



# Annual Report

# 2026

Corangamite Financial  
Services Limited

ABN 80 105 703 099



Community Bank · Anglesea and District &  
Community Bank · Winchelsea and District

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# Chairperson's report

For year ending 30 June 2026

On behalf of the Community Financial Services Board, it is my pleasure to present the Chairperson's Report for the 2025/26 financial year.

The past year has been challenging for our business and for banking in general. However, to address this business climate, we have had to make some of the most significant decisions in our 23-year history.

## Changes in Banking

The change in customers' banking habits in branches including low foot traffic and transactional activity, increased digital banking, and a decreasing need for physical cash were major influences in our decision-making.

A major change this financial year was adjusting our physical branch structure, which involved closing our Community Bank Lorne branch. Closing a branch is the toughest call we've had to make and it was a decision we didn't take lightly. For the reasons aforementioned, pending franchise and lease renewals, the logistics of ongoing staffing, and the pressure of financial sustainability led to the closure on 17th June 2026. We understand this causes disruption for our customers and the local community, we do however consider Lorne as part of our banking community, as we did prior to having a physical branch presence.

We really appreciate the feedback and understanding we received from everyone. While there was initial disappointment, our shareholders, overwhelmingly our customers and the Lorne community have been very understanding of the situation thanks to a clear communication plan and the hard work of our staff during the transition. The consolidation of Lorne strengthens our business which helps secure our ability to keep supporting Lorne and the wider Surf Coast community, while we will continue to provide customer support with our existing teams through our Community Bank Anglesea & District and Winchelsea & District branches.

Our commitment to the local community remains at the heart of everything we do. Over the past year we contributed \$82,488 direct to local community groups, organisations and activities. We also committed additional financial and staffing resources into initiatives driven and supported by our company often with other community partners. Some of which are outlined below :

- **Education and Care Support:** Members of the Board and team visited the Winchelsea Community House Occasional Care program to see the results of our funding, which provided new tables, play areas, and art supplies. The Winchelsea Men's Shed also helped out by building custom lockers for the centre.
- **Digital and Scam Awareness:** To help protect our customers from online risks, Daniel Norris delivered a series of Digital Awareness and Scam Prevention sessions, many in partnership with the Surf Coast Shire. These sessions gave local residents practical skills to stay safe online.
- **Local Sports Partnerships:** We again supported the Modewarre, Anglesea, Birregurra, Winchelsea and Inverleigh Football and Netball Clubs with our Community Bank Cup program. As well as the Moriac Primary School Community Cup at the Winchelsea Golf Club.

## Our Staff

Our staff participated in numerous engagement and development activities within the bank but outside of our immediate Community bank branches. An example of this was Rod from our Anglesea branch attended the 2026 Australian LGBTQ+ Inclusion Awards held in Sydney. Bendigo Bank was named Employer of the Year and kept its Gold Tier status on the Australian Workplace Equality Index.

Once again, special thanks to our Management team: Matilda Pink, Julie Dunkley, Daniel Norris and Senior Manager and Leader Jeremy Morris, for their continued, ongoing efforts to keep us at the forefront of Community Banking.

## Chairperson's report (continued)

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To our staff, a big thank you for your passion and commitment to our customers and your involvement within our communities, a big factor in our ongoing success.

I would also like to offer a big thank you to our volunteer Board of Directors for their time, energy, foresight, and dedication in keeping this business strong and, importantly, relevant and connected to our communities.

We make special note of the recent passing of our inaugural Chair, Ken McDonald. His early leadership and continuing commitment to us is a major factor in where we sit today.

Thank you to Bendigo Bank for their support, especially Jesse Church as our Regional Manager.

We remain in a strong position. The aim to continue to grow the business is paramount to our success. We are amidst a changing banking environment which requires a strong partnership between Bendigo Bank and its community partners.

We look forward to continuing to serve and grow alongside our customers and community partners.

**John Knuckey**

**Chairperson**

**Corangamite Financial Services Limited**

# Management report

For year ending 30 June 2026

The 2025/26 financial year has been an important year for Corangamite Financial Services Limited. It tested our business, required some difficult decisions and challenged us to look closely at how we operate. Pleasingly, we finished the year in a considerably stronger position than where we started.

Our total core banking income was \$3.075 million, an increase of \$125k from last year and \$22k ahead of budget. Improved margin performance during the second half of the year, together with careful management of operating costs resulted in a gross profit of \$351k, an increase of \$152k from 2025.

This is a pleasing result and reflects improving banking performance and the commercial decisions made throughout the year which setting a good trajectory of for FY27.

## **Our banking business**

Lending continued to be a strength during FY26. Annual branch lending growth finished at approximately \$5.1 million against our \$6 million target, despite a challenging property market, continued loan amortisation and discharges and changes to Bendigo Bank's access to government assisted scheme loans.

The growth figure does not tell the full story. Our team settled approximately \$34 million in new lending, while continuing to manage and retain a lending portfolio of approximately \$166 million.

Retention remains one of the strongest features of our business. Our lenders proactively review customer relationships, assist with pricing and product changes and work closely with customers as their circumstances change. Much of this work is not immediately visible in growth figures but is fundamental to protecting our existing business and maintaining the strong customer relationships our Community Bank has built over many years.

Deposit growth was more challenging. Our total branch deposit holdings fell by \$3.7 million coupled with a further loss of \$2.2 million in business banking and agricultural deposits. The loss in deposits a combination of reduced capital holdings in consumer and business account with the tougher economic climate, and loss of some high value deposits to competitors due to price.

Perhaps our strongest result was customer acquisition. Our team opened 1,507 new accounts, while products per customer increased from 3.085 to 3.142. This demonstrates that we continue to attract new customers while building deeper relationships with those who already bank with us. These relationships provide an important foundation for future lending and deposit growth and ultimately greater returns to our communities.

Customer acquisition, deepening customer relationship and growing deposits will remain an important focus in FY27.

## **Strengthening the business**

FY26 required us to make significant decisions about the future structure of the company.

Following a detailed review, we made the difficult decision to close our Community Bank Lorne branch and consolidate its operations into Community Bank Anglesea & District. Tightening product revenue, increasing operating costs, and changes to the way customers prefer to bank has changed significantly since the Community Bank Lorne branch opened. With a new lease term pending, coupled with declining transaction volumes and increasing adoption of digital banking, and the challenges of staffing the branch resulting in the decision to merge the already financially unsustainable Community Bank Lorne branch into Community Bank Anglesea & District in June 2026.

This was not a decision made lightly. Community banking is built around maintaining a meaningful local presence, but it also requires us to continually assess where our resources can have the greatest impact and ensure the company remains financially sustainable and stronger for the long term.

Importantly, the closure resulted in no staff redundancies, with our people redeployed within the broader CFS business. Most of the transition has now been completed, with the remaining costs expected to be finalised during Q1 in FY27.

## Management report (continued)

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We have also continued planning for the future of our physical branch network, including the proposed sale and leaseback of our Anglesea property. These decisions are about ensuring our capital and resources are used effectively while maintaining the local presence and personalised service that remain central to our business.

### **Our people and our customers**

While financial results are important, the strength of CFS continues to be our people and the relationships they have with our customers.

FY26 was not an easy year for our team. They navigated significant change across our business and the broader Bendigo Bank network, including new lending systems, changing processes, increased performance expectations and the closure of Lorne. Throughout this change, they continued to put our customers first.

Our team continues to demonstrate the strength of our relationship-based approach to banking and adapt to the changing way customers interact with us. Increasingly, our role extends beyond traditional over the counter banking to proactively connecting with customers, identifying opportunities and ensuring they have access to the right banking solutions.

This year also marked the retirement of Sally, one of CFS's foundation staff members. Sally commenced with CFS in 2003 when the Community Bank Winchelsea & District branch first opened and has been a passionate and loyal member of our team for the past 23 years. Over that time, Sally has seen our company grow and evolve and has made an enormous contribution to our customers, her colleagues and the Winchelsea community. We sincerely thank Sally for her commitment and contribution to CFS and wish her every happiness in her retirement.

We remain proud of the personalised service our people provide. It is a significant point of difference for our business and one we believe will become even more important as banking continues to evolve. We sincerely thank every member of our team for their resilience, commitment and contribution throughout the year.

### **Looking ahead**

We enter FY27 from a position of greater strength. The benefits of the Lorne consolidation will begin to flow through, our staffing structure has stabilised and improving margin performance provides a stronger financial foundation. There are still challenges ahead, with competition across banking remaining intense, deposit growth requiring attention and the broader economic environment remaining uncertain.

Our focus for FY27 is clear: grow our banking business.

We will continue to build our customer base, deepen existing relationships and create more opportunities across lending, deposits and business banking. We will also invest in our people to ensure our teams have the skills, confidence and accountability required to convert strong customer relationships into sustainable commercial outcomes.

The Community Bank model will continue to evolve alongside our customers, communities and technology. Our responsibility is to evolve with it while protecting what makes our business different: strong relationships, local decision making and a genuine commitment to the communities we serve.

We thank our volunteer Directors for their ongoing guidance and commitment, Bendigo Bank and the broader Community Bank network for their continued partnership, and our shareholders, customers and community partners for their ongoing support.

FY26 demonstrated our ability to make difficult decisions, adapt to change and remain focused on the long term sustainability of our company. We enter FY27 with a stronger business, a committed team and confidence in the opportunities ahead.

### **Management Team — Community Bank Anglesea & District and Winchelsea & District Branches**

**Jeremy Morris – Senior Manager & Company Treasurer**

**Matilda Pink – Business**

**Julie Dunkley – Lending**

**Daniel Norris – People**

# Bendigo and Adelaide Bank report

For year ending 30 June 2026

This year marked the first chapter of delivering on Bendigo Bank's 2030 Strategy.

Our purpose remains central to who we are – to feed into the prosperity of our customers and community – and our strategy brings a new focus on areas including innovation, digital ease and setting the benchmark for trust and societal impact.

We are making strong progress with new digital features to enhance the customer experience. Notably, Community Link is allowing customers to join us through e-banking while retaining a connection to their local branch.

In FY26, more than \$51.7 million was invested back into local communities, adding to a total of \$467 million since 1998. Our Scholarship Program remains one of the largest of its kind in Australia, with an incredible 70 Community Banks participating in 2026, and more than \$1.6m in scholarships awarded.

Our model evolution project is now helping to inform a holistic strategic review of the Community Bank model. The review is considering a broad range of factors to strengthen the model for the future, including growth, community impact, revenue share and non-financial risk. As an organisation, we remain committed to the Community Bank model and the important role it plays in achieving our 2030 Strategy.

