Annual Report 2026

Galston Financial Services Limited

Community Bank
Galston & District

ABN 23 097 581 854


Bendigo Bank
29TH August 2026
Pay Galston 500
The sum of Two Thousand Dollars Only
$2000.00
From Community Bank Galston & District
AUSTRALIA
ACCESS ROAD KEEP CLEAR


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Bendigo Bank
Galston
Bendigo Bank
21ST August 2026
Pay Hillside Rural Fire Brigade
The sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars Only
$1800.00
From Community Bank Galston & District
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Bendigo Bank
25TH August 2026
Pay Friends Of Fagan Park
The sum of Five Thousand Dollars Only
$5000.00
From Community Bank Galston & District

Chairman's report

For year ending 30 June 2026

As your chairman, I am extremely pleased to give this report which shows the fantastic financial results and benefits to our community for Galston Financial Services Limited.

These results are the result of excellent management and staff of the best Community Bank in Sydney. Savio has performed an amazing job in attracting business to our bank and then having the right staff to consult and implement the needs of our customers. I am constantly being stopped by our customers to give praise to our staff, for their guidance, knowledge and people skills which makes banking at our bank a very pleasant occasion.

Galston Financial Services Limited figures speak for themselves, but the outstanding figure is the donations back to our community, over $4.2 million to this date. This has been donated by way of sponsorships, donations to clubs, donations to schools and other groups too numerous to name.

With this outstanding result, Galston Financial Services Limited this year has decided to distribute a dividend of $0.17 cents per share.

It would be remiss of me not to recognise our shareholders, many who have been with us for the entire journey, what a journey.

The other group who needs to be given accolades is our board. The board has assisted Savio with decisions, shown positive guidance which all has a bearing on the final results of our bank. Our board is a voluntary board who receive no remuneration but do gain a lot in the heart from realising the satisfaction and significance of contributions to the wellbeing and vibrancy of our community. A big thanks to our board.

Well done to Savio, our staff, board and shareholders this has been a tough economic year but we are still lifting our figures and progressing well.

Ralph Steele
Chairman

Manager's report

For year ending 30 June 2026

It's that time of the year again where we reflect on the year that was, the milestones traversed as well as, the resources and our teams that enabled our achievements. We also collectively look with optimism towards the new year as it unfolds with its drama, challenges and opportunities.

On behalf of the team of Community Bank Galson & District, I am privileged to present the branch's sixth consecutive written report to you our valued shareholders.

As we reflect on the year gone by, we gratefully acknowledge that amidst the ever-changing geopolitical situation we have been fortunate to receive the rock-solid support and confidence from our key stakeholders; The Board, our community clients, and our dedicated staff. Their commitment enabled us to perform our best and create and convert most of the opportunities that came our way.

Significantly, we are privilege to serve you in this our 25th year of operations and take this journey forward for the next 25! Indeed, all of us in our team can be justifiably proud to contribute our best at this juncture.

The global geopolitical climate continues to be constant in its fluidity and Australia has not been immune to its effects. Despite these external pressures, our resilience and focus, allowed us to deliver encouraging results once again. We all noted the many challenges, including high interest rates, inflationary trends, and tight monetary policies but we are proud to announce that our business has recorded growth across Lending, Deposits, Business Banking, Insurance and Equipment Finance, contributing positively to our gross margins.

Simply put, our returns to shareholders and our community in 2025–26 also have continued its upward trends and remained strongly positive.

I reiterate that this outcome is the result of a true team effort. The Board's proactive strategies, combined with maturity, experience and commitment of our staff, enabled us to navigate an aggressive and fluid market environment with confidence.

