Annual Report 2015

Cobden & Districts Community Finance Limited

Cobden & Districts **Community Bank**[®] Branch Camperdown branch

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Chairman's report

For year ending 30 June 2015

It is with pleasure and admiration that I present the tenth Annual Report of the Cobden & Districts Community Finance limited.

The company is continuing to trade profitably and will continue to do so if all external factors stay the same. It has been a hard road, and will be for some time, but the difference we make now and the difference we see in the longer term for our local communities is something we must continually strive for success.

It's pleasing to think of all the **Community Bank**[®] branch success stories around Australia. Today in excess of \$135 million has been given back to local communities from local **Community Bank**[®] branches. That's an enormous amount of community capital that must make a difference. I admire those communities and I want this community to be like them.

All we are talking about is sustainable community income for our community by just banking with our Cobden & Districts **Community Bank**[®] Branch. The local bank that stays relevant and connected to the community.

My admiration goes out

- · to our shareholders, who give us an opportunity to provide their banking,
- · to our customers, who by just doing something as simple as banking with us,
- · to our staff, who are more than just another bank's "staff members" and
- to our Board, who, day in day out freely sell the Community Bank® concept to our community,
- · to our community supporters, who are growing in numbers every day.

Everyone can contribute to a successful and sustainable community - just through banking.

We still have many challenges to contend with as we now pass an era that has seen;

- The worst Global Financial Crisis (GFC) seen by man.
- · The GFC continues to provide many financial aftershocks.
- Redevelopment of a Bendigo Bank service centre to a sub branch in Camperdown.
- · Bendigo Bank restoring the balance program.
- · Very slow economy particularly in rural infrastructure and services.

We have still managed to grow the business to have in excess of \$115 million in footings and growing daily. However, we need to be mindful of what some of the threats and risks we may see in the next few years; namely, Restoring the Balance and Project Horizon programs by Bendigo Bank that may see our profitability reduce or increase.

Our community balance sheet is something that I am very proud of and it needs to be recorded here.

- It's this local community Board who decide where the funds go, and it's all about engaging and strengthening our communities.
- Over 90 local clubs and organisations have received a benefit from our **Community Bank**[®] branch
- Over \$295,000 has been given directly back to the local community by way of grants, sponsorship, and donations by the Board's sponsorship programs.
- This sponsorship program will grow in value approximately \$80,000 plus every year.
- We have three long-term partnerships with the Cobden District Health Services Inc, Cobden Rotary with the Business Awards and the Cobden Recreation Reserve Committee of Management (in conjunction with the sporting clubs involved).
- · Operation of two Community Bank® branches, one in Cobden and one in Camperdown.

- · Opportunity for long-term agency development in Port Campbell.
- · The direct employment of eight local community members.
- We disperse locally, local capital from Community Bank® company profits.
- · Provide a local competitive landscape.
- · This all helps to strengthen the community commitment.

Where to from here? Well the formula is simple, more customers and more funds under management, increased local profits (that would go elsewhere if not with Cobden & Districts **Community Bank**[®] Branch) more local community investment.

Our staff advise us, from their analysis of our accounts, that we currently have approximately 48 percent of our shareholders who substantially bank with us, 15 percent who have a minimal engagement with us and a disappointing 37 percent who have no banking with us at all. We need to work harder in selling our message and the reason for our existence, (even to those who originally supported us). Our message is:

'To provide quality banking services to benefit our shareholders and our community.'

The Board has an enormous depth of commitment to the company, partnered by a great vision for the community. They continue to be proactive in ensuring the business continues to achieve the best outcomes for our shareholders, customers, staff and the company.

To, Margret McDonald, our Company Secretary, we thank you for your time and diligence to ensure that we are operating correctly and efficiently. To our Treasurer, Anita Chivell, who has really added another dimension to our Board, Gary Kimber, our Vice Chairman has performed extremely well representing our organisation at many clubs and groups throughout the year and who also provides exceptional support to the role of the Chair. Greg Suter, Peter Giblett, Milton Parlour, Rob Fleming, Gary Kimber, Chris Bodey, and our newest Members Simon Buccheri, Bill Duncanson and Steffi Morris, who all come with good business and community resumes, I thank you all for another good year and I look forward to working with you all again.

We had Anita retire in June due to family and work commitments, I thank Anita for over four years of dedicated service to the **Community Bank**[®] model.

Our committed staff, with our Manager Neil Hinkley, and staff members, Dianne Van Heusden, Margaret McMaster, Wendy Bateman, Vicki Fitzgerald, Rachael Anson, Robyn Neal, Sally Mahony, and Lesa Best have, and will continue to, grow our business. I thank them for their work, dedication, and "can do" attitude towards our company. We need to also thank them for their volunteer time they provide to the community via the company committees they serve on and the community functions they attend. Our staff make it more than just another bank. Our staff and Board owe an enormous amount to Bendigo Bank State Manager Tim Rodda and also our regional partners, with our recently appointed Regional Manager Scott Whatley, Business Banking Managers Brenton Morgan and Luke Gibson, Agribusiness Manager Rowan Blair, and regional staff Tim Mason. These people have been there when we needed them, have helped out before we asked and have been a great asset to our company.

We are Bigger than a bank.

James Green Chairman

Manager's report

For year ending 30 June 2015

Having completed five years in the role as Branch Manager of Cobden & Districts **Community Bank**[®] branches in Cobden and Camperdown, I am pleased to note that total business now exceeds \$113.5 million and in excess of 3,500 accounts are held between both sites.

Thank you to our Regional Office support team led by our Regional Manager Scott Whatley for their ongoing support and guidance.

To our specialist bankers, Rowan Blair (Agri-business), Brenton Morgan and Max Jelencic (Business Bankers) and Steve Harris (Wealth Advisor), thank you all for your contributions over the past year to our **Community Bank**[®] branch.

I wish to acknowledge our dedicated and loyal staff members, Margaret, Dianne, Wendy and Sally at Cobden along with Lesa, Rachael and Vicki at Camperdown who continue to provide our customers with a high level of service, making banking with our **Community Bank**[®] branches an enjoyable experience.

Banking is an ever-changing environment, our partners Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited continue to develop and implement products and services to ensure we remain Australia's most customer connected bank.

I would like to thank the Board of Cobden & Districts Community Finance Limited who have given their time, expertise and energy to ensure the future of the **Community Bank**[®] branches in both towns.

I wish to thank those shareholders who have transferred their banking business to our **Community Bank**[®] branch and urge shareholders who have not yet transferred their banking to support your initial shares by calling at either branch to discuss you requirements.

As shareholders, customers, staff and Board members, we have one common goal – to grow the **Community Bank**[®] branches in Cobden and Camperdown to become a strong, profitable organisation which is able to give generous and consistent support to the community.

