Ettalong Beach Financial Services Limited

ABN 37 110 069 120

Financial Report - 30 June 2022

Ettalong Beach Financial Services Limited Annual Report for Year Ended 30 June 2022

Contents

| <u>Item</u> | Page |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Chairman's Report | Í |
| Branch Manager's Report | iii |
| Sponsorships and Grants | v |
| Directors' Report | 1 |
| Auditor's Independent Declaration | 5 |
| Financial Statements | 6 |
| Notes to the Financial Statements | 10 |
| Directors' Declaration | 33 |
| Independent Audit Report | 34 |

Chairman's Report – For year ending 30 June 2022

Introduction

Dear Shareholder,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff of the Community Bank Ettalong Beach, I am proud to present the 18th Annual Report of Ettalong Beach Financial Services Limited. We continue to deliver service at the highest levels and achieve profitability for our shareholders. It is therefore pleasing to report our 12th consecutive profit before tax of \$303,158 an increase of \$241,439 on the previous year. This mainly arose from increased Revenue + \$45k plus a reduction in Community Contributions of \$196k. We were able to assist the Community with \$135,928 via funds held in the Bendigo Community Foundation of \$117,235 (ex GST) + \$18,693 from General funds.

The company was also able to deliver its tenth consecutive dividend, fully franked to shareholders.

24 years since the first Community Bank branch opened its doors.

Partnering with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank, we're proud of the contribution we make to what is one of Australia's most trusted brands. Our model has been held up as an example of a great way of doing business. We continue to work closely with our partner, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank, on ways to improve the customer experience. The growth of our existing customer base will mean a growth in your investment and our community's investment in our Community Bank branch.

Our Community Bank branch has played a key role in these milestones over the past 17 years, returning more than \$1,360,000 to the local community plus a further \$381,000 in dividends returned to local shareholders.

These community contributions, grants and sponsorships have made significant differences to over 50 local organisations/groups. We look forward to continuing to support these groups and others as more people bank with us and we become more successful.

Year under Review and Future Growth

Once again I am extremely thrilled that we have been able to generate monthly profits on a regular basis to achieve our twelfth consecutive annual profit and this is fully detailed in the financial statement. Briefly we achieved an operating profit of \$226,573 after Income tax expense of \$76,585. Our "Bank Book" – "Deposits/Loans" increased by \$23.7m to \$175 million mark as at 30 June 2022. This has been a very difficult economic year globally and in Australia and is fully explained in the Manager's Report.

Our projected forecast in the current year ending 30 June 2023 is a modest growth of \$15m. to \$190m. Customers remain steady at 3301 with a moderate increase in number of accounts to 4864.

As our business has matured we have established a more reliable cash flow which now allows us to meet greater Community needs. Shareholders will recall that our constitution allows us to pay a maximum of 20% of Annual profits as dividends. Other than maintaining a prudent level of cash reserves we use the remainder of profits for the betterment of our community.

Since 2018 we have directed a portion of expected profits to the Bendigo Community Enterprise Foundation which carries "not for profit" status and is a tax effective method of distributing our profits to our community. As our business has matured we have been able to expand the recipients of our grants.

As at 30th June 2022 we have contributed a total of \$385,000 with the BEN Foundation, which has enabled us to assist (14) different groups/organisations that are making a difference to our community. The Community Bank Ettalong Beach Branch Scholarship Program provided \$30,000 to (3) outstanding local students over the past (3) years to continue and complete their University Degree. The Foundation has a balance of \$127,329 for future distribution.

We still maintain our "grass roots" support to local sporting clubs and organisations that are making a difference in our community.

As Shareholders, if you are aware of any needs in our community that you think your Community Bank may be able to assist with please let us know.

Staff

Of course, the successful and continued operation of the Bank is largely reliant on those who have the day- to- day responsibility of running it. Our previous Manager, Mr. Peter McKeon retired after 12 years in January 2022. Also Julie Pal retired after 14 years service. We wish Peter and Julie well in their new environment.

Mr. Pat Italiano joined us as Branch Manager from North Ryde and has had 20 years of Community Bank branch experience. Pat has settled in well and continues to improve the Bank's business. Pat's efforts and those of the staff, Supervisors, Maree Richardson and Kym Kelleher, and Customer Service Officers, Jackie and Kathy are to be congratulated despite difficult economic conditions and the Covid -19 pandemic.

Board of Directors

The Board remains stable and volunteer their many hours of involvement unselfishly and as required. We also undertook a full board review with the various sub-committees remaining in place to ensure the company is well equipped to meet the challenges ahead.

In Conclusion

Finally, I would like to thank those members of the local community and residents of the Ettalong Beach and surrounding areas who have supported the establishment of the Community Bank Ettalong Beach branch – Bendigo Bank, and continue to do their personal and business banking with their local Community Bank branch.

I also thank my fellow Directors and staff who put in many rewarding hours. It has been a magnificent effort by all those involved and I look forward to a bright and prosperous future for our Community Bank branch.

Once again, thank you for making us your Bank of choice.

D.J.M. (Mick) Gage Board Chairman

Branch Manager's Report 2021 / 2022

It is with great pleasure that I present my first report to shareholders as Manager of the Ettalong Beach Branch of Bendigo Bank, following the retirement of Peter McKeon. Peter has left the business in great shape, and I have received a very warm welcome from the Ettalong Beach Community. Personally, I have been in the Banking industry for over 30 years, 20 of those with Bendigo Bank. I have been involved with Community Banking since 2007 when I was appointed Manager at North Ryde Community Bank.

From a Branch Operations perspective, it was another interesting and challenging year. As the threat of the COVID pandemic began to subside and restrictions were slowly removed, we can be grateful that life is gradually returning back to normal. As usual, our Branch team of Maree, Kym, Jackie, Kathy and Julie continued providing the great service that our customers have appreciated particularly through these uncertain times.

Business Performance

Our Banking business continued the strong growth we have seen in recent years. This year our Banking Book closed at just over \$170m, up \$25M year on year. Our deposit growth was an impressive \$20M, (\$110M Overall) with loans increasing around \$5M (\$60M overall)

This growth, coupled with increases to the cash rate, saw an increase in revenue of \$45K (around 5%) and a company NPBT of \$300K. As mentioned in our Chairman's report, the increase in overall profit was largely attributed to a decrease in our Community Contribution for the year out of cash flow.