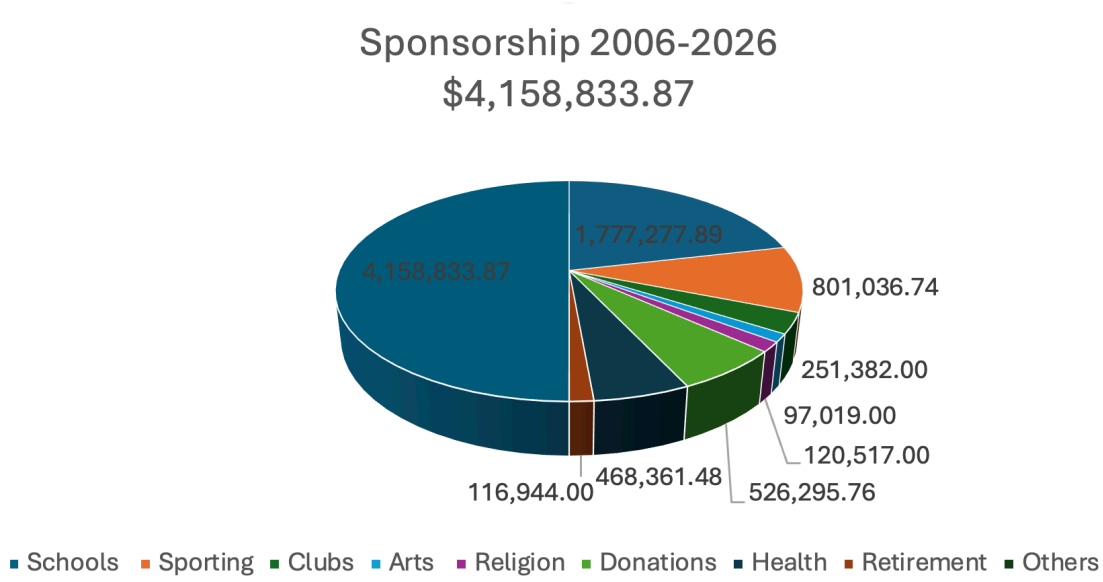
To my team may I take this opportunity to SAY Well done! Thank you for being committed to our goals and creatively coming out with new ideas for execution.

Highlights for the Financial year 2025-26 are as follows:

- Number of accounts: 8,318 increase of 181 new accounts, Net growth of 2.22%
- Total deposits: $273 million, increase of $33 million, increase of 13.75%
- Total Loans: $101.6 million, increase of $2.4 million, Net growth of 2.42%
- Total business: $374.3 million, increase of $34.7 million, Net growth of 10.21%
- Net profit before tax, Sponsorships & Donations: $1,657,086
- Dividends returned to shareholders: 17 cents for every share fully franked.
- Sponsorships, Donations and Community grants paid: totally $317,684

Sponsorships:

The Community Branch's cumulative contribution towards sponsorships, donations and grants has exceeded $4.1 million to date. These investments reflect our continued commitment to supporting initiatives that strengthen grassroots community connections and create meaningful, positive impact.



Positive Outlook:

Backed by this performance we are motivated to look ahead with a positive mindset. We promise that our approach to 2026-27 with be with fresh eyes and renewed Vigor. Going forward I, estimate that the growth outlook would be steadily positive which will reflect in a steady improvement during the next financial year too. While we retain the four identified pillars of opportunity, we expect that our strategies and executional framework will be suitably tailored to meet the current market conditions:

1) Focus on Home loans
2) Focus on Small and Commercial Business
3) Expand our community brand to newer geographies & communities
4) Build Community Engagement; increase value-based awareness, deepen engagement with relevant community group through events and sponsorships

It is my proud privilege to once again commit to meaningfully serving our community both Galson customers and surrounding communities evolving superior quality of solutions and services so that we can support and provide returns for local shareholders.

Savio Pereira
Branch Manager

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank report

For year ending 30 June 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Warmest regards,

Justine Minne
Head of Community Banking, Bendigo Bank

Community Bank National Council Report

For year ending 30 June 2026

On behalf of the Community Bank network, we acknowledge and thank our shareholders for your continued support. The Community Bank model remains one of the most distinctive in Australian banking, combining commercial strength with genuine community purpose.

Over the past year, the Community Bank National Council (CBNC) has continued its important role as the conduit between Community Bank companies and Bendigo Bank (BEN). As the formally recognised representative body of the network, the CBNC ensures the voice of local directors is heard in national discussions, while keeping Community Bank companies informed on strategic developments that shape our future.

Supporting BEN's 2030 Strategy

The Community Bank model continues to evolve as part of BEN's 2030 strategy, with a focus on long-term strength and sustainability. A jointly led BEN and CBNC Model Evolution project has enabled the CBNC to engage deeply with the network seeking feedback on the challenges and opportunities ahead. The priority being given to this ongoing work reflects the importance of Community Banks to BEN's success and commitment to local communities.