Bendigo Bank has been supporting customers and communities across Australia for more than 160 years and for the past 27 years, the Community Bank model has been a driving force for positive impact.

On behalf of Bendigo Bank, thank you for being a shareholder in your local Community Bank. Your belief and support of our purpose have been instrumental in our success. I look forward to seeing us grow together and continue supporting our communities to prosper.

Warmest regards,

**Justine Minne**  
**Head of Community Banking, Bendigo Bank**

# Community balance sheet



**\$71,474**

Community Contributions  
2025/26



**\$57,621**

Grants  
2025/26



**\$5,200**

Sponsorships  
2025/26



**65**

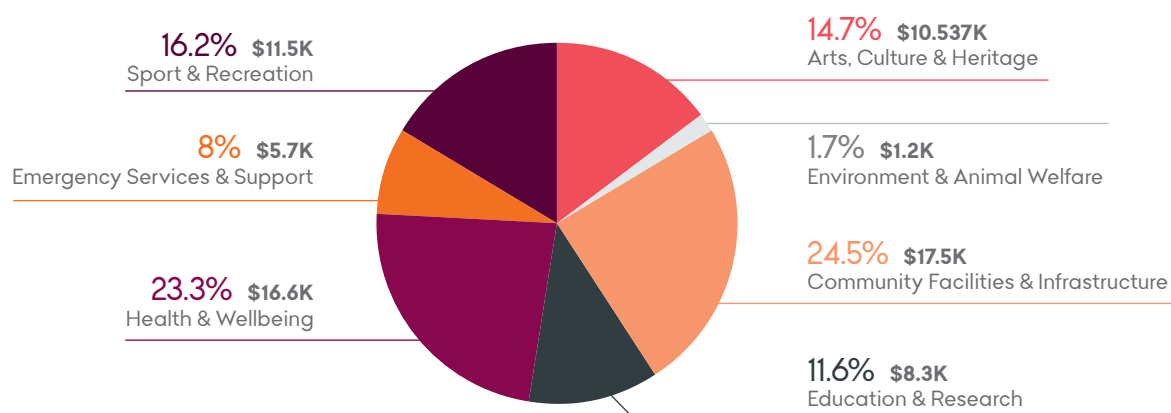
Community Investments  
2025/26



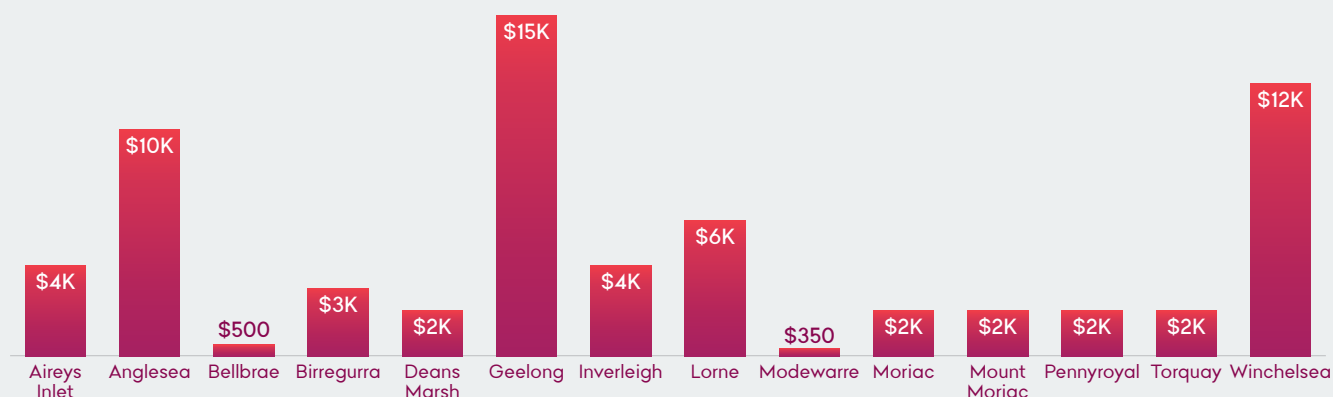
**2,197**

Total volunteers  
2025/26

## Funding by theme



## Funding by location (Grants and Sponsorships)



# Community contributions

Community Bank Anglesea and District and Community Bank Winchelsea and District takes immense pride over our ability to give back to the community groups and organisations.



1. Engaging presentations and community connections at the Winchelsea House Healthy Wealthy Wise day.
2. Connecting with dedicated volunteers at the Winchelsea Op Shop AGM and lunch.
1. Celebrating with the community at the Winchelsea Community Bank Village Open Day.
4. Marking 100 years and recent renovations at the Winchelsea & District RSL.
5. Staff member Kelly lending a hand at Anglesea Sewing for a Purpose.
6. Director Moira Thomson celebrating new childcare furniture at Winchelsea Community House.
7. Over 60 local businesswomen gathered with guest speaker Olivia Tipler for International Women's Day.
8. Partnering with Anglesea Lions to deliver vital community defibrillators.





1. Director Andrew Jones presenting Albie with the Anglesea Primary School Grade 6 award.
2. Jeremy and Piggy enjoying the Community Bank Cup clash between Barwon Heads and Anglesea.
3. Supporting Winchelsea Primary School through the Dollar for Dollar playground appeal.
4. Working alongside Ambulance Victoria to expand our community defibrillator program.
5. Daniel presenting a Digital Awareness session at Anglesea Tennis Club.
6. Locals coming together to celebrate the Winchelsea Community Bank Village Open Day.
7. Previous Bendigo Bank Managing Directors Marnie Baker and Rob Hunt at the Winchelsea Community Bank Village Open Day.
8. Anglesea Lionesses hosting their annual Pink Ribbon Day at Anglesea Bowls Club.
9. Director Robert Cameron presenting the winning cheque at the Modewarre vs Anglesea Community Bank Cup.
10. Ebony, Kelly and the Winchelsea Men's Shed with funded timber trees for Christmas in Winchelsea.
11. Daniel and Kelly delivering a Digital Awareness presentation to Probus Winchelsea.





1. Community fun and local support at the Aireys Inlet Primary School Fair 2025.
2. Celebrating the festive season at the Anglesea & District Men's Shed Christmas lunch.
3. Kelly, Lisa and the Winchelsea SES President Kris Jeffrey, with their new ground unit defibrillator.
4. Josie, Libby and Jeremy showcasing Adopt a Surf Coaster donations for families in need.
5. Kezia with Art House President Jennifer O'Sullivan celebrating Anglesea Art House's 40th Annual Art Exhibition.
6. Kelly and local Kerry Trounson enjoying the presentations at the Healthy Wealthy Wise morning.
7. Director Andrew Jones supporting the Anglesea CFA with their new security monitoring system.
8. Kelly and Daniel supporting the Anglesea Roo Run.
9. Backing the inspiring runners from Iona College Armstrong Creek on their 100km journey to Lorne.



1. Director Robert Cameron at Birregurra FNC for the SALT mental health and wellbeing presentation.
2. Chair John Knuckey presenting vital supplies to Lorne SES and Lorne CFA.
3. Celebrating community milestones at the Winchelsea Bendigo Bank Village Open Day.
4. Unveiling the brand new community signage for the Moriac Men's Shed.
5. Anglesea Football Netball Club celebrating their win of the Community Bank Cup.
6. Kelly and Michelle Stocks at the Winchelsea Women in Business breakfast with Global Sisters.
7. Commemorating local history at the Lorne P-12 College Avenue of Honour opening.
8. Supporting Great Ocean Road Health at their fundraising lunch hosted by Lorne Bowls Club.
9. Spreading festive cheer at aged care with Bec, Kelly, Santa Daniel and Rod.
10. Senior Branch Manager Jeremy donning the Santa suit for the Hesse Rural Health respite Christmas party.
11. Staff members Julia and Julie enjoying the fun at the Moriac Kindergarten Fete.



# Directors' report

**30 June 2026**

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the company for the year ended 30 June 2026.

## Directors

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

|                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name:                     | John McKenzie Knuckey                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Title:                    | Non-executive director                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Experience and expertise: | Business Proprietor - Engineering. Self employed in the agricultural retail and manufacturing industry for 40 years. Past executive of local sporting clubs. Long time local resident.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Special responsibilities: | Chair. Assets and Finance Committee, Executive Committee, Governance Committee, Marketing and Community Investment Committee.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Name:                     | Robert John Earl                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Title:                    | Non-executive director                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Experience and expertise: | Civil Contractor. Qualified Diesel Fitter and holds a Diploma of Occupational Health and Safety. Managed own business and staff since May 1988, ten years in heavy construction and mining. Former president of the Civil Contractors Federation for ten years, founding member of the Winchelsea Tourist and Traders, former member of the SES and Landcare and former mentor at the Winchelsea Primary School. |
| Special responsibilities: | Marketing and Community Investment Committee.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Name:                     | John Hubert Tebbutt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Title:                    | Non-executive director                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Experience and expertise: | Retired Barrister at Law. Barrister at Law for 43 years. Licensed Legal Practitioner and Accredited Mediator (Bond University). President Growing Winchelsea Inc. Former Member Strategic Advisory Board, Bendigo Bank. Volunteer of Geelong RSL. Former President of the Torquay Golf Club. Part time Farmer.                                                                                                   |
| Special responsibilities: | Governance Committee.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Name:                     | Andrew Lindsay Jones                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Title:                    | Non-executive director                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Experience and expertise: | Management Consultant. Bachelor of Science, Graduate Diploma of Polymer Science & Graduate Diploma of Marketing. Founder and chair of a national business advisory business. Twenty years experience as General Manager of large manufacturing businesses on glass, packaging and building products industries. Director of Rotary Club of Belmont and APCO Foundation.                                          |
| Special responsibilities: | Chair of Marketing and Community Investment Committees.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Name:                     | Gerard William Kelly                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Title:                    | Non-executive director                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Experience and expertise: | Retired Accountant. Bachelor of Commerce, 8 years with a major international accounting firm in Melbourne followed by 30 years in public practice in Colac, specialising in rural and small business. 30 years involvement with scouting in Colac. Strong family connections with Winchelsea and district.                                                                                                       |
| Special responsibilities: | Company Secretary, Chair of Executive Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Name:                     | Moir Louise Thomson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Title:                    | Non-executive director                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Experience and expertise: | Farmer and business owner. Bachelor of Commerce (Economics). Involved community member of Winchelsea.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Special responsibilities: | Marketing and Community Investment Committee and Executive Committee.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## Directors' report (continued)

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| Name:                     | Lesley Therese Thornton                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Title:                    | Non-executive director                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Experience and expertise: | Evaluator and organisational development consultant with significant experience working with clients across community, health, mental health, and aged care, to support organisational, service and system improvement. Is an active member of the Lorne community. |
| Special responsibilities: | Community Investment Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Name:                     | Robert Bruce Cameron                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Title:                    | Non-executive director                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Experience and expertise: | Radio host, Sporting Commentator and Journalist. Worked across many sectors in the Agricultural industry over 40 years. Long time local resident, community volunteer and strong community focus over his lifetime.                                                 |
| Special responsibilities: | Community Investment Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Name:                     | Kenneth Ian McDonald                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Title:                    | Non-executive director (Deceased 3 September 2026)                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Experience and expertise: | Real Estate Consultant. Self-employed Real Estate Agent/extensive experience in agriculture. Long time local resident and community volunteer.                                                                                                                      |
| Special responsibilities: | Executive Committee.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

### Company secretary

The Company secretary is Gerard William Kelly. Gerard was appointed to the position of Company secretary on 1 February 2022.

