tax liabilities/(assets)         4,288         3,091           Opening balance         (4,288)         3,091         1,093         1,795           Recoupment of franking credits         (1,935)         (1,980)         26,929         (4,288)         1,980           Operired tax assets:         Deferred tax relates to the following:         Employee provisions         18,890         13,603           Deferred tax liabilities balance comprises:         2,430         1,430           Accruel inc	Recoupment of franking credits	(1,935)	(1,980)
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Accrued income 1,832 1,430		- 18,890	- 13,603
	Deferred tax liabilities balance comprises:		
Net deferred tax asset / liability 17,058 12,173	Accrued income	1,832	1,430
	Net deferred tax asset / liability	17,058	12,173

# 4. Income tax (continued)

### e) Deferred income tax expense included in income tax expense comprises:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Decrease/ (increase) in deferred tax assets	(5,287)	2,246
(Decrease) /increase in deferred tax liabilities	402	(2,627)
Under/ (over) provision in prior years	<u> </u>	(11,792)
	(4,885)	12,173

### 5. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits available on demand with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are reported within short-term borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Cash at bank and on hand	126,105	30,362
	126,105	30,362

#### 6. Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less any provision for doubtful debts. Trade and other receivables are due for settlement usually no more than 30 days from the date of recognition. Collectability of trade and other receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts, which are known to be uncollectable, are written off. A provision for doubtful debts is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. The amount of the provision is the difference between the assets carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rate. The amount of the provision is recognised in the profit or loss account.

2017 \$	2016 \$
87,768	67,574
6,661	5,199
94,429	72,773
	\$ 87,768 6,661

#### Credit Risk

The main source of credit risk relates to a concentration of trade receivables owing by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited, which is the source of the majority of the company's income.

The following table details the company's trade and other receivables exposed to credit risk (prior to collateral and other credit enhancements) with ageing analysis and impairment provided for thereon. Amounts are considered as "past due" when the debt has not been settled, within the terms and conditions agreed between the company and the customer or counterparty to the transaction. Receivables that are past due are assessed for impairment by ascertaining solvency of the debtors and are provided for where there are specific circumstances indicating that the debt may not be fully repaid to the company.

The balances of receivables that remain within initial trade terms (as detailed in the table below) are considered to be high credit quality.

6. Trade and other receivables (continued)

	Gross amount	Not past due	Past due but not impaired <30 days 31-60 days >60 days			Past due & impaired
2017	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Trade receivables	87,768	87,768	-	-	-	-
Other receivables	6,661	6,661				
Total	94,429	94,429				-
2016						
Trade receivables	67,574	67,574	-	-	-	-
Other receivables	5,199	5,199				
Total	72,773	72,773				·

#### 7. Financial assets

#### Classification of financial assets

The company classifies its financial assets in the following categories:

- loans and receivables,
- held to maturity investments, and
- available for sale assets.

The classification depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired. Management determines the classification of its investments at initial recognition and, in the case of assets classified as held-to-maturity, reevaluates this designation at the end of each reporting period.

#### Loans and receivables

This category is the most relevant to the company. Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are included in current assets, except for those with maturities greater than 12 months after the period end, which are classified as noncurrent assets. Loans and receivables are included in trade and other receivables in the statement of financial position.

### Held to maturity investments

The company classifies investments as held-to-maturity if:

- they are non-derivative financial assets
- they are quoted in an active market
- they have fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities
- the company intends to, and is able to, hold them to maturity.

Held-to-maturity financial assets are included in non-current assets, except for those with maturities less than 12 months from the end of the reporting period, which would be classified as current assets.

# 7. Financial assets (continued)

### Classification of financial assets (continued)

#### Available for sale financial asset

Investments are designated as available-for-sale financial assets if they do not have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments, and management intends to hold them for the medium to long-term. Financial assets that are not classified into any of the other categories (at FVPL, loans and receivables or held-to-maturity investments) are also included in the available-for-sale category.