Neil Hinkley Branch Manager

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank report

For year ending 30 June 2015

In the 2015 financial year, the **Community Bank**[®] network opened its 310th branch and community contributions since the model's inception exceed \$130 million. Both of these achievements could not have been achieved without your ongoing support as a shareholder, customer and advocate of what is a truly unique way of banking for the benefit of your local community.

Local communities continue to embrace the **Community Bank**[®] model, a banking movement founded on the simple belief that successful customers and successful communities create a successful bank.

Seventeen years later communities are still approaching us and the model is as robust and relevant as ever, however a review of what we were doing, why and how we could do it better was timely.

During an 18 month period the Bank, in partnership with the **Community Bank**[®] network, undertook a comprehensive review of the **Community Bank**[®] model. Project Horizon was the largest single engagement process ever undertaken by our organisation.

As a result, a focus for the next 18 months will be the implementation of 64 recommendations. What was overwhelmingly obvious is that our **Community Bank**[®] network, and our Bank, care deeply about what has been developed and in what the future holds for the network.

In the early days of **Community Bank**[®] development, the **Community Bank**[®] model was seen as a way to restore branch banking services to rural towns, regional cities and metropolitan suburbs after the last of the banks closed their doors.

Today, although the focus is still about providing banking services, there is perhaps an even greater interest in the way in which the model creates a successful community enterprise used to effectively, and sustainably, build community capacity.

In October 2014, we welcomed **Community Bank**[®] branches in Bacchus Marsh, Kilmore, Maffra, Kwinana and Nubeena. All of these branches join a strong and mature banking network where valued partnerships enhance banking services, taking the profits their banking business generates and reinvesting that funding into initiatives to ultimately strengthen their community.

Following consultation with local residents and business owners responding to other banks reducing their branch presence, Aldinga Beach **Community Bank**[®] Branch opened the Willunga Customer Service Centre in April 2015, providing a full banking service to local people five days a week.

The **Community Bank**[®] model is a great example of shared value and was centre stage at an international Shared Value conference in the United States earlier this year.

Funding generated by **Community Bank**[®] branches support projects that make a difference to a community. But no matter how big or small the place people call home, the **Community Bank**[®] network recognises that when they act as one, powered by the good that money can bring, bigger things can happen for local towns, regions and states.

In WA, a \$125,000 commitment to Ronald McDonald House by Collie & Districts **Community Bank**[®] Branch resulted in a further \$125,000 from 21 branches (both community and company owned) in the state.

In QLD, Longreach farming families are now feeding their stock thanks to a dedicated Rotary Club and financial contributions from 16 **Community Bank**[®] (and company) branches.

Across regional and rural NSW, young people are today better drivers thanks to a driver education program supported by **Community Bank**[®] branches and across Australia, 58 young people headed off to their first year of university with the help of a **Community Bank**[®] scholarship.

Interest in the **Community Bank**[®] model remains strong, with 20 **Community Bank**[®] sites currently in development and a further six **Community Bank**[®] branches expected to open nationally during the next 12 months.

The network's steady expansion demonstrates the strength and relevance of a banking model where the desire to support the financial needs of customers is equalled by the desire to support the community with the good that money can bring.

By the end of the financial year 2014/15 the Community Bank® network achieved the following:

- Returns to community over \$130 million since the model's inception
- Community Bank® branches 310
- Community Bank[®] branch staff more than 1,500
- Community Bank[®] company Directors 1,946
- Banking business \$28.79 billion
- Customers 699,000
- Shareholders 74,393
- Dividends paid to shareholders since inception \$38.6 million

The communities we partner with also have access to the Bank's extensive range of other community building solutions including Community Enterprise Foundation[™] (philanthropic arm), Community Sector Banking (banking service for not-for-profit organisations), Generation Green[™] (environment and sustainability initiative), Community Telco[®] Australia (telecommunications solution), tertiary education scholarships and community enterprises that provide **Community Bank**[®] companies with further development options.

In Bendigo and Adelaide Bank, your **Community Bank**[®] company has a committed and strong partner and over the last financial year our company has continued its solid performance. Our Bank continues to be rated at least "A-" by Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch in recognition of its strong performance in the face of what continues to be a challenging economic environment.

Our **Community Bank**[®] partners played an integral role in the Bank's involvement in the Financial Systems Inquiry, lobbying their local Federal Government representatives and calling for a level playing field.

Recent APRA announcements regarding changes to risk weights on mortgages will positively impact our Bank – providing customers with a level playing field by giving them more choice from a wider variety of financial providers.

Thanks to the efforts of our people, our peers and **Community Bank**[®] partners, we're starting to see the benefits. In continuing to take a collaborative approach, we act as one network driving positive outcomes for all Australians.

As Community Bank® company shareholders you are part of a unique banking movement.

The model offers an alternative way to think about banking and the role banks play in modern society, and because of your support there really is no limit to what can be achieved for local people and the communities in which you live.

Thank you for your ongoing support of your local Community Bank® branch.

Robert Musgrove Executive Community Engagement

Community support

List of community organisations that have received support from the **Community Bank**[®] company include:

2006 to June 2014

Cooinda Terang Corangamite Junior Hockey Association Corangamite Model Aircraft Club Heytesbury Agricultural Society Heytesbury Indoor Bias Bowls Assoc. Lions Club Camperdown Lismore Primary School Mercy Regional College Nirranda Football Netball Club Inc Noorat Agricultural Society Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club Progressing Cobden Inc Relay for Life Rotary Club of Camperdown Rotary Club of Cobden Simpson Indoor Bias Bowls Club Simpson Kindergarten Skipton & District Camp draft Club South West Kart Club South Western District Restoration Group Southwest Healthcare Camperdown St Patricks School Uniting Church in Camperdown Variety Club of Victoria YMCA Camperdown Lions Club Camperdown Pre-School Assoc. Camperdown Theatre Co. Ltd. Camperdown Toy Library Camperdown-Cobden Phone Direct. Cobden Angling Club Cobden Primary School Derrinallum Yacht & Power Boat Club Hampden Tennis Association Port Campbell Police Port Campbell Progress Group Probus Club of Camperdown Quota International of Cobden Simpson & District Community Centre **Xmas Lights Competition**