### Principal activity

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

There have been no significant changes in the nature of this activity during the financial year.

### Review of operations

The profit for the company after providing for income tax amounted to \$247,138 (30 June 2025: \$148,655).

Operations have continued to perform in line with expectations.

### Dividends

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

|                                                             | 2026<br>\$    | 2025<br>\$    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Fully franked dividend of 5 cents per share (2025: 6 cents) | <u>71,060</u> | <u>85,272</u> |

### Significant changes in the state of affairs

During the period the directors resolved to actively market the company's Anglesea branch property located at 65 Great Ocean Road, Anglesea for sale. Accordingly, the asset has been reclassified from Property, Plant and Equipment to Non current assets held for sale in accordance with AASB 5.

No further depreciation has been recognised on the property following its classification as held for sale.

During the period, the directors also resolved to close the Community Bank Lorne branch and consolidate its operations into the Community Bank Anglesea branch, effective 17 June 2026.

## Directors' report (continued)

The decision was made in response to changing customer banking preferences and a sustained decline in branch transaction volumes. The company does not expect the closure to have a material adverse financial impact. Customers will continue to be supported through the Anglesea branch and the company's digital banking services.

As a consequence of the branch closure, the remaining branch assets were disposed of resulting in a loss on disposal of \$21,004.

The directors also reassessed the lease term for the Lorne branch premises and concluded that the final five-year extension option, commencing in October 2026, is no longer reasonably certain to be exercised. Accordingly, the lease liability was remeasured in accordance with AASB 16 Leases.

The remeasurement resulted in:

- a decrease in the right-of-use asset of \$176,074
- a decrease in the lease liability of \$209,094
- an increase in the make good provision of \$916

A gain on remeasurement of \$32,106 was also recognised in profit or loss

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

### Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

On 18 August 2026, APRA imposed licence conditions on Bendigo Bank relating to its non-financial risk management framework. Bendigo Bank subsequently announced a multi-year rectification program in response to those conditions.

Whilst neither APRA's announcement nor Bendigo Bank's public announcement specifically refer to Community Bank companies, the directors acknowledge that remediation and review activities may extend across BEN's broader branch network, which may include Community Bank branches. At the date of this report, the outcome of those activities, and any resulting impacts on the company, if any, are not known and cannot presently be determined.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2026 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

### Likely developments and expected results of operations

No matter, circumstance or likely development in operations has arisen during or since the end of the financial year that has significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the company.

### Environmental regulation

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

### Meetings of directors

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

|                         | Eligible | Board<br>Attended | Executive and Finance<br>Committee<br>Eligible | Attended |
|-------------------------|----------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------|
| John McKenzie Knuckey   | 12       | 10                | 4                                              | 3        |
| Robert John Earl        | 12       | 9                 | -                                              | -        |
| Kenneth Ian McDonald    | 12       | 12                | 4                                              | 4        |
| John Hubert Tebbutt     | 12       | 7                 | -                                              | -        |
| Andrew Lindsay Jones    | 12       | 12                | -                                              | -        |
| Gerard William Kelly    | 12       | 10                | 4                                              | 4        |
| Moir Louise Thomson     | 12       | 10                | 4                                              | 3        |
| Lesley Therese Thornton | 12       | 8                 | -                                              | -        |
| Robert Bruce Cameron    | 12       | 11                | -                                              | -        |

## Directors' report (continued)

|                         | Community Investment Committee |          | Marketing Committee |          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
|                         | Eligible                       | Attended | Eligible            | Attended |
| John McKenzie Knuckey   | 4                              | 1        | -                   | -        |
| Robert John Earl        | 4                              | 4        | -                   | -        |
| Kenneth Ian McDonald    | -                              | -        | -                   | -        |
| John Hubert Tebbutt     | -                              | -        | -                   | -        |
| Andrew Lindsay Jones    | 4                              | 4        | -                   | -        |
| Gerard William Kelly    | -                              | -        | -                   | -        |
| Moir Louise Thomson     | -                              | -        | 2                   | 2        |
| Lesley Therese Thornton | 4                              | 4        | -                   | -        |
| Robert Bruce Cameron    | 4                              | 4        | -                   | -        |

### Directors' benefits

No director has received or become entitled to receive, during or since the financial year, a benefit because of a contract made by the company, controlled entity or related body corporate with a director, a firm which a director is a member or an entity in which a director has a substantial financial interest except as disclosed in note 25 to the financial statements. This statement excludes a benefit included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by directors shown in the company's accounts, or the fixed salary of a full-time employee of the company, controlled entity or related body corporate.

### Directors' interests

The interest in company shareholdings for each director are:

|                         | Balance at the start of the year | Changes | Balance at the end of the year |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| John McKenzie Knuckey   | 4,700                            | -       | 4,700                          |
| Robert John Earl        | 28,200                           | -       | 28,200                         |
| Kenneth Ian McDonald    | 1,800                            | -       | 1,800                          |
| John Hubert Tebbutt     | -                                | -       | -                              |
| Andrew Lindsay Jones    | -                                | -       | -                              |
| Gerard William Kelly    | -                                | -       | -                              |
| Lesley Therese Thornton | -                                | -       | -                              |
| Moir Louise Thomson     | -                                | -       | -                              |
| Robert Bruce Cameron    | -                                | -       | -                              |

### Shares under option

There were no unissued ordinary shares of the company under option outstanding at the date of this report.

### Shares issued on the exercise of options

There were no ordinary shares of the company issued on the exercise of options during the year ended 30 June 2026 and up to the date of this report.

### Indemnity and insurance of directors and officers

The company has indemnified all directors and management in respect of liabilities to other persons (other than the company or related body corporate) that may arise from their position as directors or management of the company except where the liability arises out of conduct involving the lack of good faith.

Disclosure of the nature of the liability and the amount of the premium is prohibited by the confidentiality clause of the contract of insurance.

### Proceedings on behalf of the company

No person has applied to the Court under section 237 of the *Corporations Act 2001* for leave to bring proceedings on behalf of the company, or to intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or part of those proceedings.

## Directors' report (continued)

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No proceedings have been brought or intervened in on behalf of the company with leave of the Court under section 237 of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

### **Indemnity and insurance of auditor**

The company has not, during or since the end of the financial year, indemnified or agreed to indemnify the auditor of the company or any related entity against a liability incurred by the auditor.

During the financial year, the company has not paid a premium in respect of a contract to insure the auditor of the company or any related entity.

### **Non-audit services**

The company may decide to employ the auditor on assignments additional to their statutory duties where the auditor's expertise and experience with the company are important. Details of the amounts paid or payable to the auditor (Andrew Frewin Stewart) for audit and non-audit services provided during the year are set out in note 26 to the accounts.

The board has considered the non-audit services provided during the year by the auditor and is satisfied that the provision of the non-audit services is compatible with, and did not compromise, the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* for the following reasons:

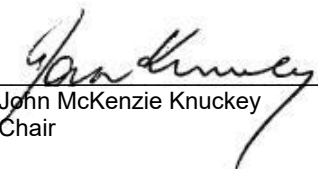
- all non-audit services have been reviewed by the board to ensure they do not impact on the impartiality, integrity and objectivity of the auditor
- The non-audit services provided do not undermine the general principles relating to auditor independence as set out in *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*, as they did not involve reviewing or auditing the auditor's own work, acting in a management or decision making capacity for the company, acting as an advocate for the company or jointly sharing risks and rewards.

### **Auditor's independence declaration**

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

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors, pursuant to section 298(2)(a) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

On behalf of the directors



John McKenzie Knuckey  
Chair

1 October 2026

# Auditor's independence declaration



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## Auditor's independence declaration under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* to the members of Corangamite Financial Services Limited

As lead auditor for the audit of Corangamite Financial Services Limited for the year ended 30 June 2026, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Frewin Stewart'.

**Andrew Frewin Stewart**  
61 Bull Street, Bendigo, Vic, 3550  
Dated: 1 October 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jessica Ritchie'.