The financial assets are presented as non-current assets unless they mature, or management intends to dispose of them within 12 months of the end of the reporting period.

#### Measurement of financial assets

At initial recognition, the group measures a financial asset at its fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset.

Loans and receivables and held-to-maturity investments are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Amortised cost is calculated as the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition less principal repayments and any reduction for impairment, and adjusted for any cumulative amortisation of the difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that discount estimated future cash payments or receipts over the expected life (or where this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying amount with a consequential recognition of an income or expense item in the profit or loss.

Available-for-sale financial assets and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are subsequently carried at fair value. Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value are recognised as follows:

- for 'financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' in profit or loss within other income or other expenses
- for available-for-sale financial assets that are monetary securities denominated in a foreign currency translation differences related to changes in the amortised cost of the security are recognised in profit or loss
- for other monetary and non-monetary securities classified as available-for-sale in other comprehensive income.

#### Impairment of financial assets

The company assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a 'loss event') and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated. In the case of equity investments classified as available-for-sale, a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the security below its cost is considered an indicator that the assets are impaired.

## Assets carried at amortised cost

For loans and receivables, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of

## 7. Financial assets (continued)

### Classification of financial assets (continued)

Assets carried at amortised cost (continued)

the asset is reduced and the amount of the loss is recognised in profit or loss. If a loan or held-to-maturity investment has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract. As a practical expedient, the company may measure impairment on the basis of an instrument's fair value using an observable market price. If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised (such as an improvement in the debtor's credit rating), the reversal of the previously recognised impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

#### Assets classified as available for sale

If there is objective evidence of impairment for available-for-sale financial assets, the cumulative loss – measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognised in profit or loss – is removed from equity and recognised in profit or loss. Impairment losses on equity instruments that were recognised in profit or loss are not reversed through profit or loss in a subsequent period. If the fair value of a debt instrument classified as available-for-sale increases in a subsequent period and the increase can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised in profit or loss, the impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss.

### Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expire or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the related obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of noncash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

As at 30 June 2017 financial assets of the company comprise	2017 \$	2016 \$
Held to maturity financial assets		
Term deposits	629,736	638,053
Available for sale financial assets		
Listed investments	122,680	102,505
	752,416	740,558

# 8. Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment. In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present. The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by Directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the asset's employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Subsequent costs are included in the assets carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are recognised as expenses in profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred. The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

	2017 \$	2016
Leasehold improvements	<b>J</b>	\$
At cost	99,823	99,823
Less accumulated depreciation	(99,823)	(91,730)
	-	8,093
Plant and equipment		
At cost	55,190	45,574
Less accumulated depreciation	(48,451)	(37,354)
	6,739	8,220
Total plant and equipment	6,739	16,313
a) Movements in carrying amounts Leasehold improvements		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	8,093	28,057
Depreciation expense	(8,093)	(19,964)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	-	8,093
Plant and equipment		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	8,220	10,184
Additions	9,616	2,165
Depreciation expense	(11,097)	(4,129)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	6,739	8,220
Total plant and equipment		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	16,313	38,241
Additions	9,616	2,165
Depreciation expense	(19,190)	(24,093)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	6,739	16,313

# 9. Intangible Assets

Franchise fees have been initially recorded at cost and amortised on a straight line basis at a rate of 20% per annum. The current amortisation charges for intangible assets are included under depreciation and amortisation in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

	2017	2016
Franchise fee	\$	\$
At cost	56,484	56,484
Less accumulated amortisation	(16,945)	(5,648)
	39,539	50,836
Preliminary expenses		
At cost	-	38,115
Less accumulated amortisation	-	(38,115)
	-	-
Total intangible assets	39,539	50,836
a) Movements in carrying amounts		
Franchise fee		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	50,836	3,240
Additions	-	56,484
Amortisation expense	(11,297)	(8,888)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	39,539	50,836
Total intangible assets		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	50,836	3,240
Additions	-	56,484
Amortisation expense	(11,297)	(8,888)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	39,539	50,836

# 10. Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities for goods and services received by the entity that remain unpaid at the end of the reporting period. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

10. Trade and other payables (continued)

Current	2017 ¢	2016 \$
Current	Þ	Þ
Unsecured liabilities		
Trade creditors	14,845	15,150
Other creditors and accruals	23,258	24,830
	38,103	39,980

The average credit period on trade and other payables is one month.

