

# Huon Valley Financial Services Limited

ABN 34 101 469 854

Half-year Financial Report - 31 December 2024

**Huon Valley Financial Services Limited**  
**Directors' report**  
**31 December 2024**

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the company for the half-year ended 31 December 2024.

**Directors**

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

David Allen Brereton  
Pamela Maree Lane  
David Lindsay Walker

Kenneth Norman Langston  
Marian Carol Kemp (resigned 31 January 2025)  
Louella Maree Jury (resigned 31 October 2024)

**Principal activity**

The principal activity of the company during the financial half-year was facilitating Community Bank services under a franchise agreement with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited (Bendigo Bank).

**Review of operations**

The profit for the company after providing for income tax amounted to \$327,821 (31 December 2023: \$208,584).

**Significant changes in the state of affairs**

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

**Matters subsequent to the end of the financial half-year**

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2024 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.

**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 306(3)(a) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

On behalf of the directors



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David Allen Brereton  
Chair

27 February 2025



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## Lead auditor's independence declaration under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* to the Directors of Huon Valley Financial Services Limited

We declare that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, for the half-year ended 31 December 2024 there have been no contraventions of:

- i. the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review
- ii. any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

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**Andrew Frewin Stewart**  
61 Bull Street, Bendigo Vic 3550  
Dated: 27th February 2025

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**Adrian Downing**  
**Lead Auditor**

**Huon Valley Financial Services Limited**  
**Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income**  
**For the half-year ended 31 December 2024**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>31-Dec-24</b> <b>\$</b>	<b>31-Dec-23</b> <b>\$</b>
Revenue from contracts with customers	4	2,021,313	1,967,387
Other revenue		5,860	19,986
Finance revenue		17,342	16,342
<b>Total revenue</b>		<u>2,044,515</u>	<u>2,003,715</u>
Employee benefits expense		(1,046,274)	(1,158,764)
Advertising and marketing costs		(16,345)	(14,477)
Occupancy and associated costs		(69,279)	(60,290)
Systems costs		(52,751)	(46,459)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(114,872)	(129,153)
Finance costs		(55,084)	(30,465)
General administration expenses		(115,313)	(129,283)
<b>Total expenses before community contributions and income tax</b>		<u>(1,469,918)</u>	<u>(1,568,891)</u>
<b>Profit before community contributions and income tax expense</b>		574,597	434,824
Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense		(136,893)	(161,550)
<b>Profit before income tax expense</b>		437,704	273,274
Income tax expense		(109,883)	(64,690)
<b>Profit after income tax expense for the half-year</b>		327,821	208,584
Other comprehensive income for the half-year, net of tax		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the half-year</b>		<u>327,821</u>	<u>208,584</u>
		<b>Cents</b>	<b>Cents</b>
Basic earnings per share		17.13	10.90
Diluted earnings per share		17.13	10.90

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

**Huon Valley Financial Services Limited**  
**Statement of financial position**  
**As at 31 December 2024**

	<b>31-Dec-24</b>	<b>30-Jun-24</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	283,383	293,992
Trade and other receivables	376,068	361,718
Investments	896,200	796,200
Current tax assets	-	57,575
Total current assets	<u>1,555,651</u>	<u>1,509,485</u>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Trade and other receivables	101,244	6,920
Other financial assets	2,000	2,000
Property, plant and equipment	1,101,782	1,129,372
Right-of-use assets	1,294,827	1,342,651
Intangibles	27,884	48,942
Deferred tax assets	158,480	156,166
Total non-current assets	<u>2,686,217</u>	<u>2,686,051</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>4,241,868</u>	<u>4,195,536</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	244,316	291,604
Lease liabilities	170,120	167,424
Current tax liabilities	24,093	-
Employee benefits	203,863	230,326
Total current liabilities	<u>642,392</u>	<u>689,354</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Lease liabilities	1,425,160	1,453,599
Employee benefits	19,028	25,825
Provisions	69,167	67,488
Total non-current liabilities	<u>1,513,355</u>	<u>1,546,912</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>2,155,747</u>	<u>2,236,266</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>2,086,121</u>	<u>1,959,270</u>
<b>Equity</b>		
Issued capital	1,166,334	1,166,334
Retained earnings	<u>919,787</u>	<u>792,936</u>
<b>Total equity</b>	<u>2,086,121</u>	<u>1,959,270</u>

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

**Huon Valley Financial Services Limited**  
**Statement of changes in equity**  
**For the half-year ended 31 December 2024**