The Year Ahead

As we are all aware, the Reserve Bank has commenced increasing the cash rate for the first time in over 10 years in response to rising inflation. This will have both positive and negative impacts to our business.

The good news is that as rates increase so does our interest margin, which is the gap between the interest we charge on loans and the interest we pay for deposits. This will increase our revenue on our existing business and provide a strong return on the growth we achieved over the past 2 years in a low interest environment. Further, as our cost base is relatively stable, we will see an increase in both revenue and profit over the coming Financial Year.

The downside of increased interest rates is the impact it will have on our loan business. As rates rise, this will have an impact on client's ability to borrow money and possibly the ability to service their existing loans. We are already seeing signs that the property market is softening which will result in buyers holding off for a "good deal", reducing demand for loans for property purchases. We may also need to reprice our existing book as our clients approach us to negotiate better deals on their loans. Therefore, our forecasts for loan growth for this financial year are modest in comparison to previous years.

Community Engagement

This year, our Community Engagement activities were again modified due to the pandemic, however we were able to continue to support the many Community organisations financially which was very well received in these difficult times. We look forward to again engaging with our community in a meaningful was over the coming months

Staff

Our strong performance can only be achieved by the individuals that continue to provide outstanding customer service. Our customer service team of Maree, Kym, Kathy & Jackie are now institutions in the area and highly regarded by all who come in to contact with them. They are and continue to be the backbone of and key to the success of our business.

I would also like to acknowledge the contributions of Julie, one of our long term Customer Service Officers who left the business this year. We all wish her the very best for her future endeavours.

As always, a thank you to our Directors who give their time on a volunteer basis for all their efforts this year. We thank them for their ongoing support guidance and wisdom.

Our Commitment to Service

As always, customer service remains our key focus and major points of difference to our competitors. We continue to prove that the provision of a face to face Banking service is something that is still valued by the community we serve. More importantly we have also demonstrated that we can continue to maintain relationships and provide a quality service with our clients even on a remote basis. In addition to all the new technologies, the simple fact that our customers could speak to a familiar voice at the Branch continues to provide comfort and support to those who needed it. In fact, many people who would not otherwise engage directly with the branch were pleasantly surprised at how simple and efficient dealing with the branch is.

Pat Italiano

Branch Manager

Sponsorships and Grants 2021-2022

Bendigo Community Bank Ettalong Beach Branch contributed \$135,000 to the following local events and organisations:

Central Coast Kids in Need **Coastal Twist Dry July Foundation Everglades Ladies Bowls Club Everglades Ladies Golf Club Everglades Mens Bowls Club** Central Coast Kids in Need **Coast Shelter** Peninsula Environment Group StandbyU Foundation Domestic Violence Programme **Umina Beach Surf Club Umina Beach Netball Club Umina Community Group Umina Soccer Club Woy Woy Rotary Club** Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the company for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Directors

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

Name: Dominic John Michael Gage
Title: Non executive director

Experience and expertise: Dominic has 60 years experience in the banking industry. He was a member of Apex, Lions and

Rotary clubs and is involved in local sporting groups. Dominic is a past director to Everglades

Country Club and a past Vice President of Club NSW Central Coast Region Committee.

Special responsibilities: Executive Committee

Name: Donald John Wilson
Title: Non-executive director

Experience and expertise: Donald is a CPA qualified accountant with 46 years of experience in public accounting. His

experience includes 35 years as principal of Wilson Graham & Associates in Woy Woy.

Special responsibilities: Treasurer, Executive Committee, Strategic Planning Committee

Name: Bruce Maxwell Croft
Title: Non-executive director

Experience and expertise: Bruce has 42 years of experience in the customer service industry. He is a former secretary of

a local soccer club, PCYC and P&C Organisations. He is currently a member of the Rotary Club.

Special responsibilities: Secretary, Executive Committee, Strategic Planning Committee

Name: Robert Henry Millwood
Title: Non-executive director

Experience and expertise: Robert is a company Director, Accountant, former committee member of Woy Woy RLFC and

member of Ocean Beach SLSC.

Special responsibilities: Deputy Chairman, Assistant Treasurer, Sponsorship and Marketing Committee, Strategic

Planning Committee

Name: Paul David Thomas
Title: Non-executive director

Experience and expertise: Paul is a retired Police Officer. He was previously involved in Neighbourhood watch, safety

house, Yarran early intervention, and is a committee member of the Woy Woy Rugby League

Football Club.

Special responsibilities: Sponsorship and Marketing Committee

Name: Jeanette Maxine Polley
Title: Non-executive director

Experience and expertise: Jeanette is a School Teacher and University Educator. She has been an Accountant for 26 years

and a Retail Small Business Owner for 10 years. Jeanette was also a past President of Ettalong

Beach Business Group Inc.

Special responsibilities: Sponsorship and Marketing Committee, Strategic Planning Committee

Name: Kerry Craig Watkins
Title: Non-executive director

Experience and expertise: Kerry was a former Manager of Compliance in NSW Office of State Revenue. She was

responsible for managing and conducting state audits of large public and private companies to ensure compliance with NSW payroll tax legislation. Kerry has a certificate in Commerce Accounting Procedures. She was a former Treasurer of Parramatta Golf Club and is now a Director and Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee for Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club.

Special responsibilities: Collaborative Marketing Committee

Name: (Sidney) Michael Trewern Tame

Title: Non-executive director

Experience and expertise: Sidney is a Sales and Marketing Director at Spiralfast Pty Ltd. He has a double degree in

Marketing & Accounting, and an International Studies Degree in Japanese. Sidney has broad sales, marketing and commercial experience within the website, telco, publishing, advertising and manufacturing industries. He is a St Vincent de Paul Society 'Compeer' Volunteer & Australian Red Cross Blood Service Enthusiast. Sidney is also a director at Lasercraft Australia,

an NDIS organisation for supported workers making awards and business gifts.

Special responsibilities: Collaborative Marketing Committee

Name: Kim Meili Radford
Title: Non-executive director

Experience and expertise: Kim is a Council Officer with 16 years experience in Local Government. She has a degree in

Social Science (Recreation & Tourism), Diplomas in Leadership & Management, and Holiday Park Management. Kim also has a background in Outdoor Education, Holiday Park & Caravan Park Management. She has spent many years volunteering in the community including

sporting groups and Gosford Sailing Club.