#### 11. Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities include trade payables, other creditors, loans from third parties and loans from or other amounts due to related entities. Financial liabilities are classified as current liabilities unless the company has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. Financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs, except where the instrument is classified as "fair value through profit or loss", in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately. Nonderivative financial liabilities other than financial guarantees are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial liability is derecognised.

#### 12. Provisions

#### Short-term employee benefits

Provision is made for the company's obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The liability for annual leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables.

### Other long-term employee benefits

Provision is made for employees' long service leave and annual leave entitlements not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Other long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Any remeasurement for changes in assumptions of obligations for other long-term employee benefits are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the changes occur.

The company's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current provisions in its statement of financial position, except where the company does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current provisions.

# 12. Provisions (continued)

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Current	*	•
Employee benefits	61,381	24,640
Non-current		
Employee benefits	7,311	24,826
Total provisions	68,692	49,466
<ul><li>13. Share capital</li><li>Ordinary shares are classified as equity.</li><li>418,708 Ordinary shares fully paid</li></ul>	418,708 <b>418,708</b>	418,708 418,708
Movements in share capital		
Fully Paid ordinary shares: At the beginning of the reporting period Shares issued during the year At the end of the reporting period	418,708 	418,708 

Ordinary shares participate in dividends and the proceeds on winding up of the company in proportion to the number of shares held. At the shareholders' meetings each shareholder is entitled to one vote when a poll is called, or on a show of hands. The company does not have authorised capital or par value in respect of its issued shares. All issued shares are fully paid. All shares rank equally with regard to the company's residual assets.

### Capital management

The Board's policy is to maintain a strong capital base so as to sustain future development of the company. The Board of Directors monitor the return on capital and the level of dividends to shareholders. Capital is represented by total equity as recorded in the Statement of Financial Position.

In accordance with the franchise agreement, in any 12 month period, the funds distributed to shareholders shall not exceed the Distribution Limit.

- (i) the Distribution Limit is the greater of:
  - (a) 20% of the profit or funds of the company otherwise available for distribution to shareholders in that 12 month period; and
  - (b) subject to the availability of distributable profits, the Relevant Rate of Return multiplied by the average level of share capital of the Franchisee over that 12 month period; and
- (ii) 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%.

# 13. Share Capital (continued)

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 can be seen in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Comprehensive Income.

There were no changes in the company's approach to capital management during the year.

14. Retained earnings	2017 \$	2016 \$
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	319,149	300,789
Profit after income tax	98,202	51,857
Dividends paid	(33,497)	(33,497)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	383,854	319,149
15. Dividends paid or provided for on ordinary shares		
Dividends paid or provided for during the year	2017	2016

Dividends paid or provided for during the year	2017	2016
Final ordinary dividend of 8 cents per share (2016: 8 cents) fully	\$	\$
franked at the tax rate of 27.5% (2016: 28.5%).	(33,497)	(33,497)

A provision is made for the amount of any dividends declared, authorised and no longer payable at the discretion of the entity on or before the end of the financial year, but not distributed at balance date.

#### 16. Reserves

The reserve represents the establishment of a dividend equalisation reserve out of retained earnings.

	2017	2016
Dividend equalisation reserve	Þ	<b>Þ</b>
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	100,000	100,000
Fair value movements during the period	_	
Balance at the end of the reporting period	100,000	100,000

# 17. Earning per share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit or loss attributable to owners of the company, excluding any costs of servicing equity other than ordinary shares, by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year, adjusted for bonus elements in ordinary shares issues during the year.

