East Malvern Community Financial Services

Social Traders CERTIFIED SOCIAL ENTERPRISE Business for good

5 November 2026

Dear Shareholder,

Re: 2026 Sophisticated Investor share issue announcement

During the last 5 weeks the Company has taken the opportunity to complete a private placement of 86,657 shares at $6.25 each to some existing shareholders who qualified as Sophisticated Investors and had previously expressed interest in acquiring more shares in our social enterprise.

Qualifying as a Sophisticated Investor allows the Company to avoid the time and costs of preparing a formal disclosure document.

Combined with our strong trading results and the recently announced FY27 dividend guidance of 12.5 cents per share per quarter fully franked, there was a very good take-up of new shares at $6.25 each providing an annual 8.0% fully franked dividend yield.

In total the Company raised $541,606 in new equity capital which will be used to initially pay down debt and position the Company to pursue expected growth opportunities over the next 12 months.

While this investment round was only open to qualified Sophisticated Investors and resulted in the number of shares on issue increasing by 8.9% to 1,060,700 all our existing shareholders have benefitted in multiple ways:

- The value of each share has increased by 56.3% from $4.00 to $6.25
- $6.25 is now a benchmark for future Low Volume Market (LVM) transactions.
- The Net Assets per share increased from $4.56 as at 30 June 2026 to a pro-forma $4.70 following the Sophisticated Investor share issue.
- The Company has been significantly strengthened with Shareholder's Equity now comfortably in excess of $5,000,000
- At the $6.25 issue price, the market capitalisation of the Company is now $6.63m which at the date of this announcement is more than 50% higher than any other Community Bank company.

Following the share issue, no shareholder exceeds the maximum 10% shareholding cap, although collectively our top 3 shareholders hold 28.5% of the Company with the top 10 holding 48.3% of the available shares. Overall, the success of the Sophisticated Investor share issue is further validation of both the financial results and the positive impact our social enterprise is having across the communities we serve.

Please keep in mind our next AGM is on Tuesday 24 November 2026 at 7.30 pm at the Toorak Park Pavilion, 580 Orrong Rd, Armadale. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Stuart Martyn
Chairman

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