July 2014 to June 2015

Cam	perdown Bowling Club
Cobo	den & District Health
Serv	rices
Cobo	den & District Kindergarten
Prog	ressing Cobden Inc
Cam	perdown Fire Brigade
Cobo	den Recreation Reserve
Cobo	den Kindergarten
1st (Cobden Scout Group
Cobo	den Squash Club
Cobo	den Playgroup
Prob	us Club of Camperdown
Shin	e for life Church
Cam	perdown Golf Bowls Club
Derr	inallum College
Cam	perdown and District
Com	munity House
Cobo	den Bowls Club
Cobo	den Football Netball Club
Cam	perdown Lions Club
Sout	h West Cricket Association
Prob	us Club of Cobden
Cano	cer Council Vic
Cam	perdown Ambulance
Auxil	liary.
	perdown Playgroup
Yach	ting Western Victoria
Lion	s Club of Camperdown
St Pa	ats School
Rota	ry Cobden
Simp	oson Football Netball Club
Sout	h West District restoration
Grou	
Cobo	den Art Group
	den Golf Club
Cam Club	perdown Football Netball
Skip Club	ton and District Camp draft
SES	Camperdown
Lism	ore Primary School

Directors' report

For the financial year ended 30 June 2015

Your directors submit the financial statements of the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

Directors

The names and details of the company's directors who held office during or since the end of the financial year:

James Alfred Green

Chairman Occupation: Civil Contracting Qualifications, experience and expertise: Immediate past Chairman Cobden Sport Club. HFNL Board member. PCSLSC Committee member - Chief Instructor. Cobden Community Activity Precinct Committee. Special responsibilities: Chairman Interest in shares: 3001

Gregory Leigh Suter

Director Occupation: Cabinet Maker Qualifications, experience and expertise: Self Employed Cabinet Maker. Cobden Business Network. Progressing Cobden. Special responsibilities: Buildings and Maintenance Committee Interest in shares: 1

Margaret Emily McDonald

Secretary Occupation: Home Duties Qualifications, experience and expertise: Legal Conveyancing Clerk for 30 years. Special responsibilities: Community Investment Committee, Share Registry, Low Volume Market Interest in shares: 1001

Milton John Parlour

Director Occupation: Real Estate Agent Qualifications, experience and expertise: Board of **Community Bank**. Board of Progressing Cobden. Committee of Management Cobden Civic Hall. Vice President of Tennis Association. Interest in shares: 2,001

Rodney Peter Giblett

Director Occupation: Retired Qualifications, experience and expertise: Banking 30 years, 20 years as manager. Owner/operator newsagency 7 years. Special responsibilities: Community Investment Committee, Finance Committee Interest in shares: Nil

Directors (continued)

Gary Kenneth Kimber

Deputy Chairman

Occupation: Retired

Qualifications, experience and expertise: Retired School Principal. Member of Rotary. Member of Men's Shed. Member of Cobden Mini Rail.

Special responsibilities: Community Investment Committee, Innovations, Public Relations Interest in shares: 1000

Christopher Raymond Bodey

Director

Occupation: Farmer

Qualifications, experience and expertise: Member of Cobden Airport Committee of Management. CFA Captain. UDV Branch President. Past Cobden Technical School Councillor. Special responsibilities: Business Development Committee

Interest in shares: 1000

Robert Raymond Fleming

Director Occupation: Retired Qualifications, experience and expertise: Spray Painting Panel Beating. Lions Club Camperdown. Advance Camperdown President. Camperdown Court House Information & Arts. Special responsibilities: Community Investment Committee Interest in shares: Nil

Norman William Duncanson

Director (Appointed to board 15 July 2014)

Occupation: Retired

Qualifications, experience and expertise: 30 years Dairy Factory Manufacture Management. 6 years Industry Trainer/Assessor. Diploma Food Technology. Nationally Accredited Industry Trainer. Lions Club Member - 41 years. National Treasurer Lions Eye Health/Vision Programs. Trustee Lions District Charitable Fund. Accredited Lay Presider Uniting Church.

Special responsibilities: Business Development Committee Interest in shares: Nil

Steffi Brigit Morris

Director (Appointed to board 8 January 2015)

Occupation: Business Owner

Qualifications, experience and expertise: Bachelor or Social Work (1st Class Honours). Social worker at Timboon Hospital 2 years. Member of social committee Cobden Football/Netball Club. Netball coach at Cobden Football/Netball Club.

Interest in shares: Nil

Simon Charles Buccheri

Treasurer (Appointed to board 12 February 2015) Occupation: Accountant

Qualifications, experience and expertise: Bachelor of Business (Accounting) from R.M.I.T. Certified Practising Accountant. Member of CPA Western Branch Committee. Company Secretary of Greenscope Dairies Pty Ltd. Treasurer of Corangamite Film Society. Treasurer of 12 Apostles Food Artisans. Treasurer of Tuniversal Music Group. Currently: Finance Manager - The Vet Group Pty Ltd. Previously: Finance Manager - Corangamite Shire Council; Senior Accountant - Swan Hill District Health; Accountant - PricewaterhouseCoopers Melbourne. Special responsibilities: Chair of the Finance Committee Interest in shares: Nil

Directors (continued)

Anita Caroline Elizabeth Chivell

Treasurer (Resigned 30 June 2015) Occupation: Home duties/Accountant Qualifications, experience and expertise: Accountant employed on a casual basis at Sinclair Wilson. Treasurer Bostocks Creek and District Landcare Group. Tax Help Volunteer Terang and Mortlake Health Services. Bachelor of Commerce, Post Graduate Diploma in Computing and Certified Practising Accountant. Special responsibilities: Finance & Audit Committee Interest in shares: 2000

Stuart James Dawson

Director (Resigned 25 August 2014) Occupation: Carpenter Qualifications, experience and expertise: Current Captain of the Cobden Golf Club, a position held for the past 11 years. Special responsibilities: Community Investment Committee Interest in shares: 6001

Directors were in office for this entire year unless otherwise stated.

No directors have material interests in contracts or proposed contracts with the company.

Company Secretary

The company secretary is Margaret McDonald. Margaret was appointed to the position of secretary on 28 October 2008.

Margaret has had 30 years experience as a Legal Conveyancing Clerk.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the company during the financial year were facilitating **Community Bank**[®] services under management rights to operate franchised branches of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited.

There have been no significant changes in the nature of these activities during the year.

Operating results

Operations have continued to perform in line with expectations. The profit of the company for the financial year after provision for income tax was:

Year ended 30 June 2015		Year ended 30 June 2014
\$		\$
	43,264	59,691

Remuneration report

Directors' remuneration

No director received remuneration for services as a company director or committee member.

There are no employees who are directly accountable and have responsibility for the strategic direction and operational management of the entity.

There are therefore no specified executives whose remuneration requires disclosure.