**Jessica Ritchie**  
**Lead Auditor**

# Financial statements

## Corangamite Financial Services Limited Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income For the year ended 30 June 2026

|                                                                     | Note | 2026<br>\$            | 2025<br>\$            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Revenue from contracts with customers                               | 6    | 3,075,152             | 2,950,948             |
| Other revenue                                                       |      | 15,779                | 12,861                |
| Finance revenue                                                     |      | 126                   | 416                   |
| Gain on remeasurement of right-of-use asset                         |      | 32,106                | -                     |
| Total revenue                                                       |      | <u>3,123,163</u>      | <u>2,964,225</u>      |
| System costs                                                        |      | (77,032)              | (81,242)              |
| Advertising and marketing costs                                     |      | (51,246)              | (55,422)              |
| Employee benefits expense                                           | 7    | (1,982,614)           | (1,953,074)           |
| Occupancy and associated costs                                      |      | (83,594)              | (80,615)              |
| Depreciation and amortisation expense                               | 7    | (250,119)             | (221,549)             |
| General administration expenses                                     |      | (233,911)             | (213,163)             |
| Finance costs                                                       | 7    | (31,667)              | (52,167)              |
| Total expenses before community contributions and income tax        |      | <u>(2,710,183)</u>    | <u>(2,657,232)</u>    |
| <b>Profit before community contributions and income tax expense</b> |      | 412,980               | 306,993               |
| Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense               | 7    | <u>(82,488)</u>       | <u>(107,533)</u>      |
| <b>Profit before income tax expense</b>                             |      | 330,492               | 199,460               |
| Income tax expense                                                  | 8    | <u>(83,354)</u>       | <u>(50,805)</u>       |
| <b>Profit after income tax expense for the year</b>                 |      | 247,138               | 148,655               |
| Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax                 |      | <u>-</u>              | <u>-</u>              |
| <b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>                      |      | <u><u>247,138</u></u> | <u><u>148,655</u></u> |
|                                                                     |      | <b>Cents</b>          | <b>Cents</b>          |
| Basic earnings per share                                            | 28   | 17.39                 | 10.46                 |
| Diluted earnings per share                                          | 28   | 17.39                 | 10.46                 |

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

## Financial statements (continued)

### Corangamite Financial Services Limited Statement of financial position As at 30 June 2026

|                                                | Note | 2026<br>\$       | 2025<br>\$       |
|------------------------------------------------|------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                                  |      |                  |                  |
| <b>Current assets</b>                          |      |                  |                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents                      | 9    | 302,855          | 108,683          |
| Trade and other receivables                    | 10   | 264,183          | 233,022          |
| Non-current assets classified as held for sale | 13   | 1,542,400        | -                |
| Total current assets                           |      | <u>2,109,438</u> | <u>341,705</u>   |
| <b>Non-current assets</b>                      |      |                  |                  |
| Property, plant and equipment                  | 11   | 1,025,150        | 2,798,796        |
| Right-of-use assets                            | 12   | 12,464           | 225,106          |
| Intangible assets                              | 14   | 40,041           | 100,100          |
| Total non-current assets                       |      | <u>1,077,655</u> | <u>3,124,002</u> |
| <b>Total assets</b>                            |      | <u>3,187,093</u> | <u>3,465,707</u> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                             |      |                  |                  |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                     |      |                  |                  |
| Trade and other payables                       | 15   | 122,973          | 131,888          |
| Borrowings                                     | 16   | 283,296          | 115,711          |
| Lease liabilities                              | 17   | 14,397           | 47,965           |
| Current tax liabilities                        | 8    | 32,992           | 36,519           |
| Employee benefits                              | 18   | 193,224          | 220,038          |
| Total current liabilities                      |      | <u>646,882</u>   | <u>552,121</u>   |
| <b>Non-current liabilities</b>                 |      |                  |                  |
| Trade and other payables                       | 15   | -                | 44,043           |
| Borrowings                                     | 16   | -                | 288,858          |
| Lease liabilities                              | 17   | -                | 219,154          |
| Deferred tax liabilities                       | 8    | 173,174          | 174,368          |
| Employee benefits                              | 18   | 42,139           | 34,521           |
| Provisions                                     |      | -                | 3,822            |
| Total non-current liabilities                  |      | <u>215,313</u>   | <u>764,766</u>   |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                       |      | <u>862,195</u>   | <u>1,316,887</u> |
| <b>Net assets</b>                              |      | <u>2,324,898</u> | <u>2,148,820</u> |
| <b>Equity</b>                                  |      |                  |                  |
| Issued capital                                 | 19   | 966,000          | 966,000          |
| Revaluation reserve                            |      | 372,794          | 372,794          |
| Retained earnings                              |      | 986,104          | 810,026          |
| <b>Total equity</b>                            |      | <u>2,324,898</u> | <u>2,148,820</u> |

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

## Financial statements (continued)

### Corangamite Financial Services Limited Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 30 June 2026

|                                                              | Note | Issued<br>capital<br>\$          | Revaluation<br>reserve                | Retained<br>earnings<br>\$          | Total<br>equity<br>\$          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Balance at 1 July 2024</b>                                |      | 966,000                          | 372,794                               | 746,643                             | 2,085,437                      |
| Profit after income tax expense                              |      | -                                | -                                     | 148,655                             | 148,655                        |
| Other comprehensive income, net of tax                       |      | -                                | -                                     | -                                   | -                              |
| Total comprehensive income                                   |      | -                                | -                                     | 148,655                             | 148,655                        |
| <i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i> |      |                                  |                                       |                                     |                                |
| Dividends provided for or paid                               | 21   | -                                | -                                     | (85,272)                            | (85,272)                       |
| <b>Balance at 30 June 2025</b>                               |      | 966,000                          | 372,794                               | 810,026                             | 2,148,820                      |
|                                                              |      | <b>Issued<br/>capital<br/>\$</b> | <b>Revaluation<br/>reserve<br/>\$</b> | <b>Retained<br/>earnings<br/>\$</b> | <b>Total<br/>equity<br/>\$</b> |
| <b>Balance at 1 July 2025</b>                                |      | 966,000                          | 372,794                               | 810,026                             | 2,148,820                      |
| Profit after income tax expense                              |      | -                                | -                                     | 247,138                             | 247,138                        |
| Other comprehensive income, net of tax                       |      | -                                | -                                     | -                                   | -                              |
| Total comprehensive income                                   |      | -                                | -                                     | 247,138                             | 247,138                        |
| <i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i> |      |                                  |                                       |                                     |                                |
| Dividends provided for or paid                               | 21   | -                                | -                                     | (71,060)                            | (71,060)                       |
| <b>Balance at 30 June 2026</b>                               |      | 966,000                          | 372,794                               | 986,104                             | 2,324,898                      |

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

## Financial statements (continued)

### Corangamite Financial Services Limited Statement of cash flows For the year ended 30 June 2026

|                                                                  | Note | 2026<br>\$  | 2025<br>\$  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>                      |      |             |             |
| Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)                       |      | 3,352,603   | 3,258,873   |
| Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)           |      | (2,841,380) | (2,716,521) |
| Interest received                                                |      | 126         | 416         |
| Interest and other finance costs paid                            |      | (26,104)    | (39,738)    |
| Income taxes paid                                                |      | (88,075)    | (66,641)    |
| Net cash provided by operating activities                        | 27   | 397,170     | 436,389     |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>                      |      |             |             |
| Payments for property, plant and equipment                       | 11   | (1,180)     | (16,243)    |
| Payments for intangible assets                                   |      | (33,213)    | (40,040)    |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment          |      | 72,728      | -           |
| Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities              |      | 38,335      | (56,283)    |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>                      |      |             |             |
| Repayment of lease liabilities                                   |      | (43,628)    | (36,732)    |
| Interest and other finance costs paid                            |      | (5,372)     | (12,268)    |
| Dividends paid                                                   | 21   | (71,060)    | (85,272)    |
| Repayment of borrowings                                          |      | (121,273)   | (168,903)   |
| Net cash used in financing activities                            |      | (241,333)   | (303,175)   |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents                        |      | 194,172     | 76,931      |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year |      | 108,683     | 31,752      |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year       | 9    | 302,855     | 108,683     |

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

# Notes to the financial statements

**30 June 2026**

## **Note 1. Reporting entity**

The financial statements cover Corangamite Financial Services Limited (the company) as an individual entity, which is a for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The company is an unlisted public company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is:

### **Registered office**

11 Main Street, Winchelsea VIC 3241

### **Principal place of business**

11 Main Street, Winchelsea VIC 3241  
97 Great Ocean Road, Anglesea VIC 3230

A description of the nature of the company's operations and its principal activity is included in the directors' report, which is not part of the financial statements.

## **Note 2. Basis of preparation and statement of compliance**

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Corporations Act 2001*. The financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual and historical cost basis and are presented in Australian dollars, which is the company's functional and presentation currency.

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to pay its debts as and when they fall due for the foreseeable future. For these reasons, the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of directors, on 1 October 2026. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

## **Note 3. Material accounting policy information**

The accounting policies that are material to the company are set out either in the respective notes or below. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year, unless otherwise stated.

### **Adoption of new and revised accounting standards**

The company has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period. The company has assessed and concluded there are no material impacts.

### **Accounting standards issued but not yet effective**

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet mandatory, have not been early adopted by the company for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2026. The company's assessment of the impact of these new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations, most relevant to the company, are set out below.

#### **AASB 18 *Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements***

AASB 18 (effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027) will replace AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*. Early adoption is permitted.

The new standard does not change how amounts are recognised or measured. However, it will change how information is presented and disclosed in the financial statements. This includes a revised structure for the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, new subtotals, and additional disclosures for certain performance measures.

The company intends to adopt the standard from 1 July 2027. The impact is expected to be limited to changes in presentation and disclosure.

# Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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## **Note 3. Material accounting policy information (continued)**

### **Current and non-current classification**

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

### **Non-current assets or disposal groups classified as held for sale**

Non-current assets and assets of disposal groups are classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continued use. They are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs of disposal. For non-current assets or assets of disposal groups to be classified as held for sale, they must be available for immediate sale in their present condition and their sale must be highly probable.

An impairment loss is recognised for any initial or subsequent write down of the non-current assets and assets of disposal groups to fair value less costs of disposal. A gain is recognised for any subsequent increases in fair value less costs of disposal of non-current assets and assets of disposal groups, but not in excess of any cumulative impairment loss previously recognised.

Non-current assets are not depreciated or amortised while they are classified as held for sale. Interest and other expenses attributable to the liabilities of assets held for sale continue to be recognised.

Non-current assets classified as held for sale and the assets of disposal groups classified as held for sale are presented separately on the face of the statement of financial position, in current assets. The liabilities of disposal groups classified as held for sale are presented separately on the face of the statement of financial position, in current liabilities.

### **Impairment of financial assets**

The company recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses on financial assets which are measured at amortised cost. The measurement of the loss allowance depends upon the company's assessment at the end of each reporting period as to whether the financial instrument's credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, based on reasonable and supportable information that is available, without undue cost or effort to obtain.

Where there has not been a significant increase in exposure to credit risk since initial recognition, a 12-month expected credit loss allowance is estimated. This represents a portion of the asset's lifetime expected credit losses that is attributable to a default event that is possible within the next 12 months. Where a financial asset has become credit impaired or where it is determined that credit risk has increased significantly, the loss allowance is based on the asset's lifetime expected credit losses. The amount of expected credit loss recognised is measured on the basis of the probability weighted present value of anticipated cash shortfalls over the life of the instrument discounted at the original effective interest rate.

### **Impairment of non-financial assets**

At each reporting date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of any impairment loss.

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately.

Recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value-in-use. The value-in-use is the present value of the estimated future cash flows relating to the asset using a pre-tax discount rate specific to the asset or cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Assets that do not have independent cash flows are grouped together to form a cash-generating unit.

