Annual Report 2026

Daylesford District Community Developments Limited

Community Bank
Daylesford District

ABN 72 149 942 067

Community Bank Daylesford District acknowledges the traditional owners of this land, the Dja Dja Wurrung people, and we pay our respect to the elders past, present and emerging.

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Chairs' Report

On behalf of your Board of Directors, it gives me great pleasure to present the 2026 Annual Report.

You Board and team at Community Bank Daylesford District continue to deliver excellent results in customer service, profitability and investment back into our community.

Turning firstly to our financial results, we're pleased to have been able to deliver an excellent set of results.

Our profit after tax for the financial year was $47,844, which was a little lower than 2025, which was $49,569.

Revenue from banking activities was $1,051,021. This was record for our bank. Our previous best result was $993,909 in 2024.

The main drivers were 2% higher margins and 9% higher footings. The footings growth is a tribute to the great work of our branch staff and the continued support of our customers.

The revenue growth enabled us to make a record level of sponsorships and donations of $222,478, (2025: $100,252) including a $110,000 contribution to the Bendigo Community Enterprise Fund for community investment in future years.

Employment expenses are our main outgoings, comprising 63% of our operating expenses. These were $487,762, which was 7% lower than 2025 at $524,864. This was notwithstanding a general increase in salaries of 3.5%.

Administration costs were $108,005, higher than the previous year (2025: $73,750) due to an increase in the insurance provision of $34,767. The insurance matter has been settled and was paid in September 2026.

Your Board included a provision in the 2026 accounts for a 5 cents per share fully-franked dividend. The dividend was paid on 30 October 2026.

As mentioned earlier, we were pleased to deliver a significant uplift to our level of community investments. We funded a total of 34 not-for-profit community groups and local organisations over the year. After the $110,000 contribution the Bendigo Community Enterprise Foundation, the balance in the foundation is over $300,000.

The Company owned property at 113 Main Road, Hepburn Springs was revalued upward in June 2026 to $780,000, which was a pleasing result, compared to its purchase price of $740,000.

The property is available as a meeting space for community groups at no charge. It is well patronised, averaging around 3-4 bookings per week and we get positive feedback from the groups that use the facility. To reflect community use we included notion revenue of $15,540 in our accounts and the same amount is recorded as notional community sponsorships.

Over our 15 years of operation the cumulative amount of community investments is over $1.183M.

We celebrated exceeding the $1M threshold with a community event in July. All of our previous sponsorship and grant recipients were invited to attend and we had over 100 people at the event.

Shareholder returns and community investments combined now total over $1.76 million or $2.94 for each dollar invested by shareholders when the Company as formed in 2012. We also contribute to the local economy through wages and salaries and to the broader economy through income tax. This is strong validation of the benefits of the community bank model for the local community.

Our people

Our current team includes James, Caitlyn, Miranda, Rachel and Heidi. Together they continue to provide a welcoming and positive banking experience.

While other banks are closing regional branches and reducing hours, your Board is committed to providing banking services to our customers in Daylesford and Hepburn and surrounds.

At Board level there were some changes.

We were saddened to see Carol Ross resign in August 2026. Carol has been a great contributor over her 12 years on the Board and we were sad to say farewell.

In September 2026 we welcomed Louise Parsons to the Board. Louise has a background in financial services, a skill set we think she will be a good fit for our business and the Board.

We also acknowledge the important contribution of the Board's support team – Company Secretary Trevor Shard and Administration Assistant Michelle Parsons. Michelle joined us in September 2026, following Bianca Amer, who had been with us for 2 years.

Our customers

Customers are key to our Community Bank's operation and our continued ability to make contributions to our community through sponsorships and dividends. We thank them for their ongoing support and we strive to maintain the highest level of service. Our banking franchisor - the Bendigo Bank, ensures that we can offer our customers a complete range of banking products in personal, commercial and rural banking markets. In simple terms, the more customer business we have the more money we have to give.

Chairs' Report

The future

Looking into the future, we see some headwinds facing "bricks and mortar" banking. Principle among these is the growth of digital banking.

Despite this, we can tell you that your Board is determined to maintain a physical presence in Daylesford. We see this as a community investment in itself.

In the short term, with the inflation outlook deteriorating, the likelihood of rising interest rates is strengthening. Our revenue is tracking more or less in line with last year.

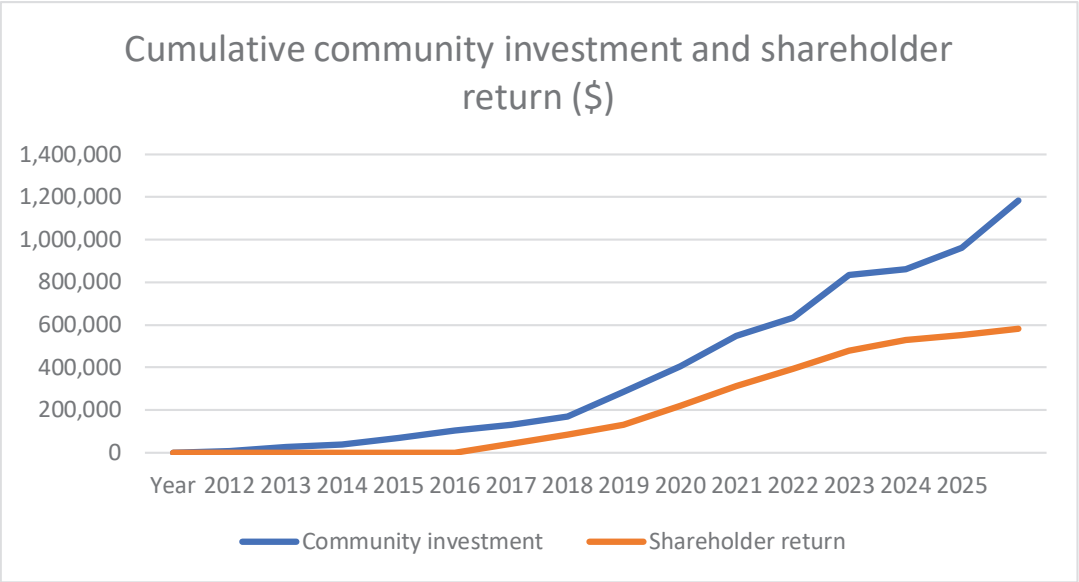
The challenge for us is to continue to grow our revenue base while dealing with the inherent growth of our main fixed costs, which are wages and rent. We live in a competitive world.

The Company's franchise agreement with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited extends to April 2027 and we are in the process of extending it for a further 5 years to 2032. This would provide certainty that we can continue banking operations for at least the next 6 years. We have negotiated an extension of the branch premises lease to April 2032, consistent with our franchise arrangements.

In closing, we can assure shareholders that your Board remains committed to growing a profitable Community Bank that will provide both increased funds for community investment for the future and enduring shareholder dividends, as well as ensuring that banking facilities remain available to the community in the Daylesford Hepburn region and surrounding districts.

Our local bank, our local community, thriving together.