Remuneration report (continued)

Transactions with directors

	\$
Director & Chairman James Green is the director of GreenCon Australia Pty Ltd civil construction company. The total amount payable to GreenCon Australia Pty Ltd relating to these services was \$Nil (2014 \$5,302).	-

Directors' shareholdings

	Balance at start of the year	Changes during the year	Balance at end of the year
James Alfred Green	3,001	-	3,001
Gregory Leigh Suter	5,001	(5000)	1
Margaret Emily McDonald	1,001	-	1,001
Milton John Parlour	2,001	-	2,001
Rodney Peter Giblett	-	-	-
Gary Kenneth Kimber	1,000	-	1,000
Christopher Raymond Bodey	1,000	-	1,000
Robert Raymond Fleming	-	-	-
Norman William Duncanson (Appointed 15 November 2014)	-	-	-
Steffi Brigit Morris (Appointed 8 January 2015)	-	-	-
Simon Charles Buccheri (Appointed 12 February 2015)	-	-	-
Anita Caroline Elizabeth Chivell (Resigned 11 June 2015)	2,000	-	2,000
Stuart James Dawson (Resigned 25 August 2014)	6,001	_	6,001

Dividends

	Year ended 30 June 2015	
	Cents	\$
- Dividends paid in the year	2	14,500

Significant changes in the state of affairs

In the opinion of the directors there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the company that occurred during the financial year under review not otherwise disclosed in this report or the financial statements.

Events since the end of the financial year

There are no matters or circumstances that have arisen since the end of the financial year that have significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the company, in future 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.

Indemnification 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. The company has not provided any insurance for an auditor of the company or a related body corporate.

Directors' meetings

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

	Board Meetings Attended							
			Finance		Community investment		Business development	
	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended
James Alfred Green #	12	10	11	10	12	3	11	3
Gregory Leigh Suter	12	11	4	2	-	-	-	-
Margaret Emily McDonald	12	8	-	-	12	5	-	-
Milton John Parlour	12	10	10	9	-	-	11	10
Rodney Peter Giblett	12	11	8	4	9	2	11	5
Gary Kenneth Kimber	12	8	-	-	9	9	-	-
Christopher Raymond Bodey	12	11	-	-	-	-	11	11
Robert Raymond Fleming	12	11	-	-	12	7	-	-
Norman William Duncanson (Appointed 15 November 2014)	8	8	-	-	-	-	5	5
Steffi Brigit Morris (Appointed 8 January 2015)	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Simon Charles Buccheri (Appointed 12 February 2015)	4	4	3	3	-	-	-	-

Directors' meetings (continued)

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	Meetings Attended		0		ance	Community investment		Business development	
	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended	
Anita Caroline Elizabeth Chivell (Resigned 11 June 2015)	12	10	11	10	-	-	-	-	
Stuart James Dawson (Resigned 25 August 2014)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Chairman is eligible to attend all sub-committee meetings however the chairman attends sub-committee meetings on an as needs basis.

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.

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 the notes to the accounts.

The board of directors has considered the position, and is satisfied that the provision of the non-audit services is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the Corporations Act 2001.

The directors are satisfied that the provision of non-audit services by the auditor, as set out in the notes did not compromise the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 for the following reasons:

- all non-audit services have been reviewed to ensure they do not impact on the impartiality and objectivity of the auditor
- none of the services undermine the general principles relating to auditor independence as set out in APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, including reviewing or auditing the auditor's own work, acting in a management or a decision-making capacity for the company, acting as advocate for the company or jointly sharing economic risk 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 on page 14.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the board of directors at Cobden, Victoria on 11 September 2015.

James Alfred Green, Chairman

Auditor's independence declaration



Lead auditor's independence declaration under section 307C of the *Corporations* Act 2001 to the directors of Cobden & Districts Community Finance Limited

As lead auditor for the audit of Cobden & Districts Community Finance Limited for the year ended 30 June 2015, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- 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: 11 September 2015

David Hutchings Lead Auditor

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Financial statements

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2015

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
Revenue from ordinary activities	4	766,070	755,586
Employee benefits expense		(388,165)	(356,344)
Charitable donations, sponsorship, advertising and promotion		(79,459)	(78,407)
Occupancy and associated costs		(30,937)	(29,367)
Systems costs		(34,575)	(33,116)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	5	(34,300)	(35,275)
Finance costs	5	(26,362)	(42,949)
General administration expenses		(91,807)	(91,426)
Profit before income tax		80,465	88,702
Income tax expense	6	(37,201)	(29,011)
Profit after income tax		43,264	59,691
Total comprehensive income for the year		43,264	59,691
Earnings per share for profit/(loss) attributable to the			
ordinary shareholders of the company:		¢	¢
Basic earnings per share	22	5.97	8.23

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2015

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	-	4,275
Trade and other receivables	8	74,428	74,994
Total Current Assets		74,428	79,269
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	400,422	412,586
Intangible assets	10	20,885	38,770
Deferred tax asset	11	225,373	262,574
Total Non-Current Assets		646,680	713,930
Total Assets		721,108	793,199
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	12	37,934	72,128
Borrowings	13	28,392	15,675
Provisions	14	43,044	21,548
Total Current Liabilities		109,370	109,351
Non-Current Liabilities			
Borrowings	13	470,050	559,987
Provisions	14	6,872	17,809
Total Non-Current Liabilities		476,922	577,796
Total Liabilities		586,292	687,147
Net Assets		134,816	106,052
Equity			
Issued capital	15	698,455	698,455
Accumulated losses	16	(563,639)	(592,403)
Total Equity		134,816	106,052

Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2015

	lssued capital \$	Accumulated losses \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2013	698,455	(652,094)	46,361
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	59,691	59,691
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:			
Shares issued during period	-	-	-
Costs of issuing shares	-	-	-
Dividends provided for or paid	-	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2014	698,455	(592,403)	106,052
Balance at 1 July 2014	698,455	(592,403)	106,052
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	43,264	43,264
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:			
Shares issued during period	-	-	-
Costs of issuing shares	-	-	-
Dividends provided for or paid	-	(14,500)	(14,500)
Balance at 30 June 2015	698,455	(563,639)	134,816

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2015

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		842,473	728,603
Payments to suppliers and employees		(700,262)	(543,318)
Interest received		6	5
Interest paid		(26,362)	(42,949)
Net cash provided by operating activities	17	115,855	142,341
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(4,252)	_
Payments for intangible assets		(24,158)	(21,963)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		(28,410)	(21,963)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowings		(105,612)	(9,700)
Dividends paid		(14,500)	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		(120,112)	(9,700)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(32,667)	110,678
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		4,275	(106,403)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	7(a)	(28,392)	4,275

Notes to the financial statements

For year ended 30 June 2015

Note 1. Summary of significant accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standard Boards and the Corporations Act 2001. The company is a for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

Compliance with IFRS

These financial statements and notes comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the company's accounting policies. These areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexities, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in note 3.

Historical cost convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention on an accruals basis as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

Comparative figures

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

Application of new and amended accounting standards

The following amendments to accounting standards and a new interpretation issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) became mandatorily effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2014, and are therefore relevant for the current financial year.

