

# Cobden & Districts Community Finance Limited

ABN 84 117 781 049

Half-year Financial Report - 31 December 2025

**Cobden & Districts Community Finance Limited**  
**Directors' report**  
**31 December 2025**

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the company for the half-year ended 31 December 2025.

**Directors**

The following persons were directors of the company during the whole of the financial half-year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

Patricia Jean Robertson  
Norman William Duncanson

Joan Lorraine Scott  
Samuel Robert Henderson

**Principal activity**

The principal activity of the company during the financial half-year was facilitating Community Bank services under management rights of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited (Bendigo Bank).

**Review of operations**

The profit for the company after providing for income tax amounted to \$113,918 (31 December 2024: \$103,616).

**Significant changes in the state of affairs**

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

**Matters subsequent to the end of the financial half-year**

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2025 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

**Auditor's independence declaration**

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out immediately after this directors' report.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors, pursuant to section 306(3)(a) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

On behalf of the directors



Patricia Jean Robertson  
Chairman

20 February 2026



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

I declare that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, during the half-year ended 31 December 2025 there have been:

- a. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review; and
- b. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

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**Andrew Frewin Stewart**  
61 Bull Street, Bendigo Vic 3550  
Dated: 20 February 2026

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**Adrian Downing**  
Lead Auditor

**Cobden & Districts Community Finance Limited**  
**Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income**  
**For the half-year ended 31 December 2025**

	Note	31-Dec-25 \$	31-Dec-24 \$
Revenue from contracts with customers	3	591,879	631,529
Finance revenue		10,141	7,043
Total revenue		<u>602,020</u>	<u>638,572</u>
Employee benefits expense		(244,806)	(288,275)
Advertising and marketing costs		(12,513)	(11,485)
Occupancy and associated costs		(20,479)	(24,261)
Systems costs		(15,210)	(17,426)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(38,916)	(37,002)
Finance costs		(3,306)	(3,463)
General administration expenses		(50,422)	(47,866)
Total expenses before community contributions and income tax		<u>(385,652)</u>	<u>(429,778)</u>
<b>Profit before community contributions and income tax expense</b>		216,368	208,794
Charitable donations, sponsorships, and grants expense		<u>(63,838)</u>	<u>(70,203)</u>
<b>Profit before income tax expense</b>		152,530	138,591
Income tax expense		<u>(38,612)</u>	<u>(34,975)</u>
<b>Profit after income tax expense for the half-year</b>		113,918	103,616
Other comprehensive income for the half-year, net of tax		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the half-year</b>		<u><u>113,918</u></u>	<u><u>103,616</u></u>
		<b>Cents</b>	<b>Cents</b>
Basic earnings per share		15.71	14.29
Diluted earnings per share		15.71	14.29

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

**Cobden & Districts Community Finance Limited**  
**Statement of financial position**  
**As at 31 December 2025**

	<b>31-Dec-25</b>	<b>30-Jun-25</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	69,150	55,962
Trade and other receivables	109,713	72,479
Investments	663,695	581,842
Current tax assets	-	12,421
Total current assets	<u>842,558</u>	<u>722,704</u>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	332,998	346,931
Right-of-use assets	161,021	168,749
Intangibles	128,840	143,155
Deferred tax assets	12,493	8,992
Total non-current assets	<u>635,352</u>	<u>667,827</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>1,477,910</u>	<u>1,390,531</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	76,594	68,391
Lease liabilities	20,097	20,093
Current tax liabilities	18,693	-
Employee benefits	36,473	32,055
Total current liabilities	<u>151,857</u>	<u>120,539</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	94,483	94,483
Lease liabilities	159,748	166,759
Employee benefits	379	575
Provisions	5,829	5,728
Total non-current liabilities	<u>260,439</u>	<u>267,545</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>412,296</u>	<u>388,084</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>1,065,614</u>	<u>1,002,447</u>
<b>Equity</b>		
Issued capital	698,455	698,455
Retained earnings	<u>367,159</u>	<u>303,992</u>
<b>Total equity</b>	<u>1,065,614</u>	<u>1,002,447</u>

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

**Cobden & Districts Community Finance Limited**  
**Statement of changes in equity**  
**For the half-year ended 31 December 2025**