Special responsibilities: Nil

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

Company secretary

The Company secretary is Bruce Maxwell Croft. Bruce was appointed to the position of Company secretary on 30 June 2011.

Principal activity

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

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

Review of operations

The profit for the company after providing for income tax amounted to \$226,573 (30 June 2021: \$50,291).

Operations have continued to perform in line with expectations.

Dividends

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

2022 \$

Fully franked dividend of 5 cents per share

37,836

Significant changes in the state of affairs

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

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2022 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

Likely developments

The company will continue its policy of facilitating banking services to the community.

Environmental regulation

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

Meetings of directors

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

| | Boa | ard | Executive C | ommittee |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|
| | Eligible | Attended | Eligible | Attended |
| Dominic John Michael Gage | 11 | 9 | 4 | 4 |
| Donald John Wilson | 11 | 11 | 4 | 3 |
| Bruce Maxwell Croft | 11 | 11 | 4 | 4 |
| Robert Henry Millwood | 11 | 10 | 4 | 4 |
| Paul David Thomas | 11 | 6 | - | - |
| Jeanette Maxine Polley | 11 | 9 | - | - |
| Kerry Craig Watkins | 11 | 9 | - | - |
| (Sidney) Michael Trewern Tame | 11 | 8 | _ | - |
| Kim Meili Radford | 11 | 4 | - | - |

Directors' benefits

No director has received or become entitled to receive, during or since the financial year, a benefit because of a contract made by the company, controlled entity or related body corporate with a director, a firm which a director is a member or an entity in which a director has a substantial financial interest except as disclosed in note 24 to the financial statements. This statement excludes a benefit included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by directors shown in the company's accounts, or the fixed salary of a full-time employee of the company, controlled entity or related body corporate.

Directors' interests

The interest in company shareholdings for each director are:

| | Balance at the start of the year \$ | Changes \$ | Balance at the end of the year \$ |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------|---|
| Dominic John Michael Gage | 10,000 | | - 10,000 |
| Donald John Wilson | 18,500 | | - 18,500 |
| Bruce Maxwell Croft | 5,000 | | - 5,000 |
| Robert Henry Millwood | 5,000 | | - 5,000 |
| Paul David Thomas | 750 | | - 750 |
| Jeanette Maxine Polley | - | | |
| Kerry Craig Watkins | - | | |
| (Sidney) Michael Trewern Tame | - | | |
| Kim Meili Radford | - | | |

Indemnity and insurance of directors and officers

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

Disclosure of the nature of the liability and the amount of the premium is prohibited by the confidentiality clause of the contract of insurance. The company has not provided any insurance for an auditor of the company or a related body corporate.

Proceedings on behalf of the company

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

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

Indemnity and insurance of auditor

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

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

Non-audit services

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

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

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

Auditor's Independence declaration

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

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

On behalf of the directors

Dominic John Michael Gage

Chair

25 August 2022



61 Bull Street Bendigo VIC 3550 afs@afsbendigo.com.au 03 5443 0344

Lead Auditor

Independent auditor's independence declaration under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 to the Directors of Ettalong Beach Financial Services Limited

As lead auditor for the audit of Ettalong Beach Financial Services Limited for the year ended 30 June 2022, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

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

Andrew Frewin Stewart

61 Bull Street, Bendigo, Vic, 3550

Dated: 25 August 2022

Ettalong Beach Financial Services Limited Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income For the year ended 30 June 2022

| | Note | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
|---|-------------|--|---|
| Revenue from contracts with customers | 6 | 905,089 | 862,237 |
| Other revenue Finance revenue | 7 | 2,500 263 | 40,784 335 |
| Employee benefits expense Advertising and marketing costs Occupancy and associated costs System costs Depreciation and amortisation expense Finance costs General administration expenses | 8 8 8 | (421,452) (5,494) (10,916) (18,051) (62,429) (13,198) (61,933) | (401,072) (13,061) (16,423) (19,945) (62,674) (14,178) (71,585) |
| Profit before community contributions and income tax expense | | 314,379 | 304,418 |
| Donations and sponsorships expense | | (11,221) | (242,699) |
| Profit before income tax expense | | 303,158 | 61,719 |
| Income tax expense | 9 | (76,585) | (11,428) |
| Profit after income tax expense for the year | 21 | 226,573 | 50,291 |
| Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax | | | <u>-</u> |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | | 226,573 | 50,291 |
| | | Cents | Cents |
| Basic earnings per share Diluted earnings per share | 28 28 | 29.94 29.94 | 6.65 6.65 |

Ettalong Beach Financial Services Limited Statement of financial position As at 30 June 2022

| | Note | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
|-------------------------------|------|------------|------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 10 | 632,423 | 374,527 |
| Trade and other receivables | 11 | 104,492 | 80,194 |
| Current tax assets | 9 _ | - | 10,496 |
| Total current assets | - | 736,915 | 465,217 |
| Non-current assets | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 12 | 100,860 | 114,996 |
| Right-of-use assets | 13 | 261,458 | 287,863 |
| Intangibles | 14 | 35,902 | 49,005 |
| Deferred tax assets | 9_ | 32,564 | 39,902 |
| Total non-current assets | - | 430,784 | 491,766 |
| Total assets | | 1,167,699 | 956,983 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 15 | 46,654 | 28,059 |
| Lease liabilities | 16 | 35,178 | 32,914 |
| Current tax liabilities | 9 | 59,890 | - |
| Employee benefits | 17 _ | 55,105 | 86,620 |
| Total current liabilities | _ | 196,827 | 147,593 |
| Non-current liabilities | | | |
| Lease liabilities | 16 | 252,846 | 279,907 |
| Employee benefits | 17 | 3,096 | 4,840 |
| Provisions | 18 | 41,639 | 40,089 |
| Total non-current liabilities | *** | 297,581 | 324,836 |
| Total liabilities | _ | 494,408 | 472,429 |
| Net assets | = | 673,291 | 484,554 |
| Equity | | | |
| Issued capital | 19 | 722,104 | 722,104 |
| Accumulated losses | 21 _ | (48,813) | (237,550) |
| Total equity | = | 673,291 | 484,554 |