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Basic earnings per share (cents)	23.45	12.39
Earnings used in calculating basic earnings per share	98,202	51,857
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share	418,708	418,708
18. Statement of cash flows		
a) Cash and cash equivalents balances as shown in the Statement of Financial Position can be reconciled to that shown in the Statement of Cash Flows as follows:	2017 \$	2016 \$
Cash and cash equivalents (note 5)	126,105	30,362
As per the statement of cash flow	126,105	30,362
b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operators with profit after income tax		
Profit after income tax	98,202	51,857
Non-cash flows in profit		
- Depreciation	19,190	24,093
- Amortisation	11,297	8,888
Changes in assets and liabilities		
- (increase) /decrease in trade and other receivables	(21,656)	972
- (increase) /decrease in deferred tax asset	(4,885)	(12,173)
- Increase/ (decrease) in trade and other payables	(3,805)	7,522
- Increase/ (decrease) in current tax liability	31,217	(7,379)
- Increase/ (decrease) in provisions	19,224	(2,989)
Net cash flows from operating activities	148,784	37,810

# 19. Key management personnel and related party disclosures

### a) Key management personnel

Any person(s) having authority or responsibility for planning, directing or controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly including any Director (whether executive or otherwise) of that company is considered key management personnel.

### b) Other related parties

Other related parties include close family members of key management personnel and entities that are controlled or jointly controlled by those key management personnel, individually or collectively with their close family members.

### c) Transactions with key management personnel and other related parties

Other than detailed below, no key management personnel or related party has entered into any contracts with the company. No Director fees have been paid as the positions are held on a voluntary basis.

During the year, the company purchased goods and services under normal terms and conditions, from related parties as follows:

Name of related party	Description of goods/services	Value \$
Small Maxwell Pty Ltd Derek Alden	Accounting/Share Registry Services	24,640

# d) Key management personnel share holdings

The number of ordinary shares in Clarence Valley Community Financial Services Limited held by each Director of the company during the financial year is as follows:

	2017	2016
Peter James	1,001	1,001
Laurence Marchant (resigned 10/11/2016)	4,001	4,001
Stephen Ward (resigned 07/03/2017)	6,001	6,001
Derek Alden	1	1
Mervyn Smidt	11,000	11,000
Anthony Wade	1,501	1,501
Ian McGaw	5,000	5,000
Brian Heath	-	-
Karen Toms	-	-
Tania Williams	-	-
	28,505	28,505

There was no movement in key management personnel shareholdings during the year. Each share held has a paid up value of \$1 and is fully paid.

# 18. Key management personnel and related party disclosures (continued)

## e) Other key management transactions

There have been no other transactions involving equity instruments other than those described on the previous page.

### 20. Events after the reporting period

There have been no events after the end of the financial year that would materially affect the financial statements.

### 21. Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

There were no contingent liabilities or assets at the date of this report to affect the financial statements.

# 22. Operating segments

The company operates in the financial services sector where it provides banking services to its clients. The company operates in one area being the Clarence Valley, NSW with one Mobile Lender located in Sydney. The company has a franchise agreement in place with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited who account for 98% of the revenue (2016: 97%).

#### 23. Commitments

### **Operating lease commitments**

Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the Statement of Financial Position.

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Payable		
- No later than 12 months	15,643	14,923
- Between 12 months and five years	37,804	50,980
- Greater than five years	-	-
Minimum lease payments	53,447	65,903

The property lease is a non-cancellable lease with a five year term, with rent payable monthly in advance and with CPI increases each year.

### 24. Company details

The registered office is 50 Victoria Street, Grafton and the principal place of business is: 62 Skinner Street, South Grafton.

# 25. Financial risk management

Financial risk management policies.

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the risk management

### Specific financial risk exposure and management

The main risks the company is exposed to through its financial instruments are credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk consisting of interest rate risk and other price risk. There have been no substantial changes in the types of risks the company is exposed to, how the risks arise, or the Board's objectives, policies and processes for managing or measuring the risks from the previous period.