Gathering in our nation's capital

Last September, more than 500 directors representing 142 Community Bank companies from every state and territory came together for the Community Bank National Conference. It was one of the largest gatherings of our network in recent years, and the CBNC played a key role in contributing to the agenda.

The conference created space for open dialogue between directors and BEN executives, while also reinforcing the unique value of the Community Bank model. For many, it was also a timely reminder of the strength of peer connection - the opportunity to share challenges, exchange ideas, and look to the future.

Social enterprise leadership

With an entrenched "profit for purpose" approach, the Community Bank moves beyond traditional banking by helping to sustain local economies. The combined community impact of this approach is significant, with several recent examples evidenced across the network.

The partnership between the Bendigo Bank Community Foundation and the Australian Centre for Rural Entrepreneurship (ACRE) is just one example. It demonstrated what collective action can achieve through the buyback of the Old Beechworth Gaol.

The community asset buyback was supported by $8.6 million in capital, including $2.2 million from BEN and Community Bank companies. It has created a nationally significant example of community ownership in action and provides a tangible example of our social enterprise leadership.

New 'Community Link' feature returns profits to communities

As customer expectations evolve, BEN continues to invest in digital capability while protecting the strength of local connection. A clear example is Community Link, a new feature introduced to the Bank's App during the past year.

The feature allows new customers, who join digitally, to nominate a community or corporate branch as their home branch. Customers can have the satisfaction they're contributing to a community they care about without having to set foot in a branch to do so.

The CBNC have been very supportive of this new feature which powerfully bridges BEN's digital future with its renowned community focus. In many ways, it reinforces BEN's commitment to innovation, while serving its core purpose to feed into the prosperity of the community.

Together, these initiatives demonstrate the enduring strength of the Community Bank model in balancing both commercial success with community impact. As the network continues to evolve, the CBNC remains committed to ensuring the network has a strong voice in shaping the future. We thank shareholders for the ongoing support that makes this unique model possible.

Community Bank National Council

Directors' report

Galston Financial Services Limited
Directors' report
30 June 2026

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

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

Name:	Ralph Henry Steele
Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Director of Location Sound and Berrilee Boarding Kennels. Member of original steering committee and original Chairman of Galston Financial Services Limited.
Special responsibilities:	Chair.
Name:	Diana Mary Paton
Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Director Adelphi Printing Pty Ltd - current. Head of European Settlements, JP Morgan Sydney. Manager, Money Market Settlements, JP Morgan Sydney. President Galston High School P&C. President Dural & Round Corner Chamber of Commerce. Original Member of the Steering Committee of Galston Financial Services.
Special responsibilities:	Marketing Committee.
Name:	Jacqualine Lucile Pakinga
Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Director and Co-Founder of Core Body Business Pty Ltd. HR professional with over 15 years corporate experience. Post Grad Dip Human Resources, Certified Practitioner and Certified Professional of the Australian Human Research Institute (AHRI).
Special responsibilities:	Nil.
Name:	Dennis Arthur Phillips
Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Director of DA & PK Phillips Stock Feed Merchant. Member of original steering committee of Galston Financial Services Limited.
Special responsibilities:	Sponsorships / Donations Committee.
Name:	Darren Pietro Bonaccordo
Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Military Service RAF - Commissioned Officer - 21 years. Director of Building Services Company. Project Manager for Livestock Company. Partner/Manager Elude Escape Room.
Special responsibilities:	Nil.
Name:	Callum Hoogesteger
Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Callum holds a BSc in Computing Science and is an IT industry veteran of 25+ years with broad experience across all aspects of solution and software design, delivery and maintenance. Callum is involved in Glenorie Mission Church and several community not-for-profit organisations.
Special responsibilities:	Marketing Committee, HR Committee.
Name:	Alexander Torville
Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Alexander is Project Manager, Property Development. His qualifications include: BCom, Majoring in Accounting and International Business (complete MQ), Graduate Certificate Property Development (complete UTS), Certificate IV in Finance and Brokering (complete) and Master of Property Development & Real Estate Investment (undertaking UTS). Alex is a passionate and dedicated Real Estate Development professional with a demonstrated history of working across the whole-of-lifecycle of property. Alex currently works for a boutique diversified property and advisory group.
Special responsibilities:	Nil.

Name:	Quentin Wong
Title:	Non-executive director (appointed 28 July 2025)
Experience and expertise:	Quentin is a graduate of UNSW Business School and is an Associate Director, Financial Audit. He is a member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand.
Special responsibilities:	Company secretary.