Ettalong Beach Financial Services Limited Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 30 June 2022

| | Note | Issued capital \$ | Accumulated losses \$ | Total equity \$ |
|--|------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Balance at 1 July 2020 | | 722,104 | (238,655) | 483,449 |
| Profit after income tax expense Other comprehensive income, net of tax | | - | 50,291 | 50,291 - |
| Total comprehensive income | | - | 50,291 | 50,291 |
| Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners: Dividends provided for | 22 | | (49,186) | (49,186) |
| Balance at 30 June 2021 | | 722,104 | (237,550) | 484,554 |
| | | | | |
| Balance at 1 July 2021 | | 722,104 | (237,550) | 484,554 |
| Profit after income tax expense Other comprehensive income, net of tax | | - | 226,573 | 226,573 |
| Total comprehensive income | | | 226,573 | 226,573 |
| Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners: Dividends provided for | 22 | _ | (37,836) | (37,836) |
| Balance at 30 June 2022 | | 722,104 | (48,813) | 673,291 |

Ettalong Beach Financial Services Limited Statement of cash flows For the year ended 30 June 2022

| | Note | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | |
| Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST) | | 968,961 | 983,658 |
| Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST) | | (624,801) | (813,006) |
| | | 344,160 | 170,652 |
| Interest received | | 263 | 333 |
| Income taxes paid | _ | (3,567) | (30,799) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 27 _ | 340,856 | 140,186 |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | | <u>-</u> | - |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | | |
| Dividends paid | 22 | (37,836) | (49,186) |
| Repayment of lease liabilities | 16 _ | (45,124) | (44,373) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | | (82,960) | (93,559) |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | | 257,896 | 46,627 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year | _ | 374,527 | 327,900 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year | 10 _ | 632,423 | 374,527 |

Note 1. Reporting entity

The financial statements cover Ettalong Beach Financial Services Limited (the company) as an individual entity. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is company's functional and presentation currency.

The company is an unlisted public company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is 263-267 Ocean View Road, Ettalong Beach NSW 2257.

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

The financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of directors, on 25 August 2022. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

Note 2. Basis of preparation and statement of compliance

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

Note 3. Significant accounting policies

The company has consistently applied the following accounting policies to all periods presented in these financial statements.

Changes in accounting policies, standards and interpretations

There are a number of amendments to accounting standards issued by the AASB that became mandatorily effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2021, and are therefore relevant for the current financial year. The amendments did not have any impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods and are not expected to significantly affect the current or future periods.

Current and non-current classification

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

An asset is classified as current when, it is expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the company's normal operating cycle, it is held primarily for the purpose of trading, it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is classified as current when, it is either expected to be settled in the company's normal operating cycle, it is held primarily for the purpose of trading, it is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period or there is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are always classified as non-current.

impairment

Non-derivative financial assets

Expected credit losses (ECL) are the probability-weighted estimate of credit losses over the expected life of a financial instrument. A credit loss is the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due and all cash flows expected to be received. At each reporting date, the entity recognises the movement in the ECL (if any) as an impairment gain or loss in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

The company's trade receivables are limited to the monthly profit share distribution from Bendigo Bank, which is received 10 business days post month end. Due to the reliance on Bendigo Bank the company has reviewed credit ratings provided by Standard & Poors, Moody's and Fitch Ratings to determine the level of credit exposure to the company. The company also performed a historical assessment of receivables from Bendigo Bank and found no instances of default. As a result no ECL has been made in relation to trade receivables as at 30 June 2022.

Note 3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Non-financial assets

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

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

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except when the amount of GST incurred on a sale or purchase of assets or services is not payable to or recoverable from the taxation authority. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the revenue or expense item.

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 taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position. Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority.

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which are recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as part of operating cash flows.

Note 4. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

Judgement has been exercised in considering the impacts that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has had, or may have, on the company based on known information. This consideration extends to the nature of the products and services offered, customers, supply chain, staffing and geographic regions in which the company operates. There does not currently appear to be either any significant impact upon the financial statements or any significant uncertainties with respect to events or conditions which may impact the company unfavourably as at the reporting date or subsequently as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Estimation of useful lives of assets

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

Impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets

The company assesses impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the company and to the particular asset that may lead to impairment. If an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. This involves fair value less costs of disposal or value-in-use calculations, which incorporate a number of key estimates and assumptions.

Recovery of deferred tax assets

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

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

Lease term

The lease term is a significant component in the measurement of both the right-of-use asset and lease liability. Judgement is exercised in determining whether there is reasonable certainty that an option to extend the lease will be exercised, or an option to terminate the lease will not be exercised, when ascertaining the periods to be included in the lease term. In determining the lease term, all facts and circumstances that create an economical incentive to exercise an extension option, or not to exercise a termination option, are considered at the lease commencement date. Factors considered may include the importance of the asset to the company's operations, comparison of terms and conditions to prevailing market rates, incurrence of significant penalties, existence of significant leasehold improvements and the costs and disruption to replace the asset. The company reassesses whether it is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option, if there is a significant event or significant change in circumstances.

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.

Employee benefits provision

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

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

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

Lease make good provision

A provision has been made for the present value of anticipated costs for future restoration of leased premises. The provision includes future cost estimates associated with closure of the premises. The calculation of this provision requires assumptions such as application of closure dates and cost estimates. The provision recognised for each site is periodically reviewed and updated based on the facts and circumstances available at the time. Changes to the estimated future costs for sites are recognised in the statement of financial position by adjusting the asset and the provision. Reductions in the provision that exceed the carrying amount of the asset will be recognised in profit or loss.

Note 5. Economic dependency

The company is economically dependent on the ongoing receipt of income under the franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank. The directors have no reason to believe a new franchise arrangement under mutually acceptable terms will not be forthcoming following expiry.

The company has entered into a franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank that governs the management of the Community Bank.

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

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

Note 5. Economic dependency (continued)

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

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

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

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

Note 6. Revenue from contracts with customers

| | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Margin income | 798,735 | 749,784 |
| Fee income | 67,359 | 72,445 |
| Commission income | 38,995 | 40,008 |
| Revenue from contracts with customers | 905,089 | 862,237 |

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

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

Revenue is recognised on an accruals basis, at the fair value of consideration specified in the franchise agreement. Under AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15), revenue recognition for the company's revenue stream is as follows:

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

Note 6. Revenue from contracts with customers (continued)

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

Revenue calculation

The franchise agreement provides that three forms of revenue may be earned by the company which are margin, commission and fee income. Bendigo Bank decides the form of revenue the company earns on different types of products and services. The revenue earned by the company is dependent on the business that it generates. It may also be affected by other factors, such as economic and local conditions, for example, interest rates.