- AASB 2012-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards (AASB 132) Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities.
- AASB 2013-3 Amendments to AASB 136 Recoverable Amount Disclosures for Non-Financial Assets.
- AASB 2013-4 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards (AASB 139) Novation of Derivatives and Continuation of Hedge Accounting.
- AASB 2013-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards (AASB 10) Investment Entities.
- AASB 2014-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards (Part A: Annual Improvements 2010-2012 and 2011-2013 Cycles).
- AASB 2014-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards (Part B: Defined Benefit Plans: Employee Contributions Amendments to AASB 119).

a) Basis of preparation (continued)

Application of new and amended accounting standards (continued)

- Interpretation 21 Levies.
- AASB 1031 Materiality, AASB 2013-9 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards Conceptual Framework, Materiality and Financial Instruments (Part B: Materiality), AASB 2014-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards (Part C: Materiality).

None of the amendments to accounting standards or the new interpretation issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that became mandatorily effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2014, materially affected any of the amounts recognised in the current period or any prior period and are not likely to affect future periods.

The following accounting standards and interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) become effective in future accounting periods.

	Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after
AASB 9 Financial Instruments, and the relevant amending standards.	1 January 2018
AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers and AASB 2014-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 15.	1 January 2017
AASB 2014-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations.	1 January 2016
AASB 2014-4 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation.	1 January 2016
AASB 2014-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Agriculture: Bearer Plants.	1 January 2016
AASB 2014-9 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements.	1 January 2016
AASB 2014-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture.	1 January 2016
AASB 2015-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual Improvements to Australian Accounting Standards 2012-2014 Cycle.	1 January 2016
AASB 2015-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure Initiative: Amendments to AASB 101.	1 January 2016
AASB 2015-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Withdrawal of AASB 1031 Materiality.	1 July 2015
AASB 2015-4 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Financial Reporting Requirements for Australian Groups with a Foreign Parent.	1 July 2015
AASB 2015-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Investment Entities: Applying the Consolidation Exception.	1 January 2016

a) Basis of preparation (continued)

Application of new and amended accounting standards (continued)

The company has not elected to apply any accounting standards or interpretations before their mandatory operative date for the annual reporting period beginning 1 July 2014. Therefore the abovementioned accounting standards or interpretations have no impact on amounts recognised in the current period or any prior period.

Economic dependency - Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited

The company has entered into a franchise agreement with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited that governs the management of the **Community Bank**[®] branches at Cobden & Camperdown, Victoria.

The branches operate as a franchise of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited, using the name "Bendigo Bank" and the logo and system of operations of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited. The company manages the **Community Bank**[®] branches on behalf of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited, however all transactions with customers conducted through the **Community Bank**[®] branches 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.

The company promotes and sells the products and services, but is not a party to the transaction.

Economic dependency - Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited (continued)

The credit risk (i.e. the risk that a customer will not make repayments) is for the relevant Bendigo and Adelaide Group entity 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 and Adelaide Bank Limited provides significant assistance in establishing and maintaining the **Community Bank**[®] branches 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 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.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the company in the preparation of the financial statements. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

b) Revenue

Revenue is recognised when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured, it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the company and any specific criteria have been met. Interest and fee revenue is recognised when earned. The gain or loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment is recognised on a net basis and is classified as income rather than revenue. All revenue is stated net of the amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Revenue calculation

Over the period from September 2013 to February 2015, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited conducted a review of the **Community Bank**[®] model, known as 'Project Horizon'. This was conducted in consultation with the **Community Bank**[®] network. The objective of the review was to develop a shared vision of the **Community Bank**[®] model that positions it for success now and for the future.

The outcome of that review is that the fundamental franchise model and community participation remain unchanged. Changes to be implemented over a three year period reflect a number of themes, including a culture of innovation, agility and flexibility, network collaboration, director and staff development and a sustainable financial model. This will include changes to the financial return for **Community Bank**[®] companies from 1 July 2016. A funds transfer pricing model will be used for the method of calculation of the cost of funds, deposit return and margin. All revenue paid on core banking products will be through margin share. Margin on core banking products will be shared on a 50/50 basis.

The franchise agreement provides that three forms of revenue may be earned by the company – margin, commission and fee income. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited 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. It may also be affected by other factors, such as economic and local conditions, for example, interest rates.

Core banking products

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited has identified some Bendigo Bank Group 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.

Margin

Margin 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 and Adelaide Bank Limited for a deposit,
- minus any costs of funds i.e. interest applied by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited to fund a loan.

Note: In very simplified terms, currently, deposit return means the interest Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited gets when it invests the money the customer deposits with it. The cost of funds means the interest Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited pays when it borrows the money to give a customer a loan. From 1 July 2016, both will mean the cost for Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited to borrow the money in the market.

Products and services on which margin is paid include variable rate deposits and variable rate home loans. From 1 July 2016, examples include Bendigo Bank branded at call deposits, term deposits and home loans.

b) Revenue (continued)

Margin (continued)

For those products and services on which margin is paid, the company is entitled to a share of the margin earned by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited (i.e. income adjusted for Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited's interest expense and interest income return). However, if this reflects a loss, the company incurs a share of that loss.

Commission

Commission is a fee paid for products and services sold. It may be paid on the initial sale or on an ongoing basis. Commission is payable on the sale of an insurance product such as home contents. Examples of products and services on which ongoing commissions are paid include leasing and Sandhurst Trustees Limited products. This currently also includes Bendigo Bank branded fixed rate home loans and term deposits of more than 90 days, but these will become margin products from 1 July 2016.

Fee income

Fee income is a share of what is commonly referred to as 'bank fees and charges' charged to customers by Bendigo Bank Group entities including fees for loan applications and account transactions.

Ability to change financial return

Under the franchise agreement, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited may change the form and amount of financial return that the company receives. The reasons it may make a change include changes in industry or economic conditions or changes in the way Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited earns revenue.

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. The effect of the change on the revenue earned by the company is entirely dependent on the change.

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. The effect of the change on the revenue earned by the company is entirely dependent on the change.

If Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited makes a change to the margin or commission on core banking products and services, it must not reduce the margin and commission the company receives on core banking products and services Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited attributes to the company to less than 50% (on an aggregate basis) of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited's margin at that time. For other products and services, there is no restriction on the change Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited may make.

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited must give the company 30 days' notice before it changes the products and services on which margin, commission or fee income is paid, the method of calculation of margin and the amount of margin, commission or fee income.

Monitoring and changing financial return

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited monitors the distribution of financial return between **Community Bank**[®] companies and Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited on an ongoing basis.