Name:	Frank Maurici
Title:	Non-executive director (appointed 28 July 2025)
Experience and expertise:	Former Treasurer of News Ltd and Transfield Group. Mortgage broker for 20 years. Graduate of the University of New South Wales with a Bachelor of Commerce. Member of the Australian Society of Accountants (CPA) and the Finance Brokers Association of Australia (FBAA).
Special responsibilities:	Treasurer.

Company secretary
There have been two company secretaries holding the position during the financial year:

- Quentin Wong was appointed interim company secretary on 2 February 2026
- Diana Paton was appointed company secretary on 5 May 2025 and ceased on 2 February 2026.

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 $894,821 (30 June 2025: $742,623).

Operations have continued to perform in line with expectations.

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

	2026 $	2025 $
Fully franked dividend of 17 cents per share (2025: 17 cents)	138,856	138,856

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 2026 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

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

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

Galston Financial Services Limited
Directors' report
30 June 2026

Meetings of directors
The number of directors meetings attended by each of the directors of the company during the financial year were:

	Board	
	Eligible	Attended
Ralph Henry Steele	11	10
Diana Mary Paton	11	5
Jacqualine Lucile Pakinga	11	5
Dennis Arthur Phillips	11	8
Darren Pietro Bonaccordo	11	8
Callum Hoogesteger	11	9
Alexander Torville	11	8
Quentin Wong	11	10
Frank Maurici	11	9

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

Directors' interests
The interest in company shareholdings for each director are:

	Balance at the start of the year	Changes	Balance at the end of the year
Ralph Henry Steele	10,000	-	10,000
Diana Mary Paton	500	-	500
Jacqualine Lucile Pakinga	-	-	-
Dennis Arthur Phillips	14,233	-	14,233
Darren Pietro Bonaccordo	21,400	7,000	28,400
Callum Hoogesteger	6,500	-	6,500
Alexander Torville	-	-	-
Quentin Wong	-	-	-
Frank Maurici	-	-	-

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

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

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

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

Galston Financial Services Limited
Directors' report
30 June 2026

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

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

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

On behalf of the directors



Quentin Wong
Director

28 September 2026

Auditor's independence declaration

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

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

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

Andrew Frewin Stewart
61 Bull Street, Bendigo, Vic, 3550
Dated: 28 September 2026

Adrian Downing
Lead Auditor

Financial statements

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

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Revenue from contracts with customers	6	2,318,550	2,248,831
Other revenue	7	102,200	107,053
Finance revenue	8	132,013	96,604
Fair value gains on financial assets	9	194,791	13,623
Total revenue		2,747,554	2,466,111
Employee benefits expense	10	(830,182)	(831,043)
Advertising and marketing costs		(37,901)	(15,278)
Occupancy and associated costs		(39,312)	(42,849)
System costs		(26,916)	(23,682)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	10	(59,880)	(64,182)
Finance costs		-	(14,577)
General administration expenses		(96,277)	(108,604)
Total expenses before community contributions and income tax expense		(1,090,468)	(1,100,215)
Profit before community contributions and income tax expense		1,657,086	1,365,896
Charitable donations and sponsorships expense	10	(466,744)	(375,226)
Profit before income tax expense		1,190,342	990,670
Income tax expense	11	(295,521)	(248,047)
Profit after income tax expense for the year		894,821	742,623
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		894,821	742,623
		Cents	**Cents**
Basic earnings per share	28	109.55	90.92
Diluted earnings per share	28	109.55	90.92

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

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

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	12	126,380	223,700
Trade and other receivables	13	297,544	238,836
Investments	14	4,056,493	3,355,850
Current tax assets	11	-	2,649
Total current assets		4,480,417	3,821,035
Non-current assets			
Financial assets	16	1,113,704	918,913
Property, plant and equipment	15	1,781,591	1,765,057
Intangible assets	17	8,706	21,764
Total non-current assets		2,904,001	2,705,734
Total assets		7,384,418	6,526,769
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	18	122,993	113,228
Current tax liabilities	11	33,912	-
Employee benefits		43,613	37,938
Total current liabilities		200,518	151,166
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax liabilities	11	327,813	274,586
Employee benefits		7,430	8,325
Total non-current liabilities		335,243	282,911
Total liabilities		535,761	434,077
Net assets		6,848,657	6,092,692
Equity			
Issued capital	19	816,800	816,800
Reserves		815,409	815,409
Retained earnings		5,216,448	4,460,483
Total equity		6,848,657	6,092,692