## **Note 4. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions**

The preparation of the financial statements requires the directors to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. The directors continually evaluate their judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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### Note 4. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)

The directors base their judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events that it believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. Differences between the accounting judgements and estimates and actual results and outcomes are accounted for in future reporting periods. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

#### Change in Accounting Estimate

During the year, the directors determined the Lorne Branch would be closed in June 2026. As a result, the remaining useful lives of the associated property, plant and equipment were reassessed.

This reassessment represents a change in accounting estimate. Depreciation has been adjusted prospectively so that the carrying amounts of the affected assets are fully depreciated over their revised remaining useful lives.

#### Judgements

##### *Timing of revenue recognition associated with trail commission*

The company receives trailing commission from Bendigo Bank for products and services sold. Ongoing trailing commission payments are recognised on a monthly basis when earned as there is insufficient detail readily available to estimate the most likely amount of revenue without a high probability of significant reversal in a subsequent reporting period. The receipt of ongoing trailing commission revenue is outside the control of the company.

##### *Allowance for expected credit losses on trade and other receivables*

The allowance for expected credit losses assessment requires a degree of estimation and judgement. It is based on the lifetime expected credit loss, grouped based on days overdue, and makes assumptions to allocate an overall expected credit loss rate for each group. These assumptions include recent sales experience and historical collection rates.

The company has not recognised an allowance for expected credit losses in relation to trade and other receivables for the following reasons:

- The company's trade receivables are limited to the monthly profit share distribution from Bendigo Bank, which is received 10 business days post month end.
- The credit risk (i.e. the risk that a customer will not make repayments) is for Bendigo Bank to bear as long as the company has complied with the appropriate procedures and relevant obligations and has not exercised a discretion in granting or extending credit. The directors are not aware of any such non-compliance at balance date.
- The company has reviewed credit ratings provided by Standard & Poors, Moody's and Fitch Ratings to determine the level of credit exposure to the company.
- The company has not experienced any instances of default in relation to receivables owed to the company from Bendigo Bank.

##### *Fair value measurement hierarchy*

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

- Level 1: inputs are based on the quoted market price at the close of business at the end of the reporting period
- Level 2: inputs are based on a valuation performed by a third party qualified valuer using quoted prices for similar assets in an active market
- Level 3: unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

Considerable judgement is required to determine what is significant to fair value and therefore which category the asset or liability is placed in can be subjective.

##### *Impairment of non-financial assets*

The company assesses impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the company and to the particular asset that may lead to impairment. If an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. This involves fair value less costs of disposal or value-in-use calculations, which incorporate a number of key estimates and assumptions. The directors did not identify any impairment indications during the financial year.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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### Note 4. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)

#### *Recovery of deferred tax assets*

Deferred tax assets are recognised for deductible temporary differences only if the company considers it is probable that future taxable amounts will be available to utilise those temporary differences and losses.

#### *Lease term*

The lease term is a significant component in the measurement of both the right-of-use asset and lease liability. Judgement is exercised in determining whether there is reasonable certainty that an option to extend the lease will be exercised, or an option to terminate the lease will not be exercised, when ascertaining the periods to be included in the lease term.

In determining the lease term, all facts and circumstances that create an economical incentive to exercise an extension option, or not to exercise a termination option, are considered at the lease commencement date. Factors considered may include the importance of the asset to the company's operations, comparison of terms and conditions to prevailing market rates, incurrence of significant penalties, existence of significant leasehold improvements and the costs and disruption to replace the asset. The company reassesses whether it is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option, if there is a significant event or significant change in circumstances.

The company includes extension options applicable to the lease of branch premises in its calculations of both the right-of-use asset and lease liability except where the company is reasonably certain it will not exercise the extension option. This is due to the significant disruption of relocating premises and the loss on disposal of leasehold improvements fitted out in the leased premises.

### **Estimates and assumptions**

#### *Estimation of useful lives of assets*

The company determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other event. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives or assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

#### *Incremental borrowing rate*

Where the interest rate implicit in a lease cannot be readily determined, which is generally the case for the company's lease agreements, an incremental borrowing rate is estimated to discount future lease payments to measure the present value of the lease liability at the lease commencement date. This rate is based on what the company estimates it would have to pay a third party to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of a similar value to the right-of-use asset, with similar terms, security and economic environment.

#### *Sublease classification*

Judgement is required to determine the classification of the sublease as either an operating or a finance sublease.

#### *Employee benefits provision*

The liability for employee benefits expected to be settled more than 12 months from the reporting date are recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates and inflation have been taken into account.

The company uses historical employee attrition rates in determining the probability of an employee, at a given date, achieving continuous employment to be eligible for entitlement in accordance with long service leave legislation.

In the absence of sufficient historical employee attrition rates, the company applies a benchmark probability rate from across the Community Bank network to factor in estimating the probability of an employee, at a given date, achieving continuous employment to be eligible for entitlement in accordance with legislation.

### **Note 5. Economic dependency**

The company has entered into a franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank that governs the management of the Community Bank. The company is economically dependent on the ongoing receipt of income under the franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank. The directors have no reason to believe a new franchise arrangement under mutually acceptable terms will not be forthcoming following expiry in December 2027.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 5. Economic dependency (continued)

The company operates as a franchise of Bendigo Bank, using the name "Bendigo Bank" and the logo and system of operations of Bendigo Bank. The company manages the Community Bank on behalf of Bendigo Bank, however all transactions with customers conducted through the Community Bank are effectively conducted between the customers and Bendigo Bank.

All deposits are made with Bendigo Bank, and all personal and investment products are products of Bendigo Bank, with the company facilitating the provision of those products. All loans, leases or hire purchase transactions, issues of new credit or debit cards, temporary or bridging finance and any other transaction that involves creating a new debt, or increasing or changing the terms of an existing debt owed to Bendigo Bank, must be approved by Bendigo Bank. All credit transactions are made with Bendigo Bank, and all credit products are products of Bendigo Bank.

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

The credit risk (i.e. the risk that a customer will not make repayments) is for Bendigo Bank to bear as long as the company has complied with the appropriate procedures and relevant obligations and has not exercised a discretion in granting or extending credit.

Bendigo Bank provides significant assistance in establishing and maintaining the Community Bank franchise operations. It also continues to provide ongoing management and operational support and other assistance and guidance in relation to all aspects of the franchise operation, including advice and assistance in relation to:

- the design, layout and fit out of the Community Bank premises
- training for the branch manager and other employees in banking, management systems and interface protocol
- methods and procedures for the sale of products and provision of services
- security and cash logistic controls
- calculation of company revenue and payment of many operating and administrative expenses
- the formulation and implementation of advertising and promotional programs
- sales techniques and proper customer relations
- providing payroll services.

### Note 6. Revenue from contracts with customers

|                   | 2026<br>\$       | 2025<br>\$       |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Margin income     | 2,685,520        | 2,537,899        |
| Fee income        | 145,308          | 156,848          |
| Commission income | 244,324          | 256,201          |
|                   | <u>3,075,152</u> | <u>2,950,948</u> |

#### *Accounting policy for revenue from contracts with customers*

The company has entered into a franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank. The company delivers banking and financial services of Bendigo Bank to its community. The franchise agreement provides for a share of interest, fee, and commission revenue earned by the company. Interest margin share is based on a funds transfer pricing methodology which recognises that income is derived from deposits held, and that loans granted incur a funding cost. Fees are based on the company's current fee schedule and commissions are based on the agreements in place. All margin revenue is recorded as non-interest income when the company's right to receive the payment is established.

The company acts as an agent under the franchise agreement and revenue arises from the rendering of services through its franchise agreement.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 6. Revenue from contracts with customers (continued)

Revenue is recognised on an accruals basis, at the fair value of consideration specified in the franchise agreement, as follows:

| <u>Revenue stream</u>            | <u>Includes</u>                    | <u>Performance obligation</u>                                                                                                                      | <u>Timing of recognition</u>                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Franchise agreement profit share | Margin, commission, and fee income | When the company satisfies its obligation to arrange for the services to be provided to the customer by the supplier (Bendigo Bank as franchisor). | On completion of the provision of the relevant service. Revenue is accrued monthly and paid within 10 business days after the end of each month. |

All revenue is stated net of the amount of GST. There was no revenue from contracts with customers recognised over time during the financial year.

#### *Revenue calculation*

The franchise agreement provides that three forms of revenue may be earned by the company which are margin, commission and fee income. Bendigo Bank decides the form of revenue the company earns on different types of products and services. The revenue earned by the company is dependent on the business that it generates.

#### *Margin income*

Margin income on core banking products is arrived at through the following calculation:

|               |                                                                                 |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|               | Interest paid by customers on loans less interest paid to customers on deposits |
| <b>plus:</b>  | any deposit returns i.e. interest return applied by Bendigo Bank for a deposit  |
| <b>minus:</b> | any costs of funds i.e. interest applied by Bendigo Bank to fund a loan.        |

The company is entitled to a share of the margin earned by Bendigo Bank. If this reflects a loss, the company incurs a share of that loss.

#### *Commission income*

Commission income is generated from the sale of products and services. This commission is recognised at a point in time which reflects when the company has fulfilled its performance obligation. Refer to note 4 for further information regarding key judgements applied by the directors in relation to the timing of revenue recognition from trail commission.

#### *Fee income*

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

#### *Core banking products*

Bendigo Bank has identified some products and services as 'core banking products'. It may change the products and services which are identified as core banking products by giving the company at least 30 days notice. Core banking products currently include Bendigo Bank branded home loans, term deposits and at call deposits.

#### *Ability to change financial return*

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

The change may be to the method of calculation of margin, the amount of margin, commission and fee income or a change of a margin to a commission or vice versa. This may affect the amount of revenue the company receives on a particular product or service.