Chair
Phil Gay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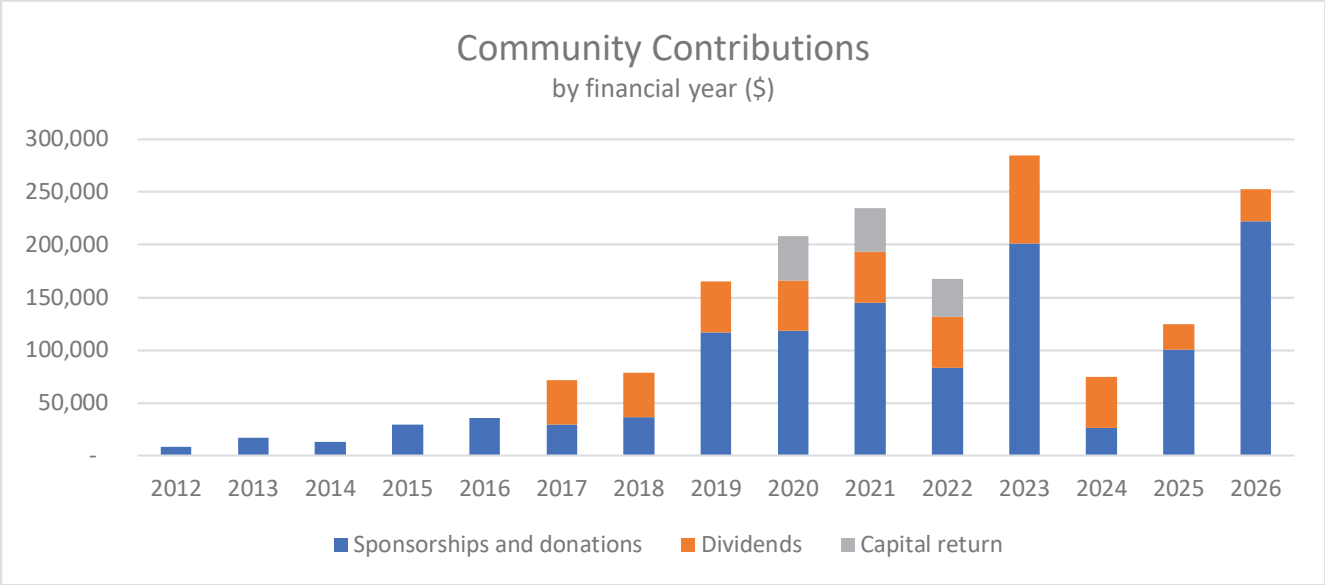
Shareholder return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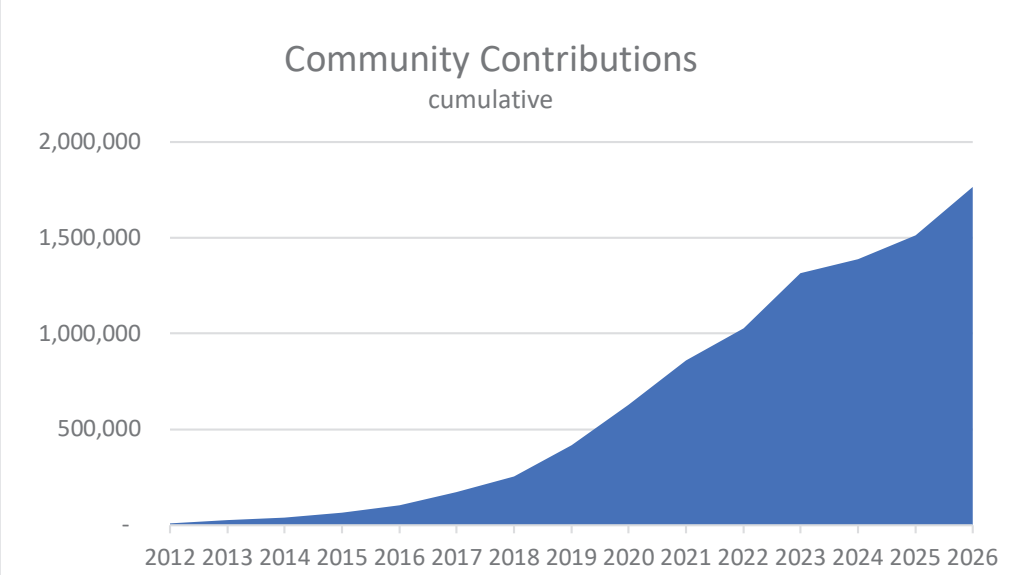
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Manager's Report

A successful year at
Community Bank Daylesford District

FY26 saw another increase to our footings by $10.1 million, growing our total book balance to $139 million.

Both our customer base and deposits grew in FY26 with our branch now servicing 2,955 customers. Retention of our customers also continues to be a strong focus for the team.

I would like to thank all of our customers, because your banking has enabled Daylesford District Community Developments Limited (DDCDL) to invest a record $222,478 (which includes a $110,000 contribution to the Bendigo Community Enterprise fund for community investments in the future) in our community during FY 2026. Both large and small investments continue to enable community groups to thrive in Daylesford, Hepburn and the surrounding areas. With our FY26 investment the company hit an outstanding milestone of now having contributed over 1 million dollars back into our local community over the life of the community bank. Attending investment presentations and seeing the difference these investments have made is a joy for myself and our staff.

Along with our shareholders and customers, our biggest asset is our staff, and I would like to thank each of them for the passion they bring to work every day.

In FY26 we welcomed Heidi to our team as a new Customer Service Officer. She Joins our existing team of Rachel, Miranda, Caitlyn and myself.

In March 26 Rachel celebrated her 5 year anniversary with the Branch. Miranda is hot on her heals with now over 4 years of service and Caitlyn has now been with us for over 3 years.

I would like to thank the wonderful Board of Directors of DDCDL, who have supported me in my role as Branch Manager. I am in awe of their dedication to our community and would like to acknowledge all the hard work this group of volunteers do and all they have achieved.

Thanks also to the Bendigo Bank team, Regional Manager Leanne Martin, who provides continued guidance to me, our staff and the Board.

As always "Continue to support the Community Bank that supports your Community".

Branch Manager
James Watson

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Report

Community Bank Report 2026
BEN Message

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.



Justine Minne
Head of Community Banking, Bendigo Bank

Community Investments

Summary

The Community Investment Committee (CIC) has had another successful year of grant giving and it was great to again receive applications from such a wide variety of groups from our local community.

We thank the members of the Community Investment Committee (CIC) for their time and commitment to ensuring the equitable distribution of community funding. This year, the committee comprised community representatives Jenny Russell, Lesley Hewitt and Gabrielle Kirby; Board members Jim Foster (Chair), Carol Ross, Joan Janssen, Karen McAloon, Phil Lavelle and Phil Gay; and Branch Manager James Watson.We also thank Trevor Shard and Bianca Amer for their efficient administration of the community investment program.

Special thanks go to James and the branch staff for being the face of our Community Bank, building relationships with local organisations and actively promoting grant and sponsorship opportunities throughout the community.

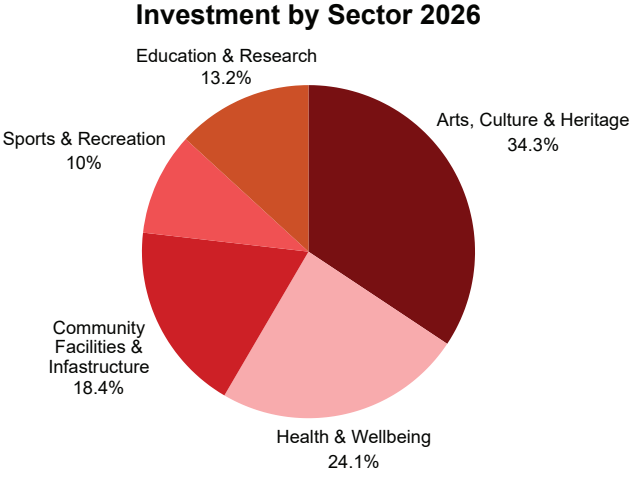
As a result this financial year we were able to grant funds to support 34 Community groups, provided scholarships for two local tertiary students and supplied meeting space in our building CONNECT at 113 Main Road Hepburn Springs for many groups and events.