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

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

	Note	Issued capital $	Revaluation reserve	Retained earnings $	Total equity $
Balance at 1 July 2024		816,800	815,409	3,856,716	5,488,925
Profit after income tax expense		-	-	742,623	742,623
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	-	742,623	742,623
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:					
Dividends provided for or paid	21	-	-	(138,856)	(138,856)
Balance at 30 June 2025		816,800	815,409	4,460,483	6,092,692
Balance at 1 July 2025		816,800	815,409	4,460,483	6,092,692
Profit after income tax expense		-	-	894,821	894,821
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	-	894,821	894,821
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:					
Dividends provided for or paid	21	-	-	(138,856)	(138,856)
Balance at 30 June 2026		816,800	815,409	5,216,448	6,848,657

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

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

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)		2,518,567	2,481,624
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(1,731,344)	(1,620,941)
Dividends received		83,079	106,592
Interest received		130,604	96,272
Interest and other finance costs paid		-	(14,577)
Income taxes paid		(195,371)	(801,249)
Net cash provided by operating activities	27	805,535	247,721
Cash flows from investing activities			
Investment in term deposits		(700,643)	(97,312)
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(63,356)	(93,889)
Net cash used in investing activities		(763,999)	(191,201)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Dividends paid	21	(138,856)	(138,856)
Net cash used in financing activities		(138,856)	(138,856)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(97,320)	(82,336)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		223,700	306,036
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	12	126,380	223,700

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

Galston Financial Services Limited
Notes to the financial statements
30 June 2026

Note 1. Reporting entity

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

The company is an unlisted public company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is 348 Galston Road, Galston NSW 2159.

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

Note 2. Basis of preparation and statement of compliance

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

The directors have assessed the company’s ability to continue as a going concern, including the uncertainty associated with the expiry of the existing franchise agreement in March 2027. Further information regarding this assessment and the related material uncertainty is set out in note 5. Notwithstanding this uncertainty, the directors consider that the going concern basis of preparation remains appropriate.

The financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of directors, on 28 September 2026. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

Note 3. Material accounting policy information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Note 3. Material accounting policy information (continued)

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss
Financial assets not measured at amortised cost or at fair value through other comprehensive income are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Financial assets have been designated as such upon initial recognition where permitted. Fair value movements are recognised in profit or loss.

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

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

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

Note 4. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

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

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

Judgements

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

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

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

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

Fair value measurement hierarchy
The company is required to classify all assets and liabilities, measured at fair value, using a three level hierarchy, based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement, being:
Level 1: inputs are based on the quoted market price at the close of business at the end of the reporting period
Level 2: inputs are based on a valuation performed by a third party qualified valuer using quoted prices for similar assets in an active market
Level 3: unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

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

The fair value of assets and liabilities classified as level 3 is determined by the use of valuation models. These include discounted cash flow analysis or the use of observable inputs that require significant adjustments based on unobservable inputs.

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

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.

Estimates and assumptions

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

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

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

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

Note 5. Economic dependency and material uncertainty over going concern

The company has entered into a franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank that governs the management of the Community Bank. The company is economically dependent on its franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank to generate revenue. The current franchise agreement is due to expire in March 2027. At the date the financial report was authorised for issue, the directors were continuing negotiations with Bendigo Bank regarding renewal of the agreement. No executed renewal agreement or formal letter of support had been obtained.

As a result, there is material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. Notwithstanding this uncertainty, the financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis, as the directors have a reasonable expectation that a new agreement will be entered into on mutually acceptable terms and conditions before the expiration of the current franchise agreement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Note 6. Revenue from contracts with customers

	2026 $	2025 $
Margin income	2,177,345	2,111,668
Fee income	63,514	71,350
Commission income	77,691	65,813
	2,318,550	2,248,831

Note 6. Revenue from contracts with customers (continued)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

	Interest paid by customers on loans less interest paid to customers on deposits
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 Bendigo Bank to fund a loan.