Overall, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited has made it clear that the **Community Bank**[®] model is based on the principle of shared reward for shared effort. In particular, in relation to core banking products and services, the aim is to achieve an equal share of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited's margin.

b) Revenue (continued)

Monitoring and changing financial return (continued)

As discussed above in relation to Project Horizon, among other things, there will be changes in the financial return for **Community Bank**[®] companies from 1 July 2016. This includes 50% share of margin on core banking products, all core banking products become margin products and a funds transfer pricing model will be used for the method of calculation of the cost of funds, deposit return and margin.

c) Income tax

Current tax

Current tax is calculated by reference to the amount of income taxes payable or recoverable in respect of the taxable profit or loss for the period. It is calculated using tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by reporting date. Current tax for current and prior periods is recognised as a liability (or asset) to the extent that it is unpaid (or refundable).

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method on temporary differences arising from differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax base of those items.

In principle, deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that sufficient taxable amounts will be available against which deductible temporary differences or unused tax losses and tax offsets can be utilised. However, deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary differences giving rise to them arise from the initial recognition of assets and liabilities (other than as a result of a business combination) which affects neither taxable income nor accounting profit. Furthermore, a deferred tax liability is not recognised in relation to taxable temporary differences arising from goodwill.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period(s) when the asset and liability giving rise to them are realised or settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by reporting date. The measurement of deferred tax liabilities reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the consolidated entity expects, at the reporting date, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

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 company entity intends to settle its tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

Current and deferred tax for the period

Current and deferred tax is recognised as an expense or income in the statement of comprehensive income, except when it relates to items credited or debited to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also recognised directly in equity, or where it arises from initial accounting for a business combination, in which case it is taken into account in the determination of goodwill or excess.

d) Employee entitlements

Provision is made for the company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

The company contributes to a defined contribution plan. Contributions to employee superannuation funds are charged against income as incurred.

e) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks and investments in money market instruments, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

f) Trade receivables and payables

Receivables are carried at their amounts due. The collectability of debts is assessed at balance date and specific provision is made for any doubtful accounts. Liabilities for trade creditors and other amounts are carried at cost that is the fair value of the consideration to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the company.

g) Property, plant and equipment

Plant and equipment, leasehold improvements and equipment under finance lease are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the item. In the event that settlement of all or part of the purchase consideration is deferred, cost is determined by discounting the amounts payable in the future to their present value as at the date of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided on property, plant and equipment, including freehold buildings but excluding land. Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis so as to write off the net cost of each asset over its expected useful life to its estimated residual value. Leasehold improvements are depreciated at the rate equivalent to the available building allowance using the straight line method. The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of each annual reporting period.

The following estimated useful lives are used in the calculation of depreciation:

leasehold improvements	40 years
plant and equipment	2.5 - 40 years
furniture and fittings	4 - 40 years

h) Intangibles

The franchise fee paid to Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited has been recorded at cost and is amortised on a straight line basis over the life of the franchise agreement.

The renewal processing fee paid to Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited when renewing the franchise agreement has also been recorded at cost and is amortised on a straight line basis over the life of the franchise agreement.

i) Payment terms

Receivables and payables are non interest bearing and generally have payment terms of between 30 and 90 days.

j) Borrowings

All loans are initially measured at the principal amount. Interest is recognised as an expense as it accrues.

k) Financial instruments

Recognition and initial measurement

Financial instruments, incorporating financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs. Financial instruments are classified and measured as set out below.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expires 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.

Classification and subsequent measurement

(i) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

(ii) Held-to-maturity investments

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets that have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments, and it is the entity's intention to hold these investments to maturity. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

(iii) Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that are either not suitable to be classified into other categories of financial assets due to their nature, or they are designated as such by management. They comprise investments in the equity of other entities where there is neither a fixed maturity nor fixed or determinable payments.

They are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in such fair value (i.e. gains or losses) recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Available-for-sale financial assets are included in non-current assets except where they are expected to be sold within 12 months after the end of the reporting period. All other financial assets are classified as current assets.

(iv) Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities (excluding financial guarantees) are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

k) Financial instruments (continued)

Impairment

At each reporting date, the entity assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

I) Leases

Leases of fixed assets where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership are transferred to the company are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised by recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the lease term. Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred. Lease incentives under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

m) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the economic entity has a legal, equitable or constructive obligation to make a future sacrifice of economic benefits to other entities as a result of past transactions of other past events, it is probable that a future sacrifice of economic benefits will be required and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

A provision for dividends is not recognised as a liability unless the dividends are declared, determined or publicly recommended on or before the reporting date.

n) Contributed equity

Ordinary shares are recognised at the fair value of the consideration received by the company. Any transaction costs arising on the issue of ordinary shares are recognised directly in equity as a reduction of the share proceeds received.

o) Earnings per share

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

p) Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not 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 expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the balance sheet. Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis.

The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority are classified as operating cash flows.

Note 2. Financial risk management

The company's activities expose it to a limited variety of financial risks: market risk (including currency risk, fair value interest risk and price risk), credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow interest rate risk. 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 entity. The entity does not use derivative instruments.

Risk management is carried out directly by the board of directors.

(i) Market risk

The company has no exposure to any transactions denominated in a currency other than Australian dollars.

(ii) Price risk

The company is not exposed to equity securities price risk as it does not hold investments for sale or at fair value. The company is not exposed to commodity price risk.

(iii) Credit risk

The company has no significant concentrations of credit risk. It has policies in place to ensure that customers have an appropriate credit history. The company's franchise agreement limits the company's credit exposure to one financial institution, being Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited.

(iv) Liquidity risk

Prudent liquidity management implies maintaining sufficient cash and marketable securities and the availability of funding from credit facilities. The company believes that its sound relationship with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited mitigates this risk significantly.

(v) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

Interest-bearing assets are held with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited and subject to movements in market interest. Interest-rate risk could also arise from long-term borrowings. Borrowings issued at variable rates expose the company to cash flow interest-rate risk. The company believes that its sound relationship with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited mitigates this risk significantly.

(vi) 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 balance sheet.

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:

- (a) 20% of the profit or funds of the franchisee 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 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%.

Note 2. Financial risk management (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 for the year ended 30 June 2015 can be seen in the statement of comprehensive income.

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

Note 3. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the entity and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

Management has identified the following critical accounting policies for which significant judgements, estimates and assumptions are made. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions and may materially affect financial results or the financial position reported in future periods.

Further details of the nature of these assumptions and conditions may be found in the relevant notes to the financial statements.

Taxation

Judgement is required in assessing whether deferred tax assets and certain tax liabilities are recognised on the balance sheet. Deferred tax assets, including those arising from un-recouped tax losses, capital losses and temporary differences, are recognised only where it is considered more likely than not that they will be recovered, which is dependent on the generation of sufficient future taxable profits.