Marain

Margin is arrived at through the following calculation:

Interest paid by customers on loans less interest paid to customers on deposits

plus:

any deposit returns i.e. interest return applied by Bendigo Bank for a deposit

minus: any costs of funds i.e. interest applied by to fund a loan.

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

Commission

Commission revenue is in the form of commission generated for products and services sold. This commission is recognised at a point in time which reflects when the company has fulfilled its performance obligation.

The company receives trailing commission for products and services sold. Ongoing trailing commission payments are recognised on receipt as there is insufficient detail readily available to estimate the most likely amount of income without a high probability of significant reversal in a subsequent reporting period. The receipt of ongoing trailing commission income is outside the control of the company, and is a significant judgement area.

Fee income

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

Core banking products

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

Ability to change financial return

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

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

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

Note 7. Other revenue

| | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
|---|------------|------------------|
| Market development fund Cash flow boost | 2,500 | 16,875 23,909 |
| Other revenue | 2,500 | 40,784 |

The company's activities include the generation of income from sources other than the core products under the franchise agreement. Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the company and can be reliably measured.

Revenue stream

Discretionary financial contributions (also "Market Development Fund" or "MDF" income)

Cash flow boost

Revenue recognition policy

MDF income is recognised when the right to receive the payment is established. MDF income is discretionary and provided and receivable at month-end and paid within 14 days after month-end.

Cash flow boost income is recognised when the right to the payment is established (e.g. monthly or quarterly in the activity statement).

All revenue is stated net of the amount of GST.

Discretionary financial contributions

In addition to margin, commission and fee income, and separate from the franchise agreement, Bendigo Bank has also made MDF payments to the company.

The amount has been based on the volume of business attributed to a branch. The purpose of the discretionary payments is to assist with local market development activities, including community sponsorships and grants. It is for the board to decide how to use the MDF.

The payments from Bendigo Bank are discretionary and may change the amount or stop making them at any time. The company retains control over the funds, the funds are not refundable to Bendigo Bank.

Cash flow boost

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, Boosting Cash Flow for Employers (Coronavirus Economic Response Package) Act 2020 (CFB Act) was enacted. The purpose was to provide temporary cash flow to small and medium sized businesses that employ staff and have been affected by the economic downturn associated with COVID-19.

The amounts received are in relation to amounts withheld as withholding tax reported in the activity statement. This essentially subsidises the company's obligation to remit withholding tax to the Australian Taxatlon Office. For reporting purposes, the amounts subsidised are recognised as revenue.

The amounts are not assessable for tax purposes and there is no obligation to repay the amounts.

Note 8. Expenses

| Depreciation and amortisation expense | | |
|--|-------------|---------|
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| | | |
| Depreciation of non-current assets | | |
| Leasehold improvements | 4,629 | 4,934 |
| Plant and equipment | 3,377 | 3,867 |
| Furniture and fittings | 1,298 | 1,430 |
| Motor vehicles | 4,832 | 4,831 |
| | 14,136 | 15,062 |
| | | |
| Depreciation of right-of-use assets | 07.400 | 54.544 |
| Leased land and buildings | 35,190 | 34,544 |
| Annual Control | | |
| Amortisation of intangible assets | 2 400 | 2 470 |
| Franchise fee | 2,198 | 2,178 |
| Franchise renewal process fee | 10,905 | 10,890 |
| | 13,103 | 13,068 |
| | C2 420 | 62 674 |
| | 62,429 | 62,674 |
| - | | |
| Finance costs | 2022 | 2024 |
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Lease interest expense | 11,648 | 12,685 |
| Unwinding of make-good provision | 1,550 | 1,493 |
| Offwhaling of make-good provision | | 1,433 |
| | 13,198 | 14,178 |
| | | |
| Finance costs are recognised as expenses when incurred using the effective interest rate. | | |
| Finance costs are recognised as expenses when incurred using the effective interestrate. | | |
| Employee benefits expense | | |
| ampleyee wellense expense | 2022 | 2021 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| | • | • |
| Wages and salaries | 373,862 | 346,937 |
| Contributions to defined contribution plans | 32,882 | 35,046 |
| Expenses related to long service leave | 867 | 2,867 |
| Other expenses | 13,841 | 16,222 |
| | | |
| | 421,452 | 401,072 |
| | - | |
| Lease recognition exemption | | |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 2022 | 2021 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| | • | |
| Expenses relating to low-value leases | 6,683 | 7,069 |
| | | |

The company pays for the right to use information technology equipment. The underlying assets have been assessed as low value and exempted from recognition under AASB 16 accounting. Expenses relating to low-value exempt leases are included in system costs expenses.

Note 9. Income tax

| | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
|--|--|---|
| Income tax expense Current tax Movement in deferred tax Reduction in company tax rate | 69,246 7,339 - | 12,975 (3,143) 1,596 |
| Aggregate income tax expense | 76,585 | 11,428 |
| Prima facie income tax reconciliation Profit before income tax expense | 303,158 | 61,719 |
| Tax at the statutory tax rate of 25% (2021: 26%) | 75,790 | 16,047 |
| Tax effect of: Non-deductible expenses Other assessable income Adjustment to deferred tax to reflect reduction of tax rate in future periods | 795 - - | (6,215) 1,596 |
| Income tax expense | 76,585 | 11,428 |
| | | |
| | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
| Deferred tax assets / (liabilities) Employee benefits Provision for lease make good Accrued expenses Lease liabilities Right-of-use assets | | |
| Employee benefits Provision for lease make good Accrued expenses Lease liabilities | \$ 14,763 10,410 750 72,006 | \$ 22,865 10,022 775 78,206 |
| Employee benefits Provision for lease make good Accrued expenses Lease liabilities Right-of-use assets | \$ 14,763 10,410 750 72,006 (65,365) | \$ 22,865 10,022 775 78,206 (71,966) |
| Employee benefits Provision for lease make good Accrued expenses Lease liabilities Right-of-use assets Deferred tax asset | \$ 14,763 10,410 750 72,006 (65,365) 32,564 2022 | \$ 22,865 10,022 775 78,206 (71,966) 39,902 2021 \$ |

Accounting policy for income tax

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

Accounting policy for current tax

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

Note 9. Income tax (continued)

Accounting policy for deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, carried-forward tax losses, and unused tax credits to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used.