Community groups supported this year

Daylesford College	Daylesford RSL sub branch inc	Central Highlands Rural Health
Daylesford Girl Guides	Daylesford Community Brass Band	Friends of Cornish Hill
Daylesford Regional Arts Co-operative	Inform and Empower PTY LTD	Shepherds Flad Landcare Group
Daylesford Show	NYE Parade	The 5000 Club Inc
Glenlyon Progress Association	The Daylesford Community Theatre inc	Rotary Club of Daylesford
Hepburn Football Netball Club	Good Grub Club	Friends of Wombat Hill Botanical
Daylesford Highland Gathering	Spa Country Events Group Inc	Daylesford Hepburn United Soccer Club
Daylesford Rotary Club Art Show	Daylesford Community Op Shop	Daylesford Football Netball Club
Daylesford Mens Shed	Hepburn Community Radio	Daylesford Lawn Tennis Club
Glenlyon Sports Club	Great Dividing Trail Association	Probus Club of Daylesford
Christ Church	Daylesford Childcare Centre	

During the financial year, DDCDL returned a total of $106,461 to the local community. This funding was distributed across five sectors, with the amount and percentage allocated to each outlined in the table and pie chart below.

Investment by Sector 2026	Amount
Arts, Culture & Heritage	$36,728
Community Facilities & Infastructure Includes community groups use of Connect Building	$19,681
Education & Research Includes 2 schoolarships	$14,110
Health & Wellbeing	$25,773
Sports & Recreation	$10,618
Total:	$106,461



$1 Million Community Celebration Campaign

2026 being our 14th year of operation saw us reach an impressive milestone that was a cause for celebration. Community Bank Daylesford and District have distributed $100, 000, 000 in giving since commencing in 2012.

From May to July 2026, Community Bank Daylesford & District ran a marketing campaign celebrating the milestone of more than $1 million returned to the local community through grants, sponsorships and donations since the branch opened. A subcommittee was formed consisting of board members Karen McAloon as Chair, Joan Janssen, Carol Ross, Bank Manager James Watson and assisted by Trevor Shard and coordinated by Kira Dawson who was contracted for the duration of the campaign.



Speakers at 1 Million Dollar Celebration

The campaign focused on showcasing the impact of this funding and recognising the community organisations, volunteers, customers, shareholders, staff and Board members who have contributed to this achievement. Through social media posts, video testimonials and community stories, we highlighted the diverse organisations and projects supported by the Community Bank over the past 14 years.

The campaign culminated in a celebration at Daylesford Town Hall on 30 July, attended by more than 100 guests, including current and former Board members, staff, shareholders and representatives from 45 community organisations. Guests heard firsthand accounts from Daylesford CFA Captain Glen Webster, Central Highlands Rural Health Director Phil Caterson, Daylesford Dharma School Principal Andrea Furness, and Words in Winter Festival Producer Devon Taylor, who shared the real impact Community Bank funding has had on their organisations and the people they support. Then three local organisations shared $4,500 through a special community giveaway. It was a great night of celebration and recognition of the impact of the bank in our region.

The campaign provided an opportunity to strengthen relationships with local organisations, raise awareness of the Community Bank model and demonstrate the tangible benefits of banking locally. Above all, the campaign celebrated the collective efforts of our community and laid the groundwork for continuing to share stories of local impact into the future.



1 Million Dollar Celebration Event

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Testimonials



Jaime Sandow - Scholarchip Recipient

“I applied for the scholarship because I didn’t think I could have managed university alongside work, especially with such a big transition—moving from online to in-person study, relocating from rural to city life, and living independently for the first time. The application process itself was straightforward. Everyone I dealt with was very supportive, and James was especially kind. Being supported by the scholarship means not having to work, allows me to focus fully on my studies and engage more deeply with my learning, which is important for the kind of career I’m pursuing in politics and international relations. It also reduces exhaustion and helps me maintain my passion. Financially, it also supports me in covering essential costs like study materials, food, and everyday living expenses.”

Devon Taylor - Festival Producer, Words in Winter



“The partnership with Community Bank Daylesford District is absolutely essential for Words in Winter. Their vital support ensures we can pay all our artists and keep tickets affordable, making the festival inclusive for everyone. By also funding our marketing and key initiatives like the Schools Program, this relationship allows us to deepen engagement and strengthen our relationships with our local communities and artists.”



Craig Wade - Daylesford Football Netball Club

“The Community Bank Daylesford District has supported the Daylesford Football Netball Club through sponsorship, including funding our scoreboard, providing additional EFTPOS facilities when needed, and helping promote the club throughout the community.
Community sporting clubs provide opportunities for people of all ages to be active, build friendships and create lasting social connections.”

Jenny Hopkins - Daylesford Rotary Art Show



”It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to work with the staff of Community Bank Daylesford District.
The Bank’s sponsorship has contributed far more than financial assistance. It helps us attract outstanding artists, present a high-quality exhibition and raise funds that are returned to the community through the work of Rotary. Their contribution strengthens our community, enriches our cultural life and helps improve the lives of countless people.”

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Financial Report – For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

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Directors' Report

For the Year Ended 30 June 2026

The directors present their report of Daylesford District Community Developments Limited (the 'Company') for the financial year ended 30 June 2026.

Directors

The following persons were directors of the Company during or since the end of the financial year up to the date of this report:

Philip Roy Gay (appointed 16 April 2012, re-elected 24 January 2023)	
Qualifications and experience	Bachelor of Arts (Finance & Accounting); Advanced Management Program (Harvard Business School); Fellow of CPA Australia; Fellow of Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators; Fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia; Former Chief Financial Officer & Operating Group Managing Director of Pacific Dunlop Ltd.
Other current directorships	R.G. Withers Services Pty. Ltd.
Former directorships in last 3 years	Formerly Chair of RG Withers Group Family Office
Special responsibilities	Board Chair Ex officio Member of all Board Sub-committees

Joan Mary Janssen (appointed 19 November 2013, re-elected 24 November 2023)	
Qualifications and experience	Diploma of Teaching, Primary (ACU, Ballarat); Graduate Diploma of Student Welfare (Hawthorn); Master of Education (Melb). 31 years' experience in education, including 12 years as School Principal; former Director of the Melba Foundation.
Other current directorships	Nil
Former directorships in last 3 years	Nil
Special responsibilities	Member, Finance & Audit Committee; Member, Community Investment Committee

Carol Louise Ross (appointed 28 October 2024, resigned 13 August 2026)	
Qualifications and experience	Diploma of Teaching-Primary, Diploma of Personal Counselling and Graduate Diploma of Educational Administration. Employed in education for 38 years including within the Department of Education head office and as Assistant Principal and Principal in Primary schools for the last 17 years, retiring in 2008.
Other current directorships	Nil
Former directorships in last 3 years	Nil
Special responsibilities	Member Community Investment Committee