The company's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, short term investments, account receivables and payables, bank overdraft and loans. The totals for each category of financial instruments measured in accordance with AASB 139 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* as detailed in the accounting policies are as follows:

Financial assets	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Cash and cash equivalents	5	126,105	30,362
Trade and other receivables	6	94,429	72,773
Financial assets	7	752,416	740,558
Total financial assets	_	972,950	843,693
Financial Liabilities	_		
Trade and other payables	10 _	38,103	39,980
Total financial liabilities	<u>-</u>	38,103	39,980

#### a) Credit risk

Exposure to credit risk relating to financial assets arises from the potential non-performance by counter parties of contract obligations that could lead to a financial loss to the company. Credit risk is managed through maintaining procedures ensuring, to the extent possible, that clients and counterparties to transactions are of sound credit worthiness. Such monitoring is used in assessing receivables for impairment. Credit terms for normal fee income are generally 30 days from the date of invoice. For fees with longer settlements, terms are specified in the individual client contracts. In the case of loans advanced, the terms are specific to each loan.

### Credit risk exposures

The maximum exposure to credit risk by class of recognised financial assets at the end of the reporting period is equivalent to the carrying amount and classification of those financial assets as presented in the table above. The company has significant concentrations of credit risk with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited. The company's exposure to credit risk is limited to Australia by geographic area.

None of the assets of the company are past due (2016: nil past due) and based on historic default rates, the company believes that no impairment allowance is necessary in respect of assets not past due. The company limits its exposure to credit risk by only investing in liquid securities with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited and therefore credit risk is considered minimal.

25. Financial risk management (continued)

### b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The company ensures it will have enough liquidity to meet its liabilities when due under both normal and stressed conditions. Liquidity management is carried out within the guidelines set by the Board.

Typically, the company maintains sufficient cash on hand to meet expected operational expenses, including the servicing of financial obligations. This excludes the potential impact of extreme circumstances that cannot reasonably be predicted, such as natural disasters.

The table below reflects an undiscounted contractual maturity analysis for financial liabilities.

Cash flows realised from financial assets reflect management's expectation as to the timing of realisation. Actual timing may therefore differ from that disclosed. The timing of cash flows presented in the table to settle financial liabilities reflects the earliest contractual settlement dates and does not reflect management's expectations that banking facilities will be rolled forward.

Financial liability and financial asset maturity analysis:

30 June 2017	Weighted average interest rate	Total	Within 1 year	1 to 5 years	Over 5 years
Financial assets	%	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	1.50	126,105	126,105	-	-
Trade and other receivables	-	94,429	94,429	-	-
Financial assets	2.40	752,416	752,416	-	-
Total anticipated inflows		972,950	972,950		_
Financial Liabilities					
Trade and other payables	-	38,103	38,103	-	-
Total expected outflows		38,103	38,103		
Net inflow/ (outflow) on financial instruments		934,847	934,847		
	Weighted	Total	Within 1 year	1 to 5 years	Over 5 years
30 June 2016	average	1000	•	•	-
30 June 2016 Financial assets	•	\$	\$	\$	\$
	average interest rate		_	-	\$
Financial assets	average interest rate %	\$	\$	-	\$ - -
<b>Financial assets</b> Cash and cash equivalents	average interest rate %	<b>\$</b> 30,362	<b>\$</b> 30,362	-	\$ - -
Financial assets  Cash and cash equivalents  Trade and other receivables	average interest rate % 2.7	<b>\$</b> 30,362 72,773	\$ 30,362 72,773	-	\$ - - -
Financial assets  Cash and cash equivalents  Trade and other receivables  Financial assets	average interest rate % 2.7	\$ 30,362 72,773 740,558	\$ 30,362 72,773 740,558	-	\$ - - -
Financial assets Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables Financial assets Total anticipated inflows	average interest rate % 2.7	\$ 30,362 72,773 740,558	\$ 30,362 72,773 740,558	-	\$ - - -
Financial assets Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables Financial assets Total anticipated inflows Financial Liabilities	average interest rate % 2.7	\$ 30,362 72,773 740,558 843,693	\$ 30,362 72,773 740,558 843,693	-	\$ - - -

# 25. Financial risk management (continued)

#### c) Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates, will affect the company's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters.