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

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 7. Expenses

#### Employee benefits expense

|                                        | 2026<br>\$       | 2025<br>\$       |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Wages and salaries                     | 1,691,794        | 1,685,002        |
| Superannuation contributions           | 211,994          | 201,480          |
| Expenses related to long service leave | 7,544            | 1,179            |
| Other expenses                         | 71,282           | 65,413           |
|                                        | <u>1,982,614</u> | <u>1,953,074</u> |

#### Depreciation and amortisation expense

|                                            | 2026<br>\$     | 2025<br>\$     |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Depreciation of non-current assets</i>  |                |                |
| Buildings                                  | 37,830         | 37,830         |
| Leasehold improvements                     | 95,430         | 56,424         |
| Furniture and fittings                     | 35,660         | 30,153         |
| Motor vehicles                             | 4,592          | 21,114         |
|                                            | <u>173,512</u> | <u>145,521</u> |
| <i>Depreciation of right-of-use assets</i> |                |                |
| Leased land and buildings                  | 36,568         | 31,766         |
| Investment property                        | -              | 4,223          |
|                                            | <u>36,568</u>  | <u>35,989</u>  |
| <i>Amortisation of intangible assets</i>   |                |                |
| Franchise fee                              | 6,673          | 6,673          |
| Franchise renewal fee                      | 33,366         | 33,366         |
|                                            | <u>40,039</u>  | <u>40,039</u>  |
|                                            | <u>250,119</u> | <u>221,549</u> |

#### Finance costs

|                                    | 2026<br>\$    | 2025<br>\$    |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Bank loan interest paid or accrued | 25,892        | 39,605        |
| Lease interest expense             | 5,372         | 12,268        |
| Unwinding of make-good provision   | 191           | 161           |
| Other finance costs                | 212           | 133           |
|                                    | <u>31,667</u> | <u>52,167</u> |

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

#### Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense

|                                                 | 2026<br>\$    | 2025<br>\$     |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Direct donation, sponsorship and grant payments | <u>82,488</u> | <u>107,533</u> |

The overarching philosophy of the Community Bank model, is to support the local community in which the company operates. This is achieved by circulating the flow of financial capital into the local economy through community contributions (such as donations, sponsorships and grants).

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 8. Income tax

|                                              | 2026<br>\$     | 2025<br>\$     |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Income tax expense</i>                    |                |                |
| Current tax                                  | 84,548         | 66,099         |
| Movement in deferred tax                     | (1,194)        | (15,294)       |
| Aggregate income tax expense                 | <u>83,354</u>  | <u>50,805</u>  |
| <i>Prima facie income tax reconciliation</i> |                |                |
| Profit before income tax expense             | <u>330,492</u> | <u>199,460</u> |
| Tax at the statutory tax rate of 25%         | 82,623         | 49,865         |
| Tax effect of:                               |                |                |
| Non-deductible expenses                      | <u>731</u>     | <u>940</u>     |
| Income tax expense                           | <u>83,354</u>  | <u>50,805</u>  |
|                                              | 2026<br>\$     | 2025<br>\$     |
| <i>Deferred tax liabilities / (assets)</i>   |                |                |
| Property, plant and equipment                | 232,498        | 249,467        |
| Right-of-use assets                          | 3,116          | 56,277         |
| Lease liabilities                            | (3,599)        | (66,780)       |
| Employee benefits                            | (58,841)       | (63,640)       |
| Provision for lease make good                | -              | (956)          |
| Deferred tax liability                       | <u>173,174</u> | <u>174,368</u> |
|                                              | 2026<br>\$     | 2025<br>\$     |
| Provision for income tax                     | <u>32,992</u>  | <u>36,519</u>  |

#### *Accounting policy for income tax*

The income tax expense or benefit for the period is the tax payable on that period's taxable income based on the applicable income tax rate adjusted by the changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities attributable to temporary differences, unused tax losses and the adjustment recognised for prior periods, where applicable.

#### *Accounting policy for current tax*

Current tax assets and liabilities are measured at amounts expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. It is calculated using tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

#### *Accounting policy for deferred tax*

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilised.

### Note 9. Cash and cash equivalents

|                          | 2026<br>\$     | 2025<br>\$     |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Cash at bank and on hand | <u>302,855</u> | <u>108,683</u> |

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 10. Trade and other receivables

|                                                           | 2026<br>\$     | 2025<br>\$     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Trade receivables                                         | 252,100        | 222,528        |
| Prepayments                                               | 12,083         | 10,494         |
|                                                           | <u>264,183</u> | <u>233,022</u> |
|                                                           | 2026<br>\$     | 2025<br>\$     |
| Total trade and other receivables                         | 264,183        | 233,022        |
| Less prepayments, included in trade and other receivables | (12,083)       | (10,494)       |
|                                                           | <u>252,100</u> | <u>222,528</u> |

#### Accounting policy for trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any allowance for expected credit losses. The company's trade receivables are limited to the monthly profit share distribution from Bendigo Bank, which is received 10 business days post month end.

### Note 11. Property, plant and equipment

|                                     | 2026<br>\$       | 2025<br>\$       |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Winchelsea land - at fair value     | 257,178          | 257,178          |
| Anglesea land - at fair value       | -                | 600,000          |
|                                     | <u>257,178</u>   | <u>857,178</u>   |
| Winchelsea building - at fair value | 348,707          | 348,707          |
| Anglesea building - at fair value   | -                | 1,000,000        |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation      | (80,499)         | (100,269)        |
|                                     | <u>268,208</u>   | <u>1,248,438</u> |
| Leasehold improvements - at cost    | 583,680          | 741,642          |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation      | (153,507)        | (198,062)        |
|                                     | <u>430,173</u>   | <u>543,580</u>   |
| Furniture and fittings - at cost    | 311,010          | 328,372          |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation      | (241,419)        | (221,274)        |
|                                     | <u>69,591</u>    | <u>107,098</u>   |
| Motor vehicles - at cost            | 47,987           | 228,460          |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation      | (47,987)         | (185,958)        |
|                                     | <u>-</u>         | <u>42,502</u>    |
|                                     | <u>1,025,150</u> | <u>2,798,796</u> |

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 11. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

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

|                                       | Land<br>\$     | Buildings<br>\$ | Leasehold<br>improvements<br>\$ | Furniture and<br>fittings<br>\$ | Motor<br>vehicles<br>\$ | Total<br>\$      |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Balance at 1 July 2024                | 857,178        | 1,286,268       | 594,791                         | 126,221                         | 63,616                  | 2,928,074        |
| Additions                             | -              | -               | 5,213                           | 11,030                          | -                       | 16,243           |
| Depreciation                          | -              | (37,830)        | (56,424)                        | (30,153)                        | (21,114)                | (145,521)        |
| Balance at 30 June 2025               | 857,178        | 1,248,438       | 543,580                         | 107,098                         | 42,502                  | 2,798,796        |
| Additions                             | -              | -               | -                               | 1,180                           | -                       | 1,180            |
| Classified as held for sale (note 13) | (600,000)      | (942,400)       | -                               | -                               | -                       | (1,542,400)      |
| Disposals                             | -              | -               | (17,977)                        | (3,027)                         | (37,910)                | (58,914)         |
| Depreciation                          | -              | (37,830)        | (95,430)                        | (35,660)                        | (4,592)                 | (173,512)        |
| Balance at 30 June 2026               | <u>257,178</u> | <u>268,208</u>  | <u>430,173</u>                  | <u>69,591</u>                   | <u>-</u>                | <u>1,025,150</u> |

#### Fair value

The fair value of property was determined by external, independent property valuers, having recognised professional qualifications and recent experience in the location and category of the property being valued. Independent valuers provide the fair value of the company's investment property portfolio every 3 to 5 years.

The company's Winchelsea property was independently valued effective 28 March 2022 by Hendry Consulting.

#### Accounting policy for property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are measured at cost or fair value as applicable, less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

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

|                        |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Building               | 20 to 40 years |
| Leasehold improvements | 5 to 40 years  |
| Furniture and fittings | 1 to 40 years  |
| Motor Vehicles         | 8 years        |

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

Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the assets.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the company. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss. Any revaluation surplus reserve relating to the item disposed of is transferred directly to retained profits.

### Note 12. Right-of-use assets

|                                   | 2026<br>\$       | 2025<br>\$       |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Land and buildings - right-of-use | 257,058          | 433,132          |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation    | <u>(244,594)</u> | <u>(208,026)</u> |
|                                   | <u>12,464</u>    | <u>225,106</u>   |

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 12. Right-of-use assets (continued)

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

|                           | Land and<br>buildings<br>\$ |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Balance at 1 July 2024    | 256,872                     |
| Depreciation expense      | <u>(31,766)</u>             |
| Balance at 30 June 2025   | 225,106                     |
| Remeasurement adjustments | (176,074)                   |
| Depreciation expense      | <u>(36,568)</u>             |
| Balance at 30 June 2026   | <u><u>12,464</u></u>        |

#### *Accounting policy for right-of-use assets*

Right-of-use assets are initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the unexpired period of the lease. Right-of-use assets are subject to impairment and are adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

Refer to note 17 for more information on lease arrangements.

### Note 13. Non-current assets classified as held for sale

|                                  | 2026<br>\$       | 2025<br>\$ |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| <i>Current assets</i>            |                  |            |
| Angelesea property held for sale | <u>1,542,400</u> | <u>-</u>   |

#### *Accounting policy for non-current assets classified as held for sale*

Non-current assets are classified as held for sale when their carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continued use. The assets must be available for immediate sale in their present condition and the sale must be highly probable.

Non-current assets classified as held for sale are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs of disposal. Any initial or subsequent write-down to fair value less costs of disposal is recognised as an impairment loss. Any subsequent increase is recognised to the extent that it does not exceed the cumulative impairment loss previously recognised.

Non-current assets are not depreciated or amortised while classified as held for sale and are presented separately as current assets in the statement of financial position.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 14. Intangible assets

|                                | 2026<br>\$    | 2025<br>\$     |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Franchise fee                  | 286,089       | 289,426        |
| Less: Accumulated amortisation | (279,415)     | (272,742)      |
|                                | <u>6,674</u>  | <u>16,684</u>  |
| Franchise renewal fee          | 319,765       | 336,448        |
| Less: Accumulated amortisation | (286,398)     | (253,032)      |
|                                | <u>33,367</u> | <u>83,416</u>  |
|                                | <u>40,041</u> | <u>100,100</u> |

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

|                         | Franchise fee<br>\$ | Franchise<br>renewal fee<br>\$ | Total<br>\$   |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Balance at 1 July 2024  | 23,357              | 116,782                        | 140,139       |
| Amortisation expense    | (6,673)             | (33,366)                       | (40,039)      |
| Balance at 30 June 2025 | 16,684              | 83,416                         | 100,100       |
| Write off of assets     | (3,337)             | (16,683)                       | (20,020)      |
| Amortisation expense    | (6,673)             | (33,366)                       | (40,039)      |
| Balance at 30 June 2026 | <u>6,674</u>        | <u>33,367</u>                  | <u>40,041</u> |

During the financial year, the Lorne branch ceased operations. Accordingly, the remaining carrying amount of the franchise fee and franchise renewal fee attributable to the Lorne branch, totalling \$20,020, was written off as the assets no longer supported future economic benefits to the company.

#### Accounting policy for intangible assets

Intangible assets of the company relate to the franchise fees paid to Bendigo Bank which conveys the right to operate the Community Bank franchise.

Intangible assets are measured on initial recognition at cost. Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates.