Margaret Catherine Hodge (appointed 27 November 2018, resigned 25 November 2025)	
Qualifications and experience	Diploma of Applied Science (Prosthetics and Orthotics), Lincoln Institute of Health Sciences; Bachelor of Prosthetics and Orthotics (Honours), La Trobe University; Fellow of the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO); former member of the Australian Orthotics Prosthetics Association. 30 years experience in clinical practice in the public health sector, as a lecturer at La Trobe University and in leadership roles in not-for-profit organisations including 6 years on the ISPO Executive Board.
Other current directorships	Nil
Former directorships in last 3 years	Nil
Special responsibilities	Chair, Community Investment Committee Member, Finance, Audit & Risk Committee

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Arthur James Foster (appointed 4 November 2020, re-elected 24 November 2023)	
Qualifications and experience	Co-founder and secretary of The Daylesford Foundation, a local not for profit. Former senior executive with public company Simsmetal Pty Ltd. Founder of recycling company Associated Metals Pty Ltd sold to Smorgon Steel in 1995. Founder of recycling company Commercial Metals Pty Ltd sold to private equity in 2007. In total 40 years of management experience across public and private companies.
Other current directorships	Starway Nominees Pty Ltd, Hayland Pty Ltd, ITAC Services (Aust)Pty Ltd, Armasuno Pty Ltd, Arjoma Pty Ltd
Former directorships in last 3 years	Nil
Special responsibilities	Chair, Community Investment Committee

Phillip Lavelle (appointed 24 January 2023, resigned 25 November 2025)	
Qualifications and experience	Grad Dip Government Administration. Phil had a 40 year career with the Royal Australian Air Force, where he achieved the rank of Group Captain. His final role was Chief of Staff (second in command) of the Air Force Training Group.
Other current directorships	Nil
Former directorships in last 3 years	Nil
Special responsibilities	Board Co Chair Ex officio Member of all Board Sub-committees

Shanthi Kumar (appointed 6 May 2024, elected 26 November 2024)	
Qualifications and experience	Shanthi is a senior taxation and finance executive with financial, tax and capital management skills. He has over 35 years' experience in various senior roles, most recently with Carlton & United Breweries and with Rio Tinto before that.
Other current directorships	Nil
Former directorships in last 3 years	Nil
Special responsibilities	Treasurer

Karen Veronica McAloon (appointed 28 January 2025, elected 25 November 2025)	
Qualifications and experience	Karen is a business owner/manager of a manufacturing, art, retail, tourism and hospitality enterprise. She previously worked in the disability sector as a project officer, advocate and trainer.
Other current directorships	Nil
Former directorships in last 3 years	Nil
Special responsibilities	Member, Community Investment Committee Co-ordinator - Marketing

Michael Francis Brian Sneddon (appointed 6 February 2025, elected 25 November 2025)	
Qualifications and experience	L.L.B., B.Com (Hons). Michael has practised as a commercial lawyer for over 40 years, with a particular speciality working with the information technology sector, including in private practice with major law firms (including Partner and Special Counsel roles) and inhouse as the General Counsel of an ASX listed company, Oakton Limited (now part of NTT). Since 2017, Michael has practised as the Principal of Acumen Legal, a boutique commercial law firm. Throughout his career he has also served on the boards of various not-for-profit and welfare services organisations.
Other current directorships	Di Ficare Pty Ltd, Eris Technology Pty Ltd, Mypangu Pty Ltd
Former directorships in last 3 years	Aggne Global Australia Pty Ltd, Hepburn Community Wind Park Co-operative Limited, Velann Pty Ltd
Special responsibilities	Deputy Chair Member, Finance Audit & Risk Committee

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John Stanley Cottrell (appointed 24 June 2025, elected 25 November 2025)	
Qualifications and experience	MSc, Grad Dip HE Learning and Teaching, CERT IV Assessment and Training. John is a fellow and graduate of the Governance Institute of Australia, and a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He has an extensive background in management, governance and compliance in the financial services industry. Locally, he has served on Hepburn Shire Council and as a board member of Daylesford Hospital.
Other current directorships	Nil
Former directorships in last 3 years	Nil
Special responsibilities	Chair, Finance Audit & Risk Committee

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

No Directors have material interests in contracts or proposed contracts with the Company.

Directors' meetings

Attendances by each Director during the financial year were as follows:

	Board Meetings		**Finance, Audit & Risk Committee Meetings**		**Community Investment Committee Meetings**	
Director	**A**	**B**	**A**	**B**	**A**	**B**
Philip Roy Gay*	7	7	6	6	6	3
Margaret Catherine Hodge	3	3	3	2	3	3
Joan Mary Janssen	7	7	6	6	6	5
Carol Louise Ross	7	6	-	-	6	6
Arthur James Foster	7	6	-	-	6	6
Phillip Lavelle*	3	1	3	1	3	2
Shanthi Kumar	7	6	6	6	-	-
Karen McAloon	7	6	-	-	6	5
Michael Sneddon	7	5	6	4	-	-
John Cottrell	7	6	6	6	-	-

A – The number of meetings eligible to attend.
B – The number of meetings attended.
** – The Board Co Chairs are entitled to attend all Committees ex officio*

Treasurer

Shanthi Kumar is the Treasurer. He is an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (UK).

Company Secretary

Trevor Shard is the Company Secretary. He holds a Bachelor of Economics, a Diploma of Community Services and is a Fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia. He was former Company Secretary of Pasminco Limited and several other listed, public unlisted and proprietary companies.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Company during the course of the financial year were providing Community Bank branch services under management rights to operate a franchised branch of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited.

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

Review of operations

Profit after tax for the financial year was $47,844, (2025: $49,569).

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Operating profit before tax, sponsorships and donations was $286,362, (2025: $166,170).

Revenue of $1,066,561 was 11% higher than 2025 ($963,287) due to a combination of 2% higher margins and 9% higher footings (deposits and loans). Revenue included a notional amount of $15,540 (2025: $7,455) to reflect community use of the Company's property at 113 Main Road, Hepburn Springs. A corresponding amount is included in sponsorships and charitable donations.

Sponsorships and charitable donations were $222,478, (2025: $100,252) and included a $110,000 contribution to the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Community Enterprise Foundation for future community investments.

Employment expenses of $487,762 were 7% lower than 2025 ($524,864) due to a period of staff vacancies. This was notwithstanding a general 3.5% salaries increase during the year.

Cash from operating activities was $224,754, $93,094 higher than the previous year, which was $131,660. The sale of investments in 2 global bond funds contributed $15,312 to the cash position. Overall, cash and cash equivalents increased by $127,874 during the year.

In July 2024 the Company was notified by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank (BABL) of credit losses arising from a breach of lending procedures. The Company accrued $50,000 to reflect its contractual obligation to cover the credit losses and advised in the 2024 and 2025 financial statements that there was the potential for credit losses to exceed that amount. The Company has been advised by BABL that the matter has been settled for an amount of $84,767. The balance of $34,767 (over and above the existing $50,000 provision) was accrued in the 2026 financial statements (refer Note 12) and the total amount of $84,767 was paid to BABL in September 2026.

The Company's franchise agreement with BABL extends to April 2027 with an option to renew in accordance with its terms for a further 5 years to 2032. The Company has signed an extension of the branch premises lease to April 2032 with an option for a further 5 years.

The outlook for 2027 is unclear but competition for deposits and loans is expected to remain strong. The Board maintains a close focus on controlling expenses, notwithstanding salaries increases which are expected under the Community Bank Co-operative Workplace Agreement. The Company is on a firm financial footing and expects to be able to continue to fund community investments and provide returns to shareholders.

Dividends

A fully franked dividend of 5 cents per share has been provided for in the 2026 financial year, payable in October 2026. (2025: fully franked dividend of 4 cents per share paid in October 2025)

Options

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

Significant changes in the state of affairs

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

Events subsequent to the end of the reporting period

There were no significant events subsequent to the end of the reporting period.