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

Deferred tax is measured at the rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and reflects uncertainty related to income taxes, if any.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax and when the balances relate to taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the entity intends to settle its tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

Note 10. Cash and cash equivalents

| | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Cash at bank and on hand Term deposits | 612,290 20,133 | 354,444 20,083 |
| | 632,423 | 374,527 |

Accounting policy for cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and deposits held with banks.

Note 11. Trade and other receivables

| | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Trade receivables | 96,633 | 73,206 |
| Other receivables and accruals Prepayments | 1,130 6,729 | 1,130 5,858 |
| | 7,859 | 6,988 |
| | 104,492 | 80,194 |

Accounting policy for trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any allowance for expected credit losses. Trade receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any allowance for expected credit losses.

Note 12. Property, plant and equipment

| | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Leasehold improvements - at cost | 257,520 | 257,520 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation | (221,448) | (216,819) |
| | 36,072 | 40,701 |
| Plant and equipment - at cost | 127,441 | 127,441 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation | (117,795) | (114,418) |
| · | 9,646 | 13,023 |
| Fixtures and fittings - at cost | 30,224 | 30,224 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation | (24,429) | (23,131) |
| | 5,795 | 7,093 |
| Motor vehicles - at cost | 72,323 | 72,323 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation | (22,976) | (18,144) |
| | 49,347 | 54,179 |
| | 100,860 | 114,996 |

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

| | Leasehold improvements \$ | Plant and equipment \$ | Furniture and fittings \$ | Motor vehicles \$ | Total \$ |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Balance at 1 July 2020 | 45,635 | 16,890 | 8,523 | 59,010 | 130,058 |
| Depreciation | (4,934) | (3,867) | (1,430) | (4,831) | (15,062) |
| Balance at 30 June 2021 | 40,701 | 13,023 | 7,093 | 54,179 | 114,996 |
| Depreciation | (4,629) | (3,377) | (1,298) | (4,832) | (14,136) |
| Balance at 30 June 2022 | 36,072 | 9,646 | 5,795 | 49,347 | 100,860 |

Accounting policy for property, plant and equipment

items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost or fair value as applicable, less accumulated depreciation. Any gain or loss on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised in profit or loss.

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

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

| Leasehold improvements | 14 to 20 years |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Plant and equipment | 1 to 20 years |
| Furniture, fixtures and fittings | 5 to 20 years |
| Motor vehicles | 15 years |

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

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

Note 12. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the company. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss.

Changes in estimates

During the financial year, the company assessed estimates used for property, plant and equipment including useful lives, residual values, and depreciation methods. There were no changes in estimates for the current reporting period.

Note 13. Right-of-use assets

| | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Land and buildings - right-of-use Less: Accumulated depreciation | 526,941 (265,483) | 518,155 (230,292) |
| | 261,458 | 287,863 |

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

| | Land and buildings \$ | Total \$ |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Balance at 1 July 2020 | 322,407 | 322,407 |
| Depreciation expense | (34,544) | (34,544) |
| Balance at 30 June 2021 | 287,863 | 287,863 |
| Remeasurement adjustments | 4,980 | 4,980 |
| Measurement reconciliation | 3,805 | 3,805 |
| Depreciation expense | (35,190) | (35,190) |
| Balance at 30 June 2022 | 261,458 | 261,458 |

Accounting policy for right-of-use assets

A right-of-use asset is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the asset, whichever is the shorter. Right-of-use assets are subject to impairment or adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

Refer to note 16 for more information on lease arrangements.

Note 14. Intangibles

| | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Franchise fee | 93,444 | 93,444 |
| Less: Accumulated amortisation | (87,475) | (85,277) |
| | 5,969 | 8,167 |
| Franchise renewal fee | 167,220 | 167,220 |
| Less: Accumulated amortisation | (137,287) | (126,382) |
| | 29,933 | 40,838 |
| | 35,902 | 49,005 |

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

| | Franchise fee \$ | Franchise renewal fee \$ | Total \$ |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance at 1 July 2020 | 10,345 | 51,728 | 62,073 |
| Amortisation expense | (2,178) | (10,890) | (13,068) |
| Balance at 30 June 2021 | 8,167 | 40,838 | 49,005 |
| Amortisation expense | (2,198) | (10,905) | (13,103) |
| Balance at 30 June 2022 | 5,969 | 29,933 | 35,902 |

Accounting policy for intangible assets

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

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

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

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

| Asset class | Method | <u>Useful life</u> | Expiry/renewal date |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Franchise fee | Straight-line | Over the franchise term (5 years) | April 2025 |
| Franchise process fee | Straight-line | Over the franchise term (5 years) | April 2025 |

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

Chaige in estimates

During the financial year, the company assessed estimates used for intangible assets including useful lives, residual values, and amortisation methods. There were no changes in estimates for the current reporting period.

Note 15. Trade and other payables

| | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Current liabilities | F4E | 7 500 |
| Trade payables | 515 | 7,500 |
| Other payables and accruals | 46,139 | 20,559 |
| | 46,654 | 28,059 |

Accounting policy for trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the company prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

Where the company is liable to settle the amount within 12 months of the reporting date, the liability is classified as current. All other obligations are classified as non-current.

Note 16. Lease liabilities

| | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Current liabilities | | |
| Property lease liabilities | 45,659 | 44,372 |
| Unexpired interest | (10,481) | (11,458) |
| | 35,178 | 32,914 |
| Non-current liabilities | | |
| Property lease liabilities | 285,371 | 321,701 |
| Unexpired interest | (32,525) | (41,794) |
| | 252,846 | 279,907 |
| Reconciliation of lease liabilities | | |
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Opening balance | 312,821 | 344,509 |
| Remeasurement adjustments | 8,679 | - |
| Lease interest expense | 11,648 | 12,685 |
| Lease payments - total cash outflow | (45,124) | (44,373) |
| | 288,024 | 312,821 |

Note 16. Lease liabilities (continued)

Maturity analysis

| | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Not later than 12 months | 45,659 | 44,372 |
| Between 12 months and 5 years | 182,638 | 173,793 |
| Greater than 5 years | 102,733 | 147,908 |
| | 331,030 | 366,073 |

Accounting policy for lease liabilities

Lease liabilities were measured at amounts equal to the present value of enforceable future payments of the term reasonably expected to be exercised, discounted at the appropriate incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise fixed or variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate and lease payments in a renewal option if the company is reasonably certain to exercise that option. For leases of property the company has elected not to separate lease and non-lease components when calculating the lease liability.