	Note	Issued capital \$	Retained earnings \$	Total equity \$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2024</b>		698,455	171,643	870,098
Profit after income tax expense		-	103,616	103,616
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	103,616	103,616
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i>				
Dividends provided for or paid	4	-	(50,751)	(50,751)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2024</b>		<u>698,455</u>	<u>224,508</u>	<u>922,963</u>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2025</b>		698,455	303,992	1,002,447
Profit after income tax expense		-	113,918	113,918
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	113,918	113,918
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i>				
Dividends provided for or paid	4	-	(50,751)	(50,751)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2025</b>		<u>698,455</u>	<u>367,159</u>	<u>1,065,614</u>

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

**Cobden & Districts Community Finance Limited**  
**Statement of cash flows**  
**For the half-year ended 31 December 2025**

	Note	31-Dec-25 \$	31-Dec-24 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)		633,501	674,950
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(451,779)	(520,051)
Interest received		16,853	4,747
Interest and other finance costs paid		(4)	-
Income taxes paid		(10,999)	(46,825)
		<u>187,572</u>	<u>112,821</u>
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>			
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Redemption of/(investment in) term deposits		(81,853)	51,603
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(2,940)	(8,411)
Payments for intangible assets		(28,631)	(24,860)
		<u>(113,424)</u>	<u>18,332</u>
<b>Net cash from/(used in) investing activities</b>			
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Interest and other finance costs paid		(3,201)	(3,365)
Dividends paid	4	(50,751)	(50,751)
Repayment of lease liabilities		(7,008)	(6,612)
		<u>(60,960)</u>	<u>(60,728)</u>
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		13,188	70,425
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial half-year		<u>55,962</u>	<u>34,002</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial half-year		<u><u>69,150</u></u>	<u><u>104,427</u></u>

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

**Cobden & Districts Community Finance Limited**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**31 December 2025**

**Note 1. Material accounting policy information**

These general purpose financial statements for the interim half-year reporting period ended 31 December 2025 have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Act 2001*. Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standard IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*.

These general purpose financial statements do not include all the notes of the type normally included in annual financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements are to be read in conjunction with the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2025 and any public announcements made by the company during the period.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year and corresponding interim reporting period, except for the policies stated below.

**Note 2. Economic dependency**

The company has entered into a franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank that governs the management of the Community Bank. The company is economically dependent on the ongoing receipt of revenue under the franchise agreement. The franchise agreement expires in June 2030.

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

**Note 3. Revenue from contracts with customers**

	<b>31-Dec-25</b>	<b>31-Dec-24</b>
	\$	\$
Margin income	486,053	537,918
Fee income	23,489	20,006
Commission income	82,337	73,605
	<u>591,879</u>	<u>631,529</u>

*Disaggregation of revenue*

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

**Note 4. Dividends**

The following dividends were provided for and paid to shareholders during the financial half-year as presented in the Statement of changes in equity and Statement of cash flows.

	<b>31-Dec-25</b>	<b>31-Dec-24</b>
	\$	\$
Fully franked dividend of 7 cents per share (31-Dec-24: 7 cents)	<u>50,751</u>	<u>50,751</u>

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

**Note 5. Contingent assets and liabilities**

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

**Note 6. Related party transactions**

The company has related party transactions that include payments to not-for-profit organisations affiliated with certain directors. These related party transactions are consistent with those disclosed in the company's financial report for the year ended 30 June 2025. There have been no significant changes to the nature or amount of these related party transactions during the half-year ended 31 December 2025.

**Cobden & Districts Community Finance Limited**  
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**Note 7. Events after the reporting date**

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2025 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

**Cobden & Districts Community Finance Limited**  
**Directors' declaration**  
**31 December 2025**

In the directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the *Corporations Act 2001*, Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting*, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2025 and of its performance for the financial half-year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors made pursuant to section 303(5)(a) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

On behalf of the directors



Patricia Jean Robertson  
Chairman

20 February 2026



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# Independent auditor's review report to the Directors of Cobden & Districts Community Finance Limited

## Report on the half-year financial report

### Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of Cobden & Districts Community Finance Limited (the company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, a summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the accompanying half-year financial report of the company does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2025 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- b. complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

### Basis for conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410: *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*. Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the financial report* section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

### Responsibility of the directors for the financial report

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



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## Auditor's responsibility for the review of the financial report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2025 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

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**Andrew Frewin Stewart**  
61 Bull Street, Bendigo Vic 3550  
Dated: 20 February 2026

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**Adrian Downing**  
Lead Auditor