Likely developments

The Company will continue to provide banking services to the local community.

Environmental regulations

The Company is not subject to any significant environmental regulation.

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Directors' Report

Indemnity Officers or Auditor

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

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.

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 purposes of taking responsibility on behalf of the Company for all or part of those proceedings.

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 at page 7 of this Financial Report. No Officer of the Company is or has been a partner of the Auditor of the Company.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors at Daylesford on 30 September 2026.

Philip Gay
Chair

Shanthi Kumar
Treasurer

Dated: 30 September 2026

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Auditor Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 to the Directors of Daylesford District Community Developments Ltd

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit for the year ended 30 June 2026 there have been:

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

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Jason Hargreaves
Director

180 Eleanor Drive, Lucas
29 September 2026

Daylesford District Community Developments Limited
ABN: 72 149 942 067

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Revenue	2	**1,066,561**	963,287
Expenses			
Employee benefits expense	3	**487,762**	524,864
Depreciation	3	**56,586**	55,133
Administration and general costs		**108,005**	73,750
Finance costs	3	**16,521**	24,414
Other occupancy expense		**54,587**	58,596
IT costs		**30,673**	32,358
Advertising and marketing		**10,719**	10,070
ATM costs		**8,093**	8,273
Board expenses		**7,049**	9,659
Loss on revaluation of land and buildings		**203**	-
		780,199	797,117
Operating profit before charitable donation and sponsorships		**286,362**	166,170
Charitable donations and sponsorships		**222,478**	100,252
Profit before income tax		**63,884**	65,918
Income tax expense	4	**16,040**	16,349
Profit for the year		**47,844**	49,569
Other comprehensive income			
Gain on the revaluation of equity instruments at fair value		**236**	217
Total comprehensive income for the year		**48,080**	49,786
Profit attributable to members of the Company		**47,844**	49,569
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the Company		**48,080**	49,786
Earnings per share for profit from continuing operations attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the Company (cents per share):			
- basic earnings per share	20	**7.97**	8.26

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

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Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	**373,445**	245,571
Trade and other receivables	6	**97,418**	82,445
Financial assets	7	**-**	15,076
Other assets	8	**388**	638
Prepayments	9	**31,357**	29,778
Total current assets		**502,608**	373,508
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	10	**789,079**	794,725
Deferred tax assets	4	**27,945**	51,280
Right of use assets	11	**25,073**	75,217
Total non-current assets		**842,097**	921,222
Total assets		**1,344,705**	1,294,730
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Current tax liabilities	4	**(5,823)**	866
Trade and other payables	12	**297,410**	167,186
Lease liabilities	13	**23,549**	57,949
Provisions	14	**43,089**	37,107
Total current liabilities		**358,225**	263,108
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	15	**402,531**	431,775
Deferred tax liabilities	4	**8,520**	21,448
Lease liabilities	13	**-**	23,549
Provisions	14	**9,991**	7,492
Total non-current liabilities		**421,042**	484,264
Total liabilities		**779,267**	747,372
Net assets		**565,438**	547,358
Equity			
Issued capital	16	**455,519**	455,519
Retained earnings / (Accumulated losses)	18	**109,919**	91,839
Total equity		**565,438**	547,358

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

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Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 30 June 2026

	Note	Issued Capital $	Retained earnings $	Total equity $
Balance at 1 July 2024		455,519	66,053	521,572
Profit for the year		-	49,569	49,569
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	217	217
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	49,786	49,786
Transactions with owners, in their capacity as owners:				
Dividends paid or provided	19	-	(24,000)	(24,000)
Balance at 30 June 2025		455,519	91,839	547,358
Balance at 1 July 2025		**455,519**	**91,839**	**547,358**
Profit for the year		**-**	**47,844**	**47,844**
Other comprehensive income for the year		**-**	**236**	**236**
Total comprehensive income for the year		**-**	**48,080**	**48,080**
Transactions with owners, in their capacity as owners:				
Dividends paid or provided	19	**-**	**(30,000)**	**(30,000)**
Balance at 30 June 2026		**455,519**	**109,919**	**565,438**

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

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		**1,051,838**	983,460
Payments to suppliers and employees		**(798,241)**	(782,195)
Interest paid		**(16,521)**	(24,414)
Income tax paid		**(12,322)**	(45,191)
Net cash provided by operating activities	21b	**224,754**	131,660
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant, and equipment		**(999)**	(25,192)
Sale / (purchase) of investments		**15,312**	(610)
Net cash flows provided by / (used in) investing activities		**14,313**	(25,802)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of borrowings		**(29,244)**	(20,384)
Repayment of lease liabilities		**(57,949)**	(52,915)
Dividends paid		**(24,000)**	(48,001)
Net cash (used in) financing activities		**(111,193)**	(121,300)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		**127,874**	(15,442)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		**245,571**	261,013
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	21a	**373,445**	245,571

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2026

These Financial Statements and Notes represent those of Daylesford District Community Developments Limited.

Daylesford District Community Developments Limited ('the Company') is a Company limited by shares, incorporated, and domiciled in Australia.

These Financial Statements were authorised for issue by the Directors on 30 September 2026.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

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

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

Economic dependency

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

All deposits are made with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited or its wholly owned subsidiaries and all personal and investment products are products of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited, with the Company facilitating the provision of those products. All loans, leases or hire purchase transactions, issues of new credit or debit cards, temporary or bridging finance, and any other transaction that involves creating a new debt, or increasing or changing the terms of an existing debt owed to Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited, must be approved by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited, other than where the Branch Manager and other authorised staff have delegated authority to approve certain loans on a limited basis. All credit transactions are made with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited or its wholly owned subsidiaries, and all credit products are products of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited.

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited provides significant assistance in maintaining the Company's 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 in relation to:

- Advice and assistance in relation to the design, layout, and fit out of the Community Bank branch;
- Training and performance appraisal 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 certain operating and administrative expenses on behalf of the Company;
- The formulation and implementation of advertising and promotional programs; and
- Sales techniques and best practice customer relations.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) Impairment of assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Company assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. The assessment includes the consideration of external and internal sources of information. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less cost to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount.

Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount in accordance with another Standard. Any impairment loss of a revalued asset is treated as a revaluation decrease in accordance with that other Standard.

(c) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues and expenses are recognised net of the amount of GST.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the Australian Tax Office (ATO) is included with other receivables or payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

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

(d) New and amended accounting policies adopted by the Company

No new or amended accounting policies were adopted in the year ended 30 June 2026.

(e) Comparative figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year. There were no changes to comparatives in this report.

(f) Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

Estimation of useful lives of assets

The Company determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment and intangible assets. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where useful lives are less than the previously estimated lives.

Fair value assessment of non-current physical assets

The AASB 13 Fair Value standard requires fair value assessments that may involve both complex and significant judgement and expertise.

Employee benefits' provision

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

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Recovery of Deferred Tax Assets

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

Impairment

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

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 or purchase the underlying asset 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 economic 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.

Incremental borrowing rate

Where the interest rate implicit in a lease cannot be readily determined, 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. Such a 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.

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2. Revenue

Revenue arises from the rendering of services through the Company's franchise agreement with the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited. The revenue recognised is measured by reference to the fair value of consideration received or receivable and is stated net of GST.

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

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

Interest, dividend, and other income
Interest income is recognised on an accrual basis using the effective interest rate method.