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

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

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

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

Note 6. Revenue from contracts with customers (continued)

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

	2026 $	2025 $
Dividend and distribution income	102,200	107,053

Note 8. Finance revenue

	2026 $	2025 $
Interest	132,013	96,604

Finance income is recognised when earned using the effective interest rate method.

Note 9. Fair value gains on financial assets

	2026 $	2025 $
Fair value gains on financial assets	194,791	13,623

These amounts relate to the increase in the market value of financial assets held by the company.

Note 10. Expenses

Employee benefits expense

	2026 $	2025 $
Wages and salaries	721,005	714,574
Superannuation contributions	84,507	79,819
Expenses related to long service leave	948	7,789
Other expenses	23,722	28,861
	830,182	831,043

Note 10. Expenses (continued)

Depreciation and amortisation expense

	2026 $	2025 $
Depreciation of non-current assets		
Buildings	41,137	46,290
Plant and equipment	5,685	4,834
	46,822	51,124
Amortisation of intangible assets		
Franchise fee	13,058	13,058
	59,880	64,182

Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants

	2026 $	2025 $
Direct donation, sponsorship and grant payments	148,562	170,681
Contribution to the Community Enterprise Foundation™	318,182	204,545
	466,744	375,226

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

The funds contributed to and held by the Community Enterprise Foundation™ (CEF) are available for distribution as grants to eligible applicants for a specific purpose in consultation with the directors.

When the company pays a contribution in to the CEF, the company loses control over the funds at that point. While the directors are involved in the payment of grants, the funds are not refundable to the company.

Note 11. Income tax

	2026 $	2025 $
Income tax expense		
Current tax	245,805	256,342
Movement in deferred tax	53,227	(5,827)
Net benefit of franking credits on dividends received	(3,511)	(2,468)
Aggregate income tax expense	295,521	248,047
Prima facie income tax reconciliation		
Profit before income tax expense	1,190,342	990,670
Tax at the statutory tax rate of 25%	297,586	247,668
Tax effect of:		
Non-deductible expenses	568	2,230
Other assessable income	878	617
Net benefit of franking credits on dividends received	(3,511)	(2,468)
Income tax expense	295,521	248,047

Note 11. Income tax (continued)

	2026 $	2025 $
Deferred tax liabilities/(assets)		
Property, plant and equipment	278,612	278,020
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	46,570	(2,128)
Income accruals	15,392	10,260
Employee benefits	(12,761)	(11,566)
Deferred tax liability	327,813	274,586

	2026 $	2025 $
Income tax refund due	-	2,649

	2026 $	2025 $
Provision for income tax	33,912	-

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

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

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

Note 12. Cash and cash equivalents

	2026 $	2025 $
Cash at bank and on hand	126,380	223,700

Note 13. Trade and other receivables

	2026 $	2025 $
Trade receivables	224,227	192,389
Accrued income	61,568	41,038
Prepayments	11,749	5,409
	73,317	46,447
	297,544	238,836

Note 13. Trade and other receivables (continued)

	2026 $	2025 $
Financial assets at amortised cost classified as trade and other receivables		
Total trade and other receivables	297,544	238,836
Less prepayments, included in trade and other receivables	(11,749)	(5,409)
	285,795	233,427

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

Note 14. Investments

	2026 $	2025 $
Current assets		
Term deposits	4,056,493	3,355,850

Note 15. Property, plant and equipment

	2026 $	2025 $
Land - at fair value	1,000,000	1,000,000
Buildings - at fair value	1,136,214	1,081,789
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(386,903)	(345,767)
	749,311	736,022
Plant and equipment - at cost	180,052	171,122
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(147,772)	(142,087)
	32,280	29,035
	1,781,591	1,765,057

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

	Land $	Buildings $	Plant and equipment $	Total $
Balance at 1 July 2024	1,000,000	693,605	28,687	1,722,292
Additions	-	88,707	5,182	93,889
Depreciation	-	(46,290)	(4,834)	(51,124)
Balance at 30 June 2025	1,000,000	736,022	29,035	1,765,057
Additions	-	54,426	8,930	63,356
Depreciation	-	(41,137)	(5,685)	(46,822)
Balance at 30 June 2026	1,000,000	749,311	32,280	1,781,591

Note 15. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

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

The company's 348 Galston Road, Galston property was independently valued effective 30 June 2022 by Rockworth Valuation and Advisory on 27 September 2022.