Assumptions about the generation of future taxable profits depend on management's estimates of future cash flows. These depend on estimates of future sales volumes, operating costs, capital expenditure, dividends and other capital management transactions. Judgements are also required about the application of income tax legislation.

These judgements and assumptions are subject to risk and uncertainty. There is therefore a possibility that changes in circumstances will alter expectations, which may impact the amount of deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities recognised on the balance sheet and the amount of other tax losses and temporary differences not yet recognised. In such circumstances, some or all of the carrying amount of recognised deferred tax assets and liabilities may require adjustment, resulting in corresponding credit or charge to the statement of comprehensive income.

Estimation of useful lives of assets

The estimation of the useful lives of assets has been based on historical experience and the condition of the asset is assessed at least once per year and considered against the remaining useful life. Adjustments to useful lives are made when considered necessary.

Note 3. Critical accounting estimates and judgements (continued)

Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets that have an indefinite useful life to determine whether there is any indication that 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 the impairment loss (if any). Where the asset does not generate cash flows that are independent from other assets, the consolidated entity estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately, unless the relevant asset is carried at fair value, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but only to the extent that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately, unless the relevant asset is carried at fair value, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

2015	2014
\$	\$

Note 4. Revenue from ordinary activities

Operating activities:

otal revenues from ordinary activities	766,070	755.586
otal revenue from non-operating activities	6	5
interest received	6	5
on-operating activities:		
otal revenue from operating activities	766,064	755,581
services commissions	766,064	755,581

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Note 5. Expenses		
Depreciation of non-current assets:		
- plant and equipment	1,990	2,198
- leasehold improvements	14,426	15,193
Amortisation of non-current assets:		
- franchise agreement	6,314	6,314
- franchise renewal fee	11,570	11,570
	34,300	35,275
Finance costs:		
- interest paid	26,362	42,949
Bad debts	61	105
Note 6. Income tax expense The components of tax expense comprise:		
- Movement in deferred tax	(3,642)	(1,229)
- Adjustment to deferred tax to reflect change to tax rate in future periods	11,862	-
- Recoupment of prior year tax losses	28,981	29,040
- Under/(Over) provision of tax in the prior period	-	1,200
	37,201	29,011
The prima facie tax on profit from ordinary activities before income tax is reconciled to the income tax expense as follows		
Operating profit	80,465	88,702
Prima facie tax on profit from ordinary activities at 30%	24,140	26,611
Add tax effect of:		
- non-deductible expenses	1,200	1,200
- timing difference expenses	3,641	1,229
	28,981	29,040
Movement in deferred tax	(3,642)	(1,229)
Adjustment to deferred tax to reflect change of tax rate in future periods	11,862	-

37,201

29,011

	Note	2015	2014
		\$	\$
Note 7. Cash and cash equivalents			
Cash at bank and on hand		-	4,275
		-	4,275
Note 7.(a) Reconciliation to cash flow statement			
The above figures reconcile to the amount of cash shown in the statement of cash flows at the end of the financial year as follows:			
Cash at bank and on hand		-	4,275
Bank overdraft	13	(28,392)	-
		(28,392)	4,275
Note 8. Trade and other receivables			
Trade receivables		58,876	57,663
Prepayments		15,552	17,280
Other receivables and accruals		-	51
		74,428	74,994
Land and buildings Freehold land			
At cost		49,252	45,000
Buildings			
At cost		91,366	91,366
Less accumulated depreciation		(8,360)	(6,076)
		83,006	85,290
Leasehold improvements			
At cost		318,358	318,358
Less accumulated depreciation		(82,063)	(69,921)
		236,295	248,437
Plant and equipment		F0 000	
At cost		52,889	52,889
Less accumulated depreciation		(21,020)	(19,030)
		31,869	33,859
Total written down amount		400,422	412,586

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Note 9. Property, plant and equipment (continued)		
Movements in carrying amounts:		
Land		
Carrying amount at beginning	45,000	45,000
Additions	4,252	-
Carrying amount at end	49,252	45,000
Buildings		
Carrying amount at beginning	85,290	87,574
Less: depreciation expense	(2,284)	(2,284)
Carrying amount at end	83,006	85,290
Leasehold improvements		
Carrying amount at beginning	248,437	261,346
Less: depreciation expense	(12,142)	(12,909)
Carrying amount at end	236,295	248,437
Plant and equipment		
Carrying amount at beginning	33,859	36,057
Less: depreciation expense	(1,990)	(2,198)
Carrying amount at end	31,869	33,859
Total written down amount	400,422	412,586

Note 10. Intangible assets

Franchise fee

Total written down amount	20,885	38,770
	11,571	23,142
Less: accumulated amortisation	(46,282)	(34,711)
At cost	57,853	57,853
Renewal processing fee		
	9,314	15,628
Less: accumulated amortisation	(32,256)	(25,942)
At cost	41,570	41,570

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Note 11. Tax		
Non-Current:		
Deferred tax assets		
- accruals	-	46
- employee provisions	14,226	11,807
- tax losses carried forward	215,579	255,906
	229,805	267,759
Deferred tax liability		
- accruals	-	1
- deductible prepayments	4,432	5,184
	4,432	5,185
Net deferred tax asset	225,373	262,574
Movement in deferred tax charged to statement of comprehensive income	37,201	29,011

Note 12. Trade and other payables

	37,934	72,128
Other creditors and accruals	24,368	23,427
Trade creditors	13,566	48,701

Note 13. Borrowings

Current:		
Bank overdraft	28,392	-
Vendor Finance - R S Gunner	-	15,675
Bank loans	-	-
	28,392	15,675
Non-Current:		
Vendor Finance - R S Gunner	-	59,987
Bank loans	470,050	500,000
	470,050	559,987

The bank overdraft has an approved limit of \$100,000 and attracts an interest rate of 4.23% (2014: 4.705%) per agreement with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited. The overdraft is secured by a fixed floating charge over the company's assets.

Note 13. Borrowings (continued)

The bank loan matures on 8 March 2017 and was interest only for the first two years up until March 2014. Interest is now recognised at an average rate of 4.23% (2014: 4.7%). The loan is secured by a fixed charge over the property at 151 Manifold Street, Camperdown.

The vendor finance was to mature on the 4th November 2016 but was paid out June 2015. Interest was recognised at an average rate of 7.50%. The loan was secured by a fixed charge over the property at 151 Manifold Street, Camperdown.