Dividend and other revenue is recognised when the right to the income has been established.

Other income includes notional income for the use of property by community organisations.

	2026 **$**	**2025** **$**
Revenue		
- service commissions, upfront and trailing commissions, sales fees, margin fees and other income	**1,051,021**	955,832
- notional income	**15,540**	7,455
	1,066,561	963,287

3. Expenses

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

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

Depreciation
The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, including buildings and capitalised leased assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated over the asset's useful life to the Company commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

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

Class of asset	*Rate*	*Method*
Leasehold improvements	15.75%	Straight Line
Plant and equipment	2.5-40%	Diminishing Value
Property and improvements	2.5%	Straight Line

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3. Expenses (continued)

Gains/losses upon disposal of non-current assets

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

	2026 $	2025 $
Profit before income tax includes the following specific expenses		
Employee benefits expense		
- wages, salaries, and allowances	**429,046**	464,137
- superannuation costs	**50,866**	51,480
- other costs	**7,850**	9,247
	487,762	524,864
Depreciation		
Depreciation		
- improvements at cost	**743**	653
- plant and equipment	**2,607**	1,244
- right of use property asset	**50,144**	50,144
- capital works deduction	**3,092**	3,092
	56,586	55,133
Finance costs		
- interest paid	**16,521**	24,414
Auditor's remuneration		
Remuneration of the Auditor, CountPro Audit Pty Ltd, for:		
- audit or review of the financial report	**8,125**	8,000
	8,125	8,000

4. Income tax

The current tax for the year comprises current income tax expense and deferred income tax.

Current income tax expense charged to profit or loss is the tax payable on taxable income. Current tax liabilities/(assets) are measured as the amounts expected to be paid to/(recovered from) the relevant taxation authority.

Deferred income tax reflects movements in deferred tax asset and deferred tax liability balances during the year, as well as unused tax losses.

Deferred income tax assets relating to temporary differences and unused tax losses are recognised only to the extent that is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the benefits of the deferred tax asset can be utilised.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, and their measurement also reflects the manner in which management expects to recover or settle the carrying amount of the related asset or liability.

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4. Income tax (continued)

	2026 $	2025 $
a. The components of current tax comprise:		
Current tax expense	**16,040**	16,349
Deferred tax relating to temporary differences	**(10,405)**	(1,071)
Total current tax	**5,634**	15,278
b. Prima facie tax payable		
The prima facie tax on profit from ordinary activities before income tax is reconciled to the income tax expense as follows:		
Prima facie tax on profit before income tax at 25%	**15,971**	16,480
Add tax effect of:		
- Non-assessable income and non-deductible expenses	**69**	(131)
Income tax attributable to the Company	**16,040**	16,349
The applicable weighted average effective tax rate is	**25.02%**	24.80%
c. Current tax liability		
Current tax relates to the following:		
Current tax liabilities / (assets)		
Opening balance	**866**	30,779
Income tax paid	**(12,323)**	(45,191)
Current tax	**5,634**	15,278
	(5,823)	866
d. Deferred tax asset / (liability)		
Deferred tax relates to the following:		
Deferred tax assets balance comprises:		
Accruals	**8,788**	7,255
Employee provisions	**13,270**	11,150
Insurance excess provision	**-**	12,500
Lease liability	**5,887**	20,375
	27,945	51,280
Deferred tax liability balance comprises:		
Right of use assets	**(6,268)**	(18,804)
Depreciation	**(2,252)**	(2,644)
	(8,520)	(21,448)
Net deferred tax asset / (liability)	**19,425**	29,832
Total carried forward tax losses not recognised as deferred tax assets	**-**	-
e. Deferred income tax (revenue) / expense included in income tax expense comprises:		
Decrease in deferred tax asset/ (liability)	**10,405**	1,071
	10,405	1,071

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5. Cash and cash equivalents

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

	2026	2025
	$	$
Cash at bank and on hand	**373,445**	245,571
	373,445	245,571

6. Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less any provision for doubtful debts. Trade and other receivables are due for settlement usually no more than 30 days from the date of recognition.

Collectability of trade and other receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts, which are known to be uncollectable, are written off. An allowance for expected credit losses is established when there is objective evidence that the Company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. The amount of the allowance is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rate. The amount of the allowance is recognised in profit or loss.

Current

Trade receivables	**97,418**	**82,445**
	97,418	**82,445**

Credit risk

The sources of credit risks include:

a) Concentration of trade receivables owing by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited, which is the source of the majority of the Company's income.
b) The Company's liability for a loan default where subsequent investigations reveal staff did not follow correct lending procedures.

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

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6. Trade and other receivables (continued)

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

	Gross amount	Not past due	Past due but not impaired			Past due and impaired
			< 30 days	31-60 days	> 60 days	
2026	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**	**$**
Trade receivables	**97,418**	**97,418**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Total	**97,418**	**97,418**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
2025						
Trade receivables	82,445	82,445	-	-	-	-
Total	**82,445**	**82,445**	-	-	-	-

7. Financial assets

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

Financial assets
All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at amortised cost.

Classification
On initial recognition, the Company classifies its financial assets into the following categories, those measured at:

- amortised cost
- fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Company changes its business model for managing financial assets.

Amortised cost
Assets measured at amortised cost are financial assets where:

- the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income, foreign exchange gains or losses, and impairment are recognized in profit or loss. Gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit and loss.

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7. Financial assets (continued)

Fair value through other comprehensive income
The Company has an investment in a listed entity over which are they do not have significant influence or control. The Company has made an irrevocable election to classify the equity investments as fair value through other comprehensive income as they are not held for trading purposes.

This investment is carried at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income. On disposal any balance in the financial asset reserve is not reclassified to profit or loss.

Dividends are recognised as income in profit or loss unless the dividend clearly represents a recovery of part of the cost of the investment. Other net gains and losses are recognised in other comprehensive income.

Impairment of financial assets
Impairment of financial assets measured at amortised cost are determined using the expected credit loss model in AASB 9. On initial recognition of the asset, an estimate of the expected credit losses for the next 12 months is recognised. Where the asset has experienced significant increase in credit risk, then the lifetime losses are estimated and recognised.

	2026	**2025**
	$	**$**
Financial assets – at amortised cost		
Pimco Global Bond Fund	**-**	13,393
Pendal Dynamic Income Fund	**-**	1,683
	-	15,076

8. Other assets

Establishment costs		
Initial cost	**1,250**	1,250
Less amortisation	**(862)**	(612)
	388	638

9. Prepayments

Prepayments represent items that will provide the Company with future economic benefits controlled by the Company as a result of past transactions or other past events.

Prepayments	**31,357**	29,778
	31,357	29,778

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10. Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis and therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment. In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by Directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the asset's employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are recognised as expenses in profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

The property is stated at fair value (being the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction), based on a valuation by external independent valuers.

	2026	**2025**
	$	**$**
Leasehold improvements		
At cost	**192,313**	192,313
Less accumulated depreciation	**(192,313)**	(192,313)
	-	-
Plant and equipment		
At cost	**21,618**	20,619
Less accumulated depreciation	**(12,539)**	(9,932)
	9,079	10,687
Improvements		
At cost	**1,740**	28,117
Less accumulated depreciation	**(1,740)**	(2,839)
	-	25,278
Land and buildings		
At cost	**-**	766,334
At valuation	**780,000**	-
Less capital works deduction	**-**	(7,574)
	780,000	758,760
Total property, plant, and equipment	**789,079**	794,725

The revaluation of freehold land and buildings and investment property was based on the assessment of their current market value and the asset's highest and best use. The independent revaluation was carried out by Mr Peter Murphy, Director, Preston Rowe Paterson Central Victoria Pty Ltd, AAPI Member No: 62963, CPV, on 20 July 2026 and applied effective 30 June 2026.