The franchise fees paid by the company are amortised over their useful life and assessed for impairment whenever impairment indicators are present.

The estimated useful life and amortisation method for the current and comparative periods are as follows:

| Asset class           | Method        | Useful life                       | Expiry/renewal date |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Franchise fee         | Straight-line | Over the franchise term (5 years) | December 2027       |
| Franchise renewal fee | Straight-line | Over the franchise term (5 years) | December 2027       |

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

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 15. Trade and other payables

|                                                                                       | 2026<br>\$     | 2025<br>\$     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Current liabilities</i>                                                            |                |                |
| Other payables and accruals                                                           | 122,973        | 131,888        |
| <i>Non-current liabilities</i>                                                        |                |                |
| Other payables and accruals                                                           | -              | 44,043         |
|                                                                                       | <u>122,973</u> | <u>175,931</u> |
|                                                                                       | 2026<br>\$     | 2025<br>\$     |
| <i>Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as trade and other payables</i> |                |                |
| Total trade and other payables                                                        | 122,973        | 175,931        |
| Less statutory payables, included in trade and other payables                         | (89,114)       | (55,138)       |
|                                                                                       | <u>33,859</u>  | <u>120,793</u> |

### Note 16. Borrowings

|                                | 2026<br>\$     | 2025<br>\$     |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Current liabilities</i>     |                |                |
| Bank loans                     | 283,296        | 115,711        |
| <i>Non-current liabilities</i> |                |                |
| Bank loans                     | -              | 288,858        |
|                                | <u>283,296</u> | <u>404,569</u> |

#### Bank loans

A bank loan was taken out to fund the fitout of the Anglesea branch building. Interest is recognised at the rate of 7.11% (2025: 7.13%). The loans are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the company's assets.

#### Accounting policy for borrowings

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received, net of transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The remaining balance of the loan is classified as a current liability. The loan is secured by the property classified as held for sales and is expected to be discharged upon settlement of the sale.

### Note 17. Lease liabilities

|                                | 2026<br>\$    | 2025<br>\$     |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| <i>Current liabilities</i>     |               |                |
| Property lease liabilities     | 14,397        | 47,965         |
| <i>Non-current liabilities</i> |               |                |
| Property lease liabilities     | -             | 219,154        |
|                                | <u>14,397</u> | <u>267,119</u> |

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 17. Lease liabilities (continued)

#### Reconciliation of lease liabilities

|                                     | 2026<br>\$    | 2025<br>\$     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Opening balance                     | 267,119       | 303,851        |
| Remeasurement adjustments           | (209,094)     | -              |
| Lease interest expense              | 5,372         | 12,268         |
| Lease payments - total cash outflow | (49,000)      | (49,000)       |
|                                     | <u>14,397</u> | <u>267,119</u> |

| Lease        | Discount rate | Non-cancellable term | Renewal options available | Reasonably certain to exercise options | Lease term end date used in calculations |
|--------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Lorne Branch | 4.39%         | 5 years              | 1 x 5 years               | No                                     | October 2026                             |

During the period the company reassessed the lease term of the Lorne branch premises and determined that it is no longer reasonably certain to exercise the final extension option of five years, commencing from October 2026. Accordingly a remeasurement of the lease has been recognised in accordance with AASB 16.

#### Accounting policy for lease liabilities

A lease liability is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments to be made over the term of the lease, including renewal options if the company is reasonably certain to exercise such options, discounted using the company's incremental borrowing rate.

The company has applied the following accounting policy choices in relation to lease liabilities:

- The company has elected not to separate lease and non-lease components when calculating the lease liability for property leases.
- The company has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases and low-value assets, which include the company's lease of information technology equipment. The company recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

### Note 18. Employee benefits

|                                | 2026<br>\$     | 2025<br>\$     |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <i>Current liabilities</i>     |                |                |
| Annual leave                   | 96,374         | 127,925        |
| Long service leave             | <u>96,850</u>  | <u>92,113</u>  |
|                                | <u>193,224</u> | <u>220,038</u> |
| <i>Non-current liabilities</i> |                |                |
| Long service leave             | <u>42,139</u>  | <u>34,521</u>  |
|                                | <u>235,363</u> | <u>254,559</u> |

#### Accounting policy for short-term employee benefits

Liabilities for annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Non-accumulating non-vesting sick leave is expensed when the leave is taken and is measured at the rates paid or payable.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 18. Employee benefits (continued)

The liability for annual leave and long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on corporate bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

Remeasurements are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

### Note 19. Issued capital

|                              | 2026<br>Shares | 2025<br>Shares | 2026<br>\$ | 2025<br>\$ |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| Ordinary shares - fully paid | 1,421,200      | 1,421,200      | 966,000    | 966,000    |

A bonus share issue on a 4:5 basis (455,200 shares) was issued to all existing shareholders during 2007.

#### *Accounting policy for issued capital*

Ordinary shares are recognised at the fair value of the consideration received by the company being \$1 per share. Any transaction costs arising on the issue of ordinary shares are recognised directly in equity as a reduction of the share proceeds received.

#### *Rights attached to issued capital*

##### *Ordinary shares*

##### Voting rights

Subject to some limited exceptions, each member has the right to vote at a general meeting.

On a show of hands or a poll, each member attending the meeting (whether they are attending the meeting in person or by attorney, corporate representative or proxy) has one vote, regardless of the number of shares held. However, where a person attends a meeting in person and is entitled to vote in more than one capacity (for example, the person is a member and has also been appointed as proxy for another member) that person may only exercise one vote on a show of hands. On a poll, that person may exercise one vote as a member and one vote for each other member that person represents as duly appointed attorney, corporate representative or proxy.

The purpose of giving each member only one vote, regardless of the number of shares held, is to reflect the nature of the company as a community based company, by providing that all members of the community who have contributed to the establishment and ongoing operation of the Community Bank branch have the same ability to influence the operation of the company.

##### Dividends

Generally, dividends are payable to members in proportion to the amount of the share capital paid up on the shares held by them, subject to any special rights and restrictions for the time being attaching to shares. The franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank contains a limit on the level of profits or funds that may be distributed to shareholders. There is also a restriction on the payment of dividends to certain shareholders if they have a prohibited shareholding interest (see below).

##### Transfer

Generally, ordinary shares are freely transferable. However, the directors have a discretion to refuse to register a transfer of shares.

Subject to the foregoing, shareholders may transfer shares by a proper transfer effected in accordance with the company's constitution and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

##### *Prohibited shareholding interest*

A person must not have a prohibited shareholding interest in the company.

In summary, a person has a prohibited shareholding interest if any of the following applies:

# Notes to the financial statements (continued)

## Note 19. Issued capital (continued)

- They control or own 3% or more of the shares in the company.
- 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 303. As at the date of this report, the company had 449 shareholders (2025: 450 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 their associates) has a prohibited shareholding interest in are suspended.

The board has the power to request information from a person who has (or is suspected by the board of having) a legal or beneficial interest in any shares in the company or any voting power in the company, for the purpose of determining whether a person has a prohibited shareholding interest. If the board becomes aware that a member has a prohibited shareholding interest, it must serve a notice requiring the member (or the member's associate) to dispose of the number of shares the board considers necessary to remedy the breach. If a person fails to comply with such a notice within a specified period (that must be between three and six months), the board is authorised to sell the specified shares on behalf of that person. The holder will be entitled to the consideration from the sale of the shares, less any expenses incurred by the board in selling or otherwise dealing with those shares.

In the constitution, members acknowledge and recognise that the exercise of the powers given to the board may cause considerable disadvantage to individual members, but that such a result may be necessary to enforce the prohibition.

## Note 20. 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 distributions to shareholders. Capital is represented by total equity as recorded in the statement of financial position.

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

The distribution limit is the greater of:

- 20% of the profit or funds of the company otherwise available for distribution to shareholders in that 12 month period; and
- subject to the availability of distributable profits, the relevant rate of return multiplied by the average level of share capital of the company over that 12 month period where the relevant rate of return is equal to the weighted average interest rate on 90 day bank bills over that 12 month period plus 5%.

The board is managing the growth of the business in line with this requirement. There are no other externally imposed capital requirements, although the nature of the company is such that amounts will be paid in the form of charitable donations and sponsorship. Charitable donations and sponsorship paid for the financial year can be seen in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive Income.

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

## Note 21. Dividends

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

|                                                             | 2026<br>\$    | 2025<br>\$    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Fully franked dividend of 5 cents per share (2025: 6 cents) | <u>71,060</u> | <u>85,272</u> |

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 21. Dividends (continued)

#### Franking credits

|                                                                                    | 2026<br>\$     | 2025<br>\$     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Franking account balance at the beginning of the financial year                    | 314,674        | 276,457        |
| Franking credits (debits) arising from income taxes paid (refunded)                | 88,075         | 66,641         |
| Franking debits from the payment of franked distributions                          | (23,687)       | (28,424)       |
|                                                                                    | <u>379,062</u> | <u>314,674</u> |
| <i>Franking transactions that will arise subsequent to the financial year end:</i> |                |                |
| Balance at the end of the financial year                                           | 379,062        | 314,674        |
| Franking credits (debits) that will arise from payment (refund) of income tax      | 55,804         | 36,519         |
| Franking credits available for future reporting periods                            | <u>434,866</u> | <u>351,193</u> |

The ability to utilise franking credits is dependent upon the company's ability to declare dividends. The tax rate at which future dividends will be franked is 25%.

#### Accounting policy for dividends

Dividends are recognised when declared during the financial year and no longer at the discretion of the company.

### Note 22. Financial risk management

The company's financial instruments include trade receivables and payables, cash and cash equivalents and lease liabilities. The company does not have any derivatives.

The directors are responsible for monitoring and managing the financial risk exposure of the company, to which end it monitors the financial risk management policies and exposures and approves financial transactions within the scope of its authority.

The directors have identified that the only significant financial risk exposures of the company are liquidity and market (price) risk. Other financial risks are not significant to the company due to the following factors:

- The company has no foreign exchange risk as all of its account balances and transactions are in Australian Dollars.
- The company's franchise agreement limits the company's credit exposure to one financial institution, being Bendigo Bank. The company monitors credit worthiness through review of credit ratings, Bendigo Bank is rated A- on Standard & Poor's credit ratings.
- The company has no direct exposure to movements in commodity prices.
- The company's interest-bearing instruments are held at amortised cost which have fair values that approximate their carrying value since all cash and payables have maturity dates within 12 months.