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

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

Building	40 years
Plant and equipment	2.5 to 40 years

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

Building improvements are depreciated over the estimated useful life of the assets. Land is not depreciated.

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

Note 16. Financial assets

	2026 $	2025 $
Equity securities - designated at fair value through profit or loss	1,113,704	918,913

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

Opening carrying amount	918,913	905,290
Revaluation increments	194,791	13,623
Closing carrying amount	1,113,704	918,913

The company classifies financial assets as a current asset when it expects to realise the asset, or intends to sell or consume it, no more than 12 months after the reporting period. All other financial assets are classified as non-current.

Accounting policy for financial assets
Financial assets are recognised at their market value. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows have been transferred and the company has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

Note 17. Intangible assets

	2026 $	2025 $
Franchise fee	8,706	21,764

Note 17. Intangible assets (continued)

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

	Franchise fee $
Balance at 1 July 2024	34,822
Amortisation expense	(13,058)
Balance at 30 June 2025	21,764
Amortisation expense	(13,058)
Balance at 30 June 2026	8,706

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

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

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

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

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

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

Note 18. Trade and other payables

	2026 $	2025 $
Current liabilities		
Trade payables	6,033	5,798
Other payables and accruals	116,960	107,430
	122,993	113,228

	2026 $	2025 $
Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as trade and other payables		
Total trade and other payables	122,993	113,228
Less statutory payables, included in trade and other payables	(63,048)	(58,689)
	59,945	54,539

Note 19. Issued capital

	2026 Shares	2025 Shares	2026 $	2025 $
Ordinary shares - fully paid	816,800	816,800	816,800	816,800

Note 19. Issued capital (continued)

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

Rights attached to issued capital

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 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 their associates) has a prohibited shareholding interest in are suspended.

Note 19. Issued capital (continued)

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 monitor the return on capital and the level of distributions to shareholders. Capital is represented by total equity as recorded in the statement of financial position.

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

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

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

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

Note 21. Dividends

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

	2026 $	2025 $
Fully franked dividend of 17 cents per share (2025: 17 cents)	138,856	138,856

Note 21. Dividends (continued)

Franking credits

	2026 $	2025 $
Franking account balance at the beginning of the financial year	1,730,680	973,249
Franking credits (debits) arising from income taxes paid (refunded)	195,371	801,249
Franking debits from the payment of franked distributions	(46,285)	(46,285)
Franking credits from franked distributions received	3,511	2,467
	1,883,277	1,730,680
Franking transactions that will arise subsequent to the financial year end:		
Balance at the end of the financial year	1,883,277	1,730,680
Franking credits (debits) that will arise from payment (refund) of income tax	33,912	(2,469)
Franking credits available for future reporting periods	1,917,189	1,728,211

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

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

Note 22. Financial risk management

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

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

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

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

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

	2026 $	2025 $
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 12)	126,380	223,700
Trade and other receivables excluding prepayments (note 13)	285,795	233,427
Term deposits (note 14)	4,056,493	3,355,850
Financial assets (note 16)	1,113,704	918,913
	5,582,372	4,731,890
Financial liabilities		
Trade and other payables (note 18)	59,945	54,539

Note 22. Financial risk management (continued)

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

Accounting policy for financial instruments

Financial assets

Classification
The company classifies its financial assets into the following categories:

- Amortised cost
- Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)

Financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial asset.

The company's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables, cash and cash equivalents and investments in term deposits.

The company's financial assets measured at FVTPL comprise investments in listed entities over which the company does not have significant influence nor control.

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

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

Financial liabilities

Classification
The company classifies its financial liabilities at amortised cost.

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

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

Interest-bearing assets and liabilities are held with Bendigo Bank and earnings on those are subject to movements in market interest rates. The company held cash and cash equivalents of $126,380 and term deposits of $4,056,493 at 30 June 2026 (2025: $223,700 and $3,355,850).

Price risk
The primary goal of the company's investment in equity securities is to hold the investments for the long term for strategic purposes.

Equity Price risk
All of the company's listed equity investments are listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX). Changes in equity securities value is recognised through profit or loss.