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10. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Movements in carrying amounts	**2026**	**2025**
	$	**$**
Plant & equipment		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	**10,687**	171
Additions	**999**	11,760
Depreciation expense	**(2,607)**	(1,244)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	**9,079**	10,687
Improvements at cost		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	**25,278**	12,499
Additions	**-**	13,432
Depreciation expense	**(743)**	(653)
Transfer	**(24,535)**	-
Balance at the end of the reporting period	**-**	25,278
Land and buildings		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	**758,760**	761,852
Capital works deduction (on building)	**(3,092)**	(3,092)
Transfer	**24,535**	-
Revaluation increment	**(203)**	-
Balance at the end of the reporting period	**780,000**	758,760
Total property, plant, and equipment		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	**794,725**	774,522
Additions	**999**	25,192
Depreciation expense and capital works deduction	**(6,442)**	(4,989)
Revaluation increment	**(203)**	-
Balance at the end of the reporting period	**789,079**	794,725

11. Right of use assets

Building premises		
At cost	**250,721**	250,721
Less accumulated depreciation	**(225,648)**	(175,504)
	25,073	75,217
Movements in carrying amounts		
Building premises		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	**75,217**	125,361
Depreciation expense	**(50,144)**	(50,144)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	**25,073**	75,217

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12. Trade and other payables

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

	2026	2025
Current	**$**	**$**
Unsecured liabilities:		
Trade creditors	**130,896**	45,168
Other creditors and accruals	**136,514**	98,018
Dividend payable	**30,000**	24,000
	297,410	167,186

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

Trade creditors include Foundation contribution of $121,579 which was paid in July 2026.
Accruals include insurance excess of $84,767 which was paid in September 2026.

13. Lease liabilities

Lease liabilities are effectively secured as the rights to the leased assets revert to the lessor in the event of default.

Current		
Lease liability – building premises	**23,549**	57,949
Non-current		
Lease liability – building premises	**-**	23,549
Total Lease Liabilities	**23,549**	81,498

14. Provisions

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

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

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

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

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14. Provisions (continued)

Current		
Employee benefits	**43,089**	37,107
Non-current		
Employee benefits	**9,991**	7,492
Total provisions	**53,080**	44,599

15. Borrowings

Total secured liabilities
The total secured liabilities are as follows:

Non-current		
Bank loans – secured	**402,531**	431,775
	402,531	431,775

The bank loan is secured by a first mortgage against 113 Main Road, Hepburn Springs, Victoria.

16. Share Capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction from the proceeds.

	2026 $	**2025 $**
Movements in share capital		
600,008 Ordinary shares fully paid	**600,008**	600,008
Less: Equity raising costs	**(24,488)**	(24,488)
Less: Return of capital	**(120,001)**	(120,001)
	455,519	455,519
Fully paid ordinary shares:		
At the beginning of the reporting period	**600,008**	600,008
At the end of the reporting period	**600,008**	600,008

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

17. 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 monitors the return on capital and the level of dividends to shareholders. Capital is represented by total equity as recorded in the Statement of Financial Position.

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17. Capital management (continued)

In accordance with the franchise agreement, in any 12 month period, the funds distributed to shareholders shall not exceed the Distribution Limit, which is the greater of;

(a) 20% of the profit before sponsorships, donations, and tax of the Company otherwise available for distribution to shareholders in that 12 month period; and
(b) subject to the availability of distributable profits, the Relevant Rate of Return, which is equal to the weighted average interest rate on 90 day bank bills over that 12 month period plus 5%, multiplied by the average level of share capital of the Company over that 12 month period.

The Board is managing the growth of the business in line with this requirement. There are no other externally imposed capital requirements, although the nature of the Company is such that amounts will be paid in the form of charitable donations and sponsorship. Charitable donations and sponsorship paid can be seen in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Comprehensive Income.

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

18. Retained earnings / (Accumulated losses)

	2026 $	2025 $
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	**91,839**	66,053
Comprehensive income for the year	**48,080**	49,786
Dividends paid or provided	**(30,000)**	(24,000)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	**109,919**	91,839

19. Dividends paid or provided for on ordinary shares

Dividends paid or provided for during the year

Fully franked dividend of 5 cents per share (2025: fully franked dividend of 4 cents per share)	**30,000**	24,000
	30,000	24,000

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

The ability to use franking credits is dependent upon the entity's future ability to declare dividends.

Franking account

The franking credits available for subsequent financial years at a tax rate of 25% (2025: 25%)	**141,475**	137,152

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20. Earnings per share

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

Basic earnings per share (cents)	**7.97**	8.26
Earnings used in calculating basic earnings per share	**47,844**	49,569
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share	**600,008**	600,008

21. Statement of cash flows

	2026	2025
	$	$
a. Cash and cash equivalents balances as shown in the Statement of Financial Position can be reconciled to that shown in the Statement of Cash Flows as follows:		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 5)	**373,445**	245,571
As per the Statement of Cash Flow	**373,445**	245,571
b. Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit after income tax		
Profit after income tax	**47,844**	49,569
Non-cash flows in profit		
- Depreciation	**56,586**	55,133
- Loss on revaluation of land and buildings	**203**	-
Changes in assets and liabilities		
- (Increase) / decrease in trade and other receivables, and other assets	**(14,723)**	19,956
- decrease in prepayments and other assets	**(1,579)**	35
- decrease in deferred tax asset	**23,335**	10,963
- (decrease) in deferred tax liability	**(12,928)**	(9,892)
- Increase / (decrease) in current tax liability	**(6,689)**	(29,913)
- Increase / (decrease) in trade and other payables	**124,224**	28,872
- Increase / (decrease) in provisions	**8,481**	6,937
Net cash flows from / (used in) operating activities	**224,754**	131,660

c. Credit standby arrangement and loan facilities

There were none.

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22. Key management personnel and related party disclosures

a. Key management personnel
Any person(s) having authority or responsibility for planning, directing, or controlling the activities of the Company, directly or indirectly including any director (whether executive or otherwise) of that Company is considered key management personnel. In the opinion of the Board, the only key management personnel of the Company are the Directors. No director of the company receives remuneration for services as a company director or committee member.

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

c. Transactions with key management personnel and related parties
The Company's charitable donations and sponsorships for 2026 were $222,478. From time to time the Company sponsors organisations where a DDCDL director is a committee member or responsible person. In the 2026 year there was one sponsorship payment totalling $3,292 to organisations where a Director or a related party of a Director of the Company were committee members. In the 2025 year there were two sponsorship payments totalling $5,544 to organisations where a Director or a related party of a Director of the Company were committee members.

d. Key management personnel shareholdings
The number of ordinary shares in Daylesford District Community Developments Limited held by Directors and each key management personnel of the Company, either directly or indirectly, during the financial year is as follows:

	2026	**2025**
Marek Julius Rak (resigned 30 September 2024)	**23,001**	23,001
Arthur James Foster	**6,000**	6,000
Philip Roy Gay	**2,500**	2,500
Margaret Catherine Hodge (resigned 25 November 2025)	**500**	500
Joan Mary Janssen	**500**	500
Carol Louise Ross (resigned 13 August 2026)	**500**	500
Phillip Lavelle (resigned 25 November 2025)	**-**	-
Peter Douglas (resigned 26 September 2024)	**-**	-
Shanthi Kumar (appointed 6 May 2024)	**-**	-
Vic Delosa (resigned 20 December 2024)	**-**	-
Ruby Glew (appointed 24 November 2024, resigned 9 January 2025)	**-**	-
Karen McAloon (appointed 28 January 2025)	**500**	500
Michael Sneddon (appointed 6 February 2025)	**-**	-
John Cottrell (appointed 24 June 2025)	**-**	-
	33,501	33,501

e. Other key management transactions
There have been no other transactions involving equity instruments other than those described above.