Exposure to interest rate risk arises on financial assets and financial liabilities recognised at the end of the reporting period whereby a future change in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair value of fixed rate financial instruments. The financial instruments that primarily expose the company to interest rate risk are fixed interest securities and cash and cash equivalents.

### Sensitivity analysis

The following table illustrates sensitivities to the company's exposures to changes in interest rates and equity prices. The table indicates the impact on how profit and equity values reported at the end of the reporting period would have been affected by changes in the relevant risk variable that management considers to be reasonably possible.

These sensitivities assume that the movement in a particular variable is independent of other variables.

Year ended 30 June 2017	Profit \$	Equity \$
+/-1% in interest rates (interest income) +/-1% in interest rates (interest expense)	8,785 -	8,785 -
	8,785	8,785
Year ended 30 June 2016		
+/-1% in interest rates (interest income) +/-1% in interest rates (interest expense)	7,709 -	7,709 
	7,709	7,709

There have been no changes in any of the methods or assumptions used to prepare the above sensitivity analysis from the prior year. The company has no exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency.

#### d) Price Risk

- The company has no exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency.
- The company is not exposed to any material price risk.

### Fair values

# Fair value estimation

The Company's fair value estimate is as provided in the Statement of Financial Position. The directors and management are satisfied that the carrying values of financial assets and financial liabilities are a reasonable approximation of their fair value at 30 June 2017.

25. Financial risk management (continued)

# Fair values (continued)

	2017 Carrying amount	2017 Fair value	2016 Carrying amount	2016 Fair value
Financial assets	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents (i)	126,105	126,105	30,362	30,362
Trade and other receivables (i)	94,429	94,429	72,773	72,773
Financial assets	752,416	765,047	740,558	742,188
Total financial assets	972,950	985,581	843,693	845,323
Financial Liabilities				
Trade and other payables (i)	38,103	38,103	39,980	39,980
Total financial liabilities	38,103	38,103	39,980	39,980

<sup>(</sup>i) Cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, and trade and other payables are short-term instruments in nature whose carrying amounts are equivalent to their fair values.

# **Directors' Declaration**

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Clarence Valley Community Financial Services Limited, the Directors of the company declare that:

- 1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 7 to 39 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and:
  - (i) comply with Australian Accounting Standards which, as stated in accounting policy Note 1(a) to the financial statements, constitutes compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS); and (ii) give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of the performance for the year ended on that date;
- 2. In the Directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This resolution is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

**Peter James** 

Director

Signed at Grafton on 25 September 2017.

# Independent auditor report



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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CLARENCE VALLEY COMMUNITY FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED

#### REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Clarence Valley Community Financial Services Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the directors' declaration.

#### In our opinion:

- (a) the financial report of Clarence Valley Community Financial Services Limited is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
  - giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its performance for the year then ended; and
  - complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001;
     and
- (b) the financial report also complies with the International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 1.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements related to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement. 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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Independence

We are independent of the entity 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* (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.



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# Independent auditor report (continued)



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 report.

#### Director's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that 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 gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the Group 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 to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. 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. Misstatements 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 Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report.

The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view 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 entity's internal control.

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.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We 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.

# Independent auditor report (continued)



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.

We 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 obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entity to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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.

The Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements. We also provide the Directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

#### Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2017, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. On connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information, and in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

RSD AUDIT
Chartered Accountants

Kathie Teasdale

Bendigo

Dated: 25 September 2017

# Your Community Bank® branch staff



**Mark Hunting**Branch Manager



**Jenny Dutton**Customer Relationship
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**Vicki Hageman**Customer Service Officer



**Judy Hubbard**Customer Service Officer



**Lu Mulligan** Customer Service Officer



**Debby Thompson**Customer Service Officer