Further details regarding the categories of financial instruments held by the company that hold such exposure are detailed below.

|                                                                 | 2026<br>\$     | 2025<br>\$     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Financial assets</b>                                         |                |                |
| Trade and other receivables excluding prepayments (note 10)     | 252,100        | 222,528        |
| Cash and cash equivalents (note 9)                              | <u>302,855</u> | <u>108,683</u> |
|                                                                 | <u>554,955</u> | <u>331,211</u> |
| <b>Financial liabilities</b>                                    |                |                |
| Trade and other payables excluding statutory payables (note 15) | 33,859         | 120,793        |
| Lease liabilities (note 17)                                     | 14,397         | 267,119        |
| Bank loans (note 16)                                            | <u>283,296</u> | <u>404,569</u> |
|                                                                 | <u>331,552</u> | <u>792,481</u> |

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 22. Financial risk management (continued)

At balance date, the fair value of financial instruments approximated their carrying values.

#### *Accounting policy for financial instruments*

##### **Financial assets**

###### *Classification*

The company measures its financial assets at amortised cost.

The company's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents.

###### *Derecognition*

A financial asset is derecognised when the company's contractual right to its cash flows expires, or the asset is transferred in such a way that all the risks and rewards of ownership are substantially transferred.

###### *Impairment of trade and other receivables*

Impairment of trade receivables is determined using the simplified approach which uses an estimation of lifetime expected credit losses. The company has not recognised an allowance for expected credit losses in relation to trade and other receivables. Refer to note 4 for further information.

##### **Financial liabilities**

###### *Classification*

The company measures its financial liabilities at amortised cost.

The company's financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other payables, borrowings and lease liabilities.

###### *Derecognition*

A financial liability is derecognised when it is extinguished, cancelled or expires.

##### **Market risk**

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices - e.g. foreign exchange rates, interest rates, and equity prices - will affect the company's income or the value of its holdings in financial instruments.

Interest-bearing assets and liabilities are held with Bendigo Bank and earnings on those are 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 held cash and cash equivalents of \$302,855 at 30 June 2026 (2025: \$108,683).

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

|                                              | 2026                          |                | 2025                          |                |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
|                                              | Nominal<br>interest rate<br>% | Balance<br>\$  | Nominal<br>interest rate<br>% | Balance<br>\$  |
| Bank loans                                   | 7.11%                         | 283,296        | 7.13%                         | 404,569        |
| Net exposure to cash flow interest rate risk |                               | <u>283,296</u> |                               | <u>404,569</u> |

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

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 22. Financial risk management (continued)

#### 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.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the company will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The company's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when they are due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the company's reputation.

The following are the remaining contractual maturities of financial liabilities. The contractual cash flow amounts are gross and undiscounted and therefore may differ from their carrying amount in the statement of financial position.

|                          | 1 year or less<br>\$ | Between 1<br>and 5 years<br>\$ | Over 5 years<br>\$ | Remaining<br>contractual<br>maturities<br>\$ |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>2026</b>              |                      |                                |                    |                                              |
| Bank loans               | 283,296              | -                              | -                  | 283,296                                      |
| Trade and other payables | 33,859               | -                              | -                  | 33,859                                       |
| Lease liabilities        | 14,489               | -                              | -                  | 14,489                                       |
| Total non-derivatives    | 331,644              | -                              | -                  | 331,644                                      |
|                          |                      |                                |                    |                                              |
|                          | 1 year or less<br>\$ | Between 1<br>and 5 years<br>\$ | Over 5 years<br>\$ | Remaining<br>contractual<br>maturities<br>\$ |
| <b>2025</b>              |                      |                                |                    |                                              |
| Bank loans               | 115,711              | 288,858                        | -                  | 404,569                                      |
| Trade and other payables | 76,750               | 44,043                         | -                  | 120,793                                      |
| Lease liabilities        | 49,000               | 196,001                        | 59,345             | 304,346                                      |
| Total non-derivatives    | 241,461              | 528,902                        | 59,345             | 829,708                                      |

### Note 23. Fair value measurement

The following tables detail the company's assets and liabilities, measured or disclosed at fair value, using a three level hierarchy, based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement, being:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly

Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability

|                    | Level 1<br>\$ | Level 2<br>\$ | Level 3<br>\$ | Total<br>\$ |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>2026</b>        |               |               |               |             |
| <b>Assets</b>      |               |               |               |             |
| Land and buildings | -             | 2,205,885     | -             | 2,205,885   |
| Total assets       | -             | 2,205,885     | -             | 2,205,885   |

Assets and liabilities held for sale are measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis.

There were no transfers between levels during the financial year.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 23. Fair value measurement (continued)

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value are classified into three levels, using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. Classifications are reviewed at each reporting date and transfers between levels are determined based on a reassessment of the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

For recurring and non-recurring fair value measurements, external valuers may be used when internal expertise is either not available or when the valuation is deemed to be significant. External valuers are selected based on market knowledge and reputation. Where there is a significant change in fair value of an asset or liability from one period to another, an analysis is undertaken, which includes a verification of the major inputs applied in the latest valuation and a comparison, where applicable, with external sources of data.

### Note 24. Key management personnel disclosures

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

John McKenzie Knuckey  
Robert John Earl  
Kenneth Ian McDonald  
John Hubert Tebbutt  
Andrew Lindsay Jones

Gerard William Kelly  
Moiria Louise Thomson  
Lesley Therese Thornton  
Robert Bruce Cameron

Key management personnel compensation comprised the following.

|                              | 2026<br>\$ | 2025<br>\$ |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Short-term employee benefits | -          | 4,000      |

Compensation of the company's key management personnel includes fuel reimbursements.

### Note 25. Related party transactions

#### *Key management personnel*

Disclosures relating to key management personnel are set out in note 24.

#### *Receivable from and payable to related parties*

There were no trade receivables from or trade payables to related parties at the current and previous reporting date.

#### *Terms and conditions of transactions with related parties*

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

#### *Transactions with related parties*

The following transactions occurred with related parties:

|                                                                                                 | 2026<br>\$ | 2025<br>\$ |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| The company made a sponsorship to a local business where a company director is on the committee | 3,500      | 6,000      |

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 26. Remuneration of auditors

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by Andrew Frewin Stewart, the auditor of the company:

|                                             | 2026<br>\$    | 2025<br>\$    |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>Audit services</i>                       |               |               |
| Audit or review of the financial statements | 10,300        | 8,950         |
| <i>Other services</i>                       |               |               |
| Taxation advice and tax compliance services | 1,150         | 1,790         |
| General advisory services                   | 10,089        | 6,405         |
|                                             | 11,239        | 8,195         |
|                                             | <u>21,539</u> | <u>17,145</u> |

### Note 27. Reconciliation of profit after income tax to net cash provided by operating activities

|                                                    | 2026<br>\$     | 2025<br>\$     |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Profit after income tax expense for the year       | 247,138        | 148,655        |
| Adjustments for:                                   |                |                |
| Depreciation and amortisation                      | 250,119        | 221,550        |
| Net gain on disposal of non-current assets         | (13,814)       | -              |
| Net gain on remeasurement of right-of-use asset    | (32,106)       | -              |
| Lease liabilities interest                         | 5,372          | 12,268         |
| Change in operating assets and liabilities:        |                |                |
| Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables | (31,161)       | 30,891         |
| Increase in trade and other payables               | 275            | 18,536         |
| Decrease in provision for income tax               | (3,527)        | (542)          |
| Decrease in deferred tax liabilities               | (1,194)        | (15,294)       |
| Increase/(decrease) in employee benefits           | (19,196)       | 20,164         |
| Increase/(decrease) in other provisions            | (4,736)        | 161            |
| Net cash provided by operating activities          | <u>397,170</u> | <u>436,389</u> |

### Note 28. Earnings per share

|                                                                                           | 2026<br>\$       | 2025<br>\$       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Profit after income tax                                                                   | <u>247,138</u>   | <u>148,655</u>   |
|                                                                                           | <b>Number</b>    | <b>Number</b>    |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share   | <u>1,421,200</u> | <u>1,421,200</u> |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted earnings per share | <u>1,421,200</u> | <u>1,421,200</u> |

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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### Note 28. Earnings per share (continued)

|                            | Cents | Cents |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|
| Basic earnings per share   | 17.39 | 10.46 |
| Diluted earnings per share | 17.39 | 10.46 |

### Note 29. Commitments

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

### Note 30. Contingencies

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

### Note 31. Events after the reporting period

On 18 August 2026, APRA imposed licence conditions on Bendigo Bank relating to its non-financial risk management framework. Bendigo Bank subsequently announced a multi-year rectification program in response to those conditions.

Whilst neither APRA's announcement nor Bendigo Bank's public announcement specifically refer to Community Bank companies, the directors acknowledge that remediation and review activities may extend across BEN's broader branch network, which may include Community Bank branches. At the date of this report, the outcome of those activities, and any resulting impacts on the company, if any, are not known and cannot presently be determined.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2026 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

# Directors' declaration

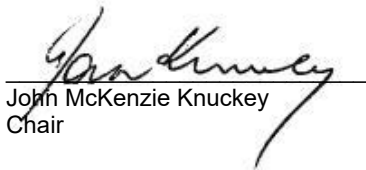
**30 June 2026**

In the directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the *Corporations Act 2001*, the Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board as described in the notes to the financial statements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date;
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- the company does not have any controlled entities and is not required by the Accounting Standards to prepare consolidated financial statements. Therefore, a consolidated entity disclosure statement has not been included as section 295(3A)(a) of the *Corporations Act 2001* does not apply to the entity.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors made pursuant to section 295(5)(a) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

On behalf of the directors



John McKenzie Knuckey  
Chair

1 October 2026

# Independent audit report



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## Independent auditor's report to the members of Corangamite Financial Services Limited

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### Our opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Corangamite Financial Services Limited (the company), is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

#### What we have audited

We have audited the financial report of entity, which comprises:

- the Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026
- the Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2026
- the Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 30 June 2026
- the Statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2026
- the notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policies, and the
- the Directors' declaration.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Independence

We are independent of the company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Directors' Report, which we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, and the remaining information included in the company's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2026, which is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report. The other information does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.



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

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained during the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

At the date of this auditor's report, we have received and read the Directors' Report and have not identified any material inconsistency between that information and the financial report or our knowledge obtained during the audit.

The remaining other information included in the Annual Report is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report. When we read that information, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to take appropriate action in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards.

### Responsibilities of the directors for the financial report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: [https://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf](https://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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**Andrew Frewin Stewart**  
61 Bull Street, Bendigo, Vic, 3550  
Dated: 1 October 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jessica Ritchie'.

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