23. Events after the reporting period

No matter or circumstances have arisen since 30 June 2026 that have 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.

24. Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

As at 30 June 2026 there are no contingent assets or liabilities.

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25. Operating segments

The Company operates in the financial services sector where it provides banking services to its clients. The Company operates in one area being Daylesford and surrounding district, in the State of Victoria. The Company has a franchise agreement in place with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited which accounts for 100% of the Company's revenue (2025:100%)

26. Company details

The registered office and principal place of business is: Shop 3, 97 Vincent Street, Daylesford, Victoria, 3460.

27. Financial risk management

Financial risk management policies

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the risk management framework. The Board has established a Risk Committee which reports regularly to the Board. The Board and Risk Committee are assisted in the area of risk management by an internal audit function conducted by franchise partner Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Limited.

Specific financial risk exposure and management

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

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

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	**373,445**	245,571
Trade and other receivables	6	**97,418**	82,445
Financial assets	7	**-**	15,076
Total financial assets		**470,863**	343,092
Financial liabilities			
Trade and other payables	12	**297,410**	167,186
Lease liabilities	13	**23,549**	81,498
Borrowings	15	**402,531**	431,775
Total financial liabilities		**723,490**	680,459

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27. Financial risk management (continued)

a. Credit risk

Exposure to credit risk relating to financial assets arises from the potential non-performance by counterparties of contract obligations that could lead to a financial loss to the Company.

Credit risk is managed through maintaining procedures ensuring, to the extent possible, that clients and counterparties to transactions are of sound credit worthiness. Such monitoring is used in assessing receivables for impairment. Credit terms for normal fee income are generally 30 days from the date of contract. For fees with longer settlement, terms are specified in the individual client contracts. In the case of loans advanced, the terms are specific to each loan.

Credit risk exposures

The maximum exposure to credit risk by class of recognised financial assets at the end of the reporting period is equivalent to the carrying amount and classification of those financial assets as presented in the table above.

The Company has significant concentrations of credit risk with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited. The Company's exposure to credit risk is limited to Australia by geographic area.

None of the assets of the Company are past due (2025: nil past due) and based on historic default rates, the Company believes that no impairment allowance is necessary in respect of assets not past due.

The Company limits its exposure to credit risk by only investing in liquid securities and therefore credit risk is considered minimal.

b. Liquidity risk

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

The table below reflects an undiscounted contractual maturity analysis for financial liabilities. The Bank overdraft facility is subject to annual review, may be drawn at any time, and may be terminated by the Bank without notice. Therefore the balance of the overdraft facility outstanding at year end could become repayable within 12 months.

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

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27. Financial risk management (continued)

Financial liability and financial asset maturity analysis:

30 June 2026	Total $	Within 1 year $	1 to 5 years $	Over 5 years $
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	**373,445**	**373,445**	**-**	**-**
Trade and other receivables	**97,418**	**97,418**	**-**	**-**
Financial assets	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Total anticipated inflows	**470,863**	**470,863**	**-**	**-**
Financial liabilities				
Trade and other payables	**297,410**	**297,410**	**-**	**-**
Lease liabilities	**23,549**	**23,549**	**-**	**-**
Borrowings	**402,531**	**-**	**39,626**	**362,905**
Total expected outflows	**723,490**	**320,959**	**39,626**	**362,905**
Net inflow / (outflow) on financial instruments	**(252,627)**	**149,904**	**(39,626)**	**(362,905)**

30 June 2025	Total $	Within 1 year $	1 to 5 years $	Over 5 years $
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	**245,571**	**245,571**	**-**	**-**
Trade and other receivables	**82,445**	**82,445**	**-**	**-**
Financial assets	**15,076**	**15,076**	**-**	**-**
Total anticipated inflows	**343,092**	**343,092**	**-**	**-**
Financial liabilities				
Trade and other payables	**167,186**	**167,186**	**-**	**-**
Lease liabilities	**81,498**	**57,949**	**23,549**	**-**
Borrowings	**431,775**	**-**	**48,440**	**383,335**
Total expected outflows	**680,459**	**225,135**	**71,989**	**383,335**
Net inflow / (outflow) on financial instruments	**(337,367)**	**117,957**	**(71,989)**	**(383,335)**

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27. Financial risk management (continued)

c. Market Risk

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

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

The financial instruments that primarily expose the Company to interest rate risk are borrowings, fixed interest securities, and cash and cash equivalents.

Sensitivity analysis

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

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

	Profit	**Equity**
	$	**$**
Year ended 30 June 2026		
+/- 1% in interest rates (interest income)	**3,734**	**3,734**
+/- 1% in interest rates (interest expense)	**(4,260)**	**(4,260)**
	(526)	**(526)**
Year ended 30 June 2025		
+/- 1% in interest rates (interest income)	2,456	2,456
+/- 1% in interest rates (interest expense)	(5,133)	(5,133)
	(2,677)	(2,677)

There have been no changes in any of the methods or assumptions used to prepare the above sensitivity analysis from the prior year.

The Company has no exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency.

d. Price risk

The Company is not exposed to any material price risk.

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Note 28: Fair Value Measurement

The company measures the following assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis:
- Property, plant and equipment

Fair value hierarchy
AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement requires all assets and liabilities measured at fair value to be assigned to a level in the fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices 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.

The table below shows the assigned level for each asset and liability held at fair value:

	Level 1 $	Level 2 $	Level 3 $	Total $
2026				
Property, plant and equipment - land and buildings	-	780,000	-	780,000
	-	780,000	-	780,000

Level 2 measurements
The revaluation of freehold land and buildings and investment property was based on the assessment of their current market value and the asset's highest and best use. The independent revaluation was carried out by Mr Peter Murphy, Director, Preston Rowe Paterson Central Victoria Pty Ltd, AAPI Member No: 62963, CPV, on 20 July 2026 and applied effective 30 June 2026.

Highest and best use
The current use of each asset measured at fair value is considered to be its highest and best use.

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Direcrtors Declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Daylesford District Community Developments Limited, the Directors of the Company declare that:

1. The Financial Statements and Notes as set out on pages 8 to 32 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:

   i) comply with Australian Accounting Standards which, as stated in accounting policy Note 1(a) to the Financial Statements, constitutes compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS); and

   ii) give a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of the performance for the year ended on that date;

2. In the Directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

Philip Gay
Chair

Shanthi Kumar
Treasurer

Signed at Daylesford on 30 September 2026.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Directors of Daylesford District Community Developments Ltd

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Daylesford District Community Developments Ltd (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of 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; and

(ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001.*

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the Directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the Directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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

Responsibilities of Management and the Directors for the Financial Report

Management of the Company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001*, and for such internal control as management determines 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, management is 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 intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Directors are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Directors of Daylesford District Community Developments Ltd

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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

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Jason Hargreaves
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30 September 2026

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