The company has applied judgement in estimating the remaining lease term including the effects of any extension options reasonably expected to be exercised, applying hindsight where appropriate.

The lease liability is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if the company changes its assessment of whether it will exercise an extension option or if there is a revised in-substance fixed lease payment.

The company assesses at the lease commencement date whether it is reasonably certain to exercise extension options. The company reassesses whether it is reasonably certain to exercise the options if there is a significant event or significant change in circumstances within its control.

Where the company is a lessee for the premises to conduct its business, extension options are included in the lease term except when the company is reasonably certain not to exercise the extension option. This is due to the significant disruption of relocating premises and the loss on disposal of leasehold improvements fitted out in the demised leased premises.

When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to nil.

The company's lease portfolio includes:

Ettalong Beach branch

The lease agreement commenced in November 2014. A five year renewal option was exercised in November 2019. The company has a further five year renewal option available which for AASB 16: Leases purposes they are reasonably certain to exercise. As such, the lease term end date used in the calculation of the lease liability is October 2029. The discount rate used in calculations is 3.80%.

Note 17. Employee benefits

| | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
|--|------------|------------|
| Current liabilities Annual leave | 25,192 | 29,249 |
| Long service leave | 29,913 | 57,371 |
| | 55,105 | 86,620 |
| Non-current liabilities Long service leave | 3,096 | 4,840 |

Accounting policy for employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognised for salary and wages where the employee has provided the service but payment has not yet occurred at the reporting date. They are measured at amounts expected to be paid, plus related on-costs. Non-accumulating sick leave is expensed when the leave is taken and measured at the rates paid or payable.

An annual leave liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid if the company has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be reliably estimated. The company's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as salaries and wages are recognised as part of current trade and other payables in the statement of financial position. The company's obligations for employees' annual leave and long service leave entitlements are recognised in employee benefits in the statement of financial position.

Superannuation contributions

Contributions to superannuation plans are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Short-term employee benefits

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

Other long-term employee benefits

The company's net obligation in respect of long-term employee benefits is the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior reporting periods.

That benefit is discounted to determine its present value. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels plus related on-costs, experience of employee departures, and years of service achieved. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on high quality corporate bonds with terms to maturity and currencies that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

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

Note 18. Provisions

| | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Lease make good | 41,639 | 40,089 |

Note 18. Provisions (continued)

Lease make good

In accordance with the branch lease agreement, the company must restore the leased premises to the original condition before the expiry of the lease term. The company has estimated the provision to be \$55,000 for the Ettalong Beach Branch lease, based on experience and consideration of the expected future costs to remove all fittings and the ATM as well as cost to remedy any damages caused during the removal process. The lease is due to expire on October 2029 at which time it is expected the face-value costs to restore the premises will fall due.

Accounting policy for provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a present (legal or constructive) obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable the company will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. If the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate specific to the liability. The increase in the provision resulting from the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost.

Note 19. Issued capital

| | 2022 | 2021 | 2022 | 2021 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| | Shares | Shares | \$ | \$ |
| Ordinary shares - fully paid | 756,711 | 756,711 | 756,711 | 756,711 |
| Less: Equity raising costs | | | (34,607) | (34,607) |
| | 756,711 | 756,711 | 722,104 | 722,104 |

Accounting policy for issued capital

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

Rights attached to issued capital

Ordinary shares

Voting rights

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

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

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

Dividends

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

Transfer

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

Note 19. Issued capital (continued)

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

Prohibited shareholding interest

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

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

- They control or own 10% or more of the shares in the company (the "10% limit").
- In the opinion of the board they do not have a close connection to the community or communities in which the company
 predominantly carries on business (the "close connection test").

As with voting rights, the purpose of this prohibited shareholding provision is to reflect the community-based nature of the company.

Where a person has a prohibited shareholding interest, the voting and dividend rights attaching to the shares in which the person (and his or her associates) have a prohibited shareholding interest, are suspended.

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

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

Note 20. Capital management

The board's policy is to maintain a strong capital base so as to sustain future development of the company. The board of directors monitor the return on capital and the level of distributions to shareholders. Capital is represented by total equity as recorded in the statement of financial position.

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

The distribution limit is the greater of:

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

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

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

Note 21. Accumulated losses

| | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
|---|-------------------|------------|
| Accumulated losses at the beginning of the financial year | (237,550) | (238,655) |
| Profit after income tax expense for the year | 226,573 | 50,291 |
| Dividends paid (note 22) | (37,836) | (49,186) |
| Accumulated losses at the end of the financial year | (48,813) | (237,550) |

Note 22. Dividends

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

| | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
|--|---|--|
| Fully franked dividend of 5 cents per share Fully franked dividend of 6.5 cents per share | 37,836 | 49,186 |
| | 37,836 | 49,186 |
| Franking credits | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
| Franking account balance at the beginning of the financial year Franking credits (debits) arising from income taxes paid (refunded) Franking debits from the payment of franked distributions | 63,954 (1,140) (12,612) 50,202 | 50,437 30,799 (17,282) 63,954 |
| Franking transactions that will arise subsequent to the financial year end: Balance at the end of the financial year Franking credits (debits) that will arise from payment (refund) of income tax Franking credits available for future reporting periods | 50,202 59,890 110,092 | 63,954 (10,496) 53,458 |

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

Accounting policy for dividends

Dividends are recognised in the financial year they are declared.

Note 23. Financial instruments

| | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Financial assets | | |
| Trade and other receivables | 97,763 | 74,336 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 632,423 | 374,527 |
| | 730,186 | 448,863 |
| Financial liabilities | | |
| Trade and other payables | 46,654 | 28,059 |
| Lease liabilities | 288,024 | 312,821 |
| | 334,678 | 340,880 |

Accounting policy for financial instruments

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity. The company's financial instruments include trade debtors and creditors, cash and cash equivalents and lease liabilities.