	6,872	17,809
Non-Current:		
	43,044	21,548
rovision for long service leave	20,915	-
Provision for annual leave	22,129	21,548
Current:		
Note 14. Provisions		
	2015 \$	2014 \$

Note 15. Contributed equity

	698,455	698,455
Less: equity raising expenses	(26,557)	(26,557)
725,012 ordinary shares fully paid (2014: 725,012)	725,012	725,012

Rights attached to shares

(a) 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.

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.

Note 15. Contributed equity (continued)

Rights attached to shares (continued)

(b) 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 and Adelaide Bank Limited 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).

(c) 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").
- Where the person is a shareholder, after the transfer of shares in the company to that person the number of shareholders in the company is (or would be) lower than the base number (the "base number test"). The base number is 302. As at the date of this report, the company had 325 shareholders.

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 his or her associates) have a prohibited shareholding interest, 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.

Balance at the beginning of the financial year 	(592,403)	(652,094)
Dividends paid or provided for	(14,500)	
Dividends paid or provided for	(14,500)	(592,403)

Note 17. Statement of cash flows

Reconciliation of profit from ordinary activities after tax to net cash provided by operating activities

Net cash flows provided by operating activities	115,855	142,341
- increase/(decrease) in provisions	10,559	2,568
- increase/(decrease) in payables	(10,034)	13,158
- (increase)/decrease in other assets	37,201	29,011
- (increase)/decrease in receivables	565	2,638
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- amortisation	17,884	17,884
- depreciation	16,416	17,391
Non cash items:		
Profit from ordinary activities after income tax	43,264	59,691

Note 18. Leases

Operating lease commitments

	15,440	45,841
- greater than 5 years	-	-
- between 12 months and 5 years	-	30,561
- not later than 12 months	15,440	15,280
Payable - minimum lease payments:		
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements		

The operating lease is a non-cancellable lease with a five-year term, with rent payable monthly in advance.

2015	2014
2013	2014
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Note 19. Auditor's remuneration

Amounts received or due and receivable by the auditor of the company for:

	5,755	5,150
- non audit services	805	200
- audit and review services	4,950	4,950

Note 20. Director and related party disclosures

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.

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Note 21. Dividends paid or provided		
a. Dividends paid during the year		
Current year dividend		
Unfranked dividend - 2 cents (2014: Nil cents) per share	14,500	-

Note 22. Earnings per share

		2015 \$	2014 \$
(a)	Profit attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the company used in calculating earnings per share	43,264	59,691
		Number	Number
(b)	Weighted average number of ordinary shares used as the denominator in calculating basic earnings per share	725,012	725,012

Note 23. Events occurring after the reporting date

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

Note 24. Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

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

Note 25. Segment reporting

The economic entity operates in the service sector where it facilitates **Community Bank**[®] services in Cobden, Camperdown and surrounding districts pursuant to a franchise agreement with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited.

Note 26. Registered office/Principal place of business

The entity is a company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The registered office and principal place of business is:

Registered Office	Principal Place of Business
37 Curdie Street	37 Curdie Street
Cobden VIC 3266	Cobden VIC 3266

Note 27. Financial instruments

Financial Instrument Composition and Maturity Analysis

The table below reflects the undiscounted contractual settlement terms for all financial instruments, as well as the settlement period for instruments with a fixed period of maturity and interest rate.

Financial	Floating	Interest		Fixe	d interest r	ate maturir	ng in		Non in	iterest	Weig	ghted	
instrument	rivaulig	interest	1 year	or less	Over 1 to	o 5 years	Over 5 years bearing a		bearing		ave	average	
	2015 \$	2014 \$	2015 \$	2014 \$	2015 \$	2014 \$	2015 \$	2014 \$	2015 \$	2014 \$	2015 %	2014 %	
Financial assets													
Cash and cash equivalents	-	4,275	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.59	0.15	
Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58,876	57,663	N/A	N/A	
Financial liabilities													
Interest bearing liabilities	28,392	-	470,050	515,675	-	59,987	-	-	-	-	4.95	7.39	
Payables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,566	48,701	N/A	N/A	

Net Fair Values

The net fair values of financial assets and liabilities approximate the carrying values as disclosed in the balance sheet. The company does not have any unrecognised financial instruments at the year end.

Note 27. Financial instruments (continued)

Credit Risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk at balance date to recognised financial assets is the carrying amount of those assets as disclosed in the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements.

There are no material credit risk exposures to any single debtor or group of debtors under financial instruments entered into by the economic entity.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk refers to the risk that the value of a financial instrument or cash flows associated with the instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. Interest rate risk arises from the interest bearing financial assets and liabilities in place subject to variable interest rates, as outlined above.

Sensitivity Analysis

The company has performed sensitivity analysis relating to its exposure to interest rate risk at balance date. This sensitivity analysis demonstrates the effect on the current year results and equity which could result from a change in interest rates.

As at 30 June 2015, the effect on profit and equity as a result of changes in interest rate, with all other variables remaining constant would be as follows:

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Change in profit/(loss)		
Increase in interest rate by 1%	(4,984)	(5,714)
Decrease in interest rate by 1%	4,984	5,714
Change in equity		
Increase in interest rate by 1%	(4,984)	(5,714)
Decrease in interest rate by 1%	4,984	5,714

Directors' declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of Cobden & Districts Community Finance Limited, we state that:

In the opinion of the directors:

- (a) the financial statements and notes of the company are 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 2015 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Accounting Standards, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
- (c) the audited remuneration disclosures set out in the remuneration report section of the directors' report comply with Accounting Standard AASB124 Related Party Disclosures and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the board of directors.

James Alfred Green, Chairman

Signed on the 11th of September 2015.

Independent audit report



Independent auditor's report to the members of Cobden & Districts Community Finance Limited

Report on the financial report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Cobden & Districts Community Finance Limited, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2015, statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

Directors' responsibility for the financial report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001*. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making fair accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances. In note 1, the directors also state in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements that the financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on our 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, we consider internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report 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. 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.

Our audit did not involve an analysis of the prudence of business decisions made by directors or management.

We performed the procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and Australian Accounting Standards, a true and fair view which is consistent with our understanding of the company's financial position and of its performance.

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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Independence

In conducting our audit we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act* 2001. We have given to the directors of the company a written auditor's independence declaration, a copy of which is included in the directors' report.

Auditor's opinion on the financial report

In our opinion:

- The financial report of Cobden & Districts Community Finance 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 2015 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended and complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.
- 2. The financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

Report on the remuneration report

We have audited the remuneration report included in the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2015. The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the remuneration report in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the remuneration report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

Auditor's opinion on the remuneration report

In our opinion, the remuneration report of Cobden & Districts Community Finance Limited for the year ended 30 June 2015, complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Andrew Frewin Stewart 61 Bull Street, Bendigo Vic 3550

Dated: 11 September 2015

David Hutchings Lead Auditor

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