Note 22. Financial risk management (continued)

2026	% change increase	Effect on profit before tax	Effect on equity	% change decrease	Effect on profit before tax	Effect on equity
Equity securities	10%	111,370	83,528	(10%)	(111,370)	(83,528)

2025	% change increase	Effect on profit before tax	Effect on equity	% change decrease	Effect on profit before tax	Effect on equity
Equity securities	10%	91,891	68,918	(10%)	(91,891)	(68,918)

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

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

2026	1 year or less $	Between 1 and 5 years $	Over 5 years $	Remaining contractual maturities $
Trade and other payables	59,945	-	-	59,945
Total non-derivatives	59,945	-	-	59,945

2025	1 year or less $	Between 1 and 5 years $	Over 5 years $	Remaining contractual maturities $
Trade and other payables	54,539	-	-	54,539
Total non-derivatives	54,539	-	-	54,539

Note 23. Fair value measurement

2026	Level 1 $	Level 2 $	Level 3 $	Total $
Assets				
Equity securities	1,113,704	-	-	1,113,704
Land and buildings	-	1,700,000	-	1,700,000
Total assets	1,113,704	1,700,000	-	2,813,704

2025	Level 1 $	Level 2 $	Level 3 $	Total $
Assets				
Equity securities	918,913	-	-	918,913
Land and buildings	-	1,700,000	-	1,700,000
Total assets	918,913	1,700,000	-	2,618,913

Note 23. Fair value measurement (continued)

There were no transfers between levels during the financial year.

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

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

Note 24. Key management personnel disclosures

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

Ralph Henry Steele
Diana Mary Paton
Jacqualine Lucile Pakinga
Dennis Arthur Phillips
Darren Pietro Bonaccordo
Callum Hoogesteger
Alexander Torville
Quentin Wong
Frank Maurici

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 25. Related party transactions

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

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

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

Transactions with related parties
The following transactions occurred with related parties:

	2026 $	2025 $
Advertising and printing of annual reports using Diana Paton's company. The total benefit received was:	-	7,068
The company paid a sponsorship to Galston High School P & C, a director is a related party. The total benefit received was:	-	30,000
The company paid a sponsorship to Kenthurst Football Club, a director is a related party. The total benefit received was:	-	10,000
The company paid a sponsorship to Galston Swim Club, a director is a related party. The total benefit received was:	-	5,000
The company paid a sponsorship to Castle Hill Country Club Ltd, an entity associated with a director of the company. The total benefit received was:	20,000	-
The company paid for advertising and printing services to an entity associated with a director of the company. The total benefit received was:	231	-

Note 26. Remuneration of auditors

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

	2026 $	2025 $
Audit services		
Audit or review of the financial statements	8,165	7,930
Other services		
Taxation advice and tax compliance services	290	950
General advisory services	4,515	3,040
	4,805	3,990
	12,970	11,920

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

	2026 $	2025 $
Profit after income tax expense for the year	894,821	742,623
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	59,880	64,182
Net fair value gain on equity instruments designated at FVTPL	(194,791)	(13,623)
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	(58,708)	5,416
Decrease/(increase) in income tax refund due	2,649	(2,649)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	9,765	(5,769)
Increase/(decrease) in provision for income tax	33,912	(544,725)
Increase/(decrease) in deferred tax liabilities	53,227	(5,828)
Increase in employee benefits	4,780	8,094
Net cash provided by operating activities	805,535	247,721

Note 28. Earnings per share

	2026 $	2025 $
Profit after income tax	894,821	742,623
	Number	**Number**
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share	816,800	816,800
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted earnings per share	816,800	816,800
	Cents	**Cents**
Basic earnings per share	109.55	90.92
Diluted earnings per share	109.55	90.92

Note 29. Commitments

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

Note 30. Contingencies

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

Note 31. Events after the reporting period

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

Directors' declaration

Galston Financial Services Limited
Directors' declaration
30 June 2026

In the directors' opinion:

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

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

On behalf of the directors



Quentin Wong
Director

28 September 2026

Independent audit report

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

Report on the audit of the financial report

Our opinion

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

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

What we have audited

We have audited the financial report of Galston Financial Services Limited, which comprises:

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

Basis for opinion

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

We 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.

Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern

We draw attention to Note 5 in the financial report, which describes that the company's franchise agreement with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited is due to expire in March 2027. As at the date of the financial report, the company was continuing negotiations regarding renewal of the agreement and had not obtained an executed renewal agreement or formal letter of support.

As stated in Note 5, these events or conditions indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2026 but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

Responsibilities of the directors for the financial report

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

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

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

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

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Dated: 28 September 2026

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