Trade receivables are initially recognised at the transaction price when they originated. All other financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value plus, transaction costs (where applicable) when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. These assets and liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expires or the rights are transferred to another party whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and rewards associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled, or expire. Any gain or loss on derecognistion is recognised in profit or loss.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the company currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and intends either to settle them on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial risk management

The company has exposure to credit, liquidity and market risk arising from financial instruments. The company's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the company. The company does not use derivative instruments. Risk management is carried out directly by the board of directors.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices - e.g. foreign exchange rates, interest rates, and equity prices - will affect the company's income or the value of its holdings in financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return. The company has no exposure to any transactions denominated in a currency other than Australian dollars.

Price risk

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

Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

Interest-bearing assets and liabilities are held with Bendigo Bank and subject to movements in market interest.

The company held cash and cash equivalents of \$632,423 at 30 June 2022 (2021: \$374,527). The cash and cash equivalents are held with Bendigo Bank, which are rated BBB on Standard & Poor's credit ratings.

Note 23. Financial instruments (continued)

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument falls to meet its contractual obligations, and arises principally from the company's receivables from customers.

The company's franchise agreement limits the company's credit exposure to one financial institution, being Bendigo Bank. The company monitors credit worthiness through review of credit ratings of the bank.

Liquidity risk

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

Exposure to liquidity risk

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

| 2022 | 1 year or less \$ | Between 1 and 5 years \$ | Over 5 years \$ | Remaining contractual maturities \$ |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Non-derivatives | | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 46,654 | _ | - | 46,654 |
| Lease liabilities | 45,659 | 182,638 | 102,733 | 331,030 |
| Total non-derivatives | 92,313 | 182,638 | 102,733 | 377,684 |
| | | Between 1 and | | Remaining contractual |
| | 1 year or less | 5 years | Over 5 years | maturities |
| 2021 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Non-derivatives | | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 28,059 | - | - | 28,059 |
| · | | | | |
| Lease liabilities | 44,372 | 173,793 | 147,908 | 366,073 |

Note 24. Key management personnel disclosures

The following persons were directors of Ettalong Beach Financial Services Limited during the financial year:

Dominic John MichaelGage Donald John Wilson Bruce Maxweli Croft Robert Henry Millwood Paul David Thomas Jeanette Maxine Polley Kerry Craig Watkins (Sidney) Michael Trewern Tame Kim Meili Radford

No director of the company receives remuneration for services as a company director or committee member.

There are no executives within the company whose remuneration is required to be disclosed.

Note 24. Key management personnel disclosures (continued)

Compensation

Key management personnel compensation comprised the following.

| | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Short-term employee benefits | _ | 6,000 |

Note 25. Related party transactions

There were no transactions with related parties during the current and previous financial year.

Note 26. Remuneration of auditors

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

| | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
|---|------------|------------|
| Audit services | | |
| Audit or review of the financial statements | 5,200 | 5,000 |
| Other services | | |
| Taxation advice and tax compliance services | 3,210 | 3,050 |
| General advisory services | 2,286 | 2,270 |
| Share registry services | 3,304 | 3,090 |
| | 8,800 | 8,410 |
| | 14,000 | 13,410 |

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

| | 2022 \$ | 2021 \$ |
|---|----------------|------------|
| Profit after income tax expense for the year | 226,573 | 50,291 |
| Adjustments for: | | |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 62,429 | 62,674 |
| Lease liabilities interest | 11,648 | 12,684 |
| Change in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables | (24,298) | 7,351 |
| Decrease in income tax refund due | 10,496 | - |
| Decrease/(increase) in deferred tax assets | 7,338 | (12,043) |
| Increase in other operating assets | (106) | - |
| Increase in trade and other payables | 23,301 | 17,424 |
| Increase in provision for income tax | 55,184 | - |
| Decrease in deferred tax liabilities | - | (7,328) |
| Increase/(decrease) in employee benefits | (33,259) | 7,640 |
| Increase in other provisions | 1,550 | 1,493 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 340,856 | 140,186 |
| Note 28. Earnings per share | | |
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Profit after income tax | 226,573 | 50,291 |
| | Number | Number |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share | 756,711 | 756,711 |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted earnings per share | 756,711 | 756,711 |
| | Cents | Cents |
| Basic earnings per share | 29.94 | 6.65 |
| Diluted earnings per share | 29.94 29.94 | 6.65 |
| | | |

Accounting policy for earnings per share

Basic and diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to the owners of Ettalong Beach Financial Services Limited, excluding any costs of servicing equity other than ordinary shares, by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year.

Note 29. Commitments

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

Note 30. Contingencies

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

Note 31. Events after the reporting period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2022 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

In the directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the *Corporations Act 2001*, the Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board as described in the notes to the financial statements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

On behalf of the directors

Dominic John Michael Gage

Chair

25 August 2022



61 Bull Street Bendigo VIC 3550 afs@afsbendigo.com.au 03 5443 0344

Independent auditor's report to the Directors of Ettalong Beach Financial Services Limited

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Ettalong Beach Financial Services Limited's (the company), which comprises:

- Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022
- Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
- Statement of changes in equity
- Statement of cash flows
- Notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies
- The directors' declaration of the company.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Ettalong Beach Financial Services Limited, 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 2022 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; 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 (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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



6| Bull Street Bendigo VIC 3550 afs@afsbendigo.com.au 03 5443 0344

Other Information

The company usually prepares an annual report that will include the financial statements, directors' report and declaration and our independence declaration and audit report (the financial report). The annual report may also include "other information" on the entity's operations and financial results and financial position as set out in the financial report, typically in a Chairman's report and Manager's report, and reports covering governance and shareholder matters.

The directors are responsible for the other information. The annual report is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

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

Our responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If we identify that a material inconsistency appears to exist when we read the annual report (or become aware that the other information appears to be materially misstated), we will discuss the matter with the directors and where we believe that a material misstatement of the other information exists, we will request management to correct the other information.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

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

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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



61 Bull Street Bendigo VIC 3550

afs@afsbendigo.com.au 03 5443 0344

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 the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' 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.

Andrew Frewin Stewart

61 Bull Street, Bendigo, Vic, 3550

Dated: 25 August 2022

Joshua Griffin Lead Auditor