	Note	Issued capital \$	Retained earnings \$	Total equity \$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2023</b>		1,166,334	875,530	2,041,864
Profit after income tax expense		-	208,584	208,584
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	208,584	208,584
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i>				
Dividends provided for or paid	5	-	(354,090)	(354,090)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>		<u>1,166,334</u>	<u>730,024</u>	<u>1,896,358</u>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2024</b>		1,166,334	792,936	1,959,270
Profit after income tax expense		-	327,821	327,821
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	327,821	327,821
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i>				
Dividends provided for or paid	5	-	(200,970)	(200,970)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2024</b>		<u>1,166,334</u>	<u>919,787</u>	<u>2,086,121</u>

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

**Huon Valley Financial Services Limited**  
**Statement of cash flows**  
**For the half-year ended 31 December 2024**

	Note	31-Dec-24 \$	31-Dec-23 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)		2,139,314	2,201,893
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(1,698,478)	(1,720,062)
Dividends received		80	70
Interest received		14,227	6,217
Interest and other finance costs paid		(35)	(88)
Income taxes paid		(30,529)	(63,250)
		<u>424,579</u>	<u>424,780</u>
Net cash from operating activities			
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Redemption of/(investment in) term deposits		(100,000)	(250,611)
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(11,055)	(10,922)
Payments for intangible assets		(36,707)	(36,707)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	16,091
		<u>(147,762)</u>	<u>(282,149)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities			
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Interest and other finance costs paid		(53,370)	(28,451)
Dividends paid	5	(200,970)	(354,090)
Repayment of lease liabilities		(33,086)	(42,720)
		<u>(287,426)</u>	<u>(425,261)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities			
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(10,609)	(282,630)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial half-year		<u>293,992</u>	<u>879,601</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial half-year		<u><u>283,383</u></u>	<u><u>596,971</u></u>

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

# Huon Valley Financial Services Limited

## Notes to the financial statements

### 31 December 2024

#### Note 1. Material accounting policy information

These general purpose financial statements for the interim half-year reporting period ended 31 December 2024 have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 'Interim Financial Reporting' and the *Corporations Act 2001*. Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standard IAS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting'.

These general purpose financial statements do not include all the notes of the type normally included in annual financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements are to be read in conjunction with the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024 and any public announcements made by the company during the period.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year and corresponding interim reporting period, unless otherwise stated.

#### Note 2. Economic dependency

The company has entered into a franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank that governs the management of the Community Bank. The company is economically dependent on the ongoing receipt of revenue under the franchise agreement. The franchise agreement expires on 23 November 2025.

The franchise agreement includes two remaining additional renewal options, for a period of five years each. Under the terms of the franchise agreement, Bendigo Bank will renew the agreement upon the company's request, subject to the company satisfying certain conditions. The key conditions for renewal include:

- compliance with franchise conditions under the existing agreement
- maintaining valid lease agreement/s for branch premises where applicable
- ensuring branch premises meet Bendigo Bank's fit-out requirements at the time of renewal.

The directors have assessed the company's ability to meet these conditions and, to the best of their knowledge, believe they have been and will continue to be satisfied. Accordingly, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the franchise agreement will be renewed prior to its expiry date.

The directors have also been advised that Bendigo Bank is currently reviewing the franchise agreement to ensure compliance with updated ACCC Franchise Code of Conduct and expect that a new franchise agreement incorporating necessary changes will be presented in April this year.

#### Note 3. Change to comparative figures

##### *Classification of term deposits*

In the 30 June 2024 financial statements the directors disclosed a change in classification of term deposits to align the accounting policy with the requirements of *AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows*.

The change in classification had the following impacts on comparative figures:

- Opening and closing cash balances were reduced to exclude term deposits with initial investment periods greater than three months as reported in the Statement of cash flows.
- Investments in and redemptions of term deposits with initial investment periods greater than three months are now classified within investment activities as reported in the Statement of cash flows.

#### Note 4. Revenue from contracts with customers

	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
	\$	\$
Margin income	1,777,947	1,754,339
Fee income	163,320	129,546
Commission income	80,046	83,502
Revenue from contracts with customers	<u>2,021,313</u>	<u>1,967,387</u>



**Huon Valley Financial Services Limited**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**31 December 2024**

**Note 4. Revenue from contracts with customers (continued)**

*Disaggregation of revenue*

All revenue from contracts with customers has been recognised at a point in time during the half-year.

**Note 5. Dividends**

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

	<b>31-Dec-24</b>	<b>31-Dec-23</b>
	\$	\$
Fully franked dividend of 10.5 cents per share (31-Dec-23: 18.5 cents)	<u>200,970</u>	<u>354,090</u>

The tax rate at which dividends have been franked is 25%.

**Note 6. Contingent assets and liabilities**

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

**Note 7. Related party transactions**

The company has related party transactions that include remuneration to directors. These related party transactions are consistent with those disclosed in the company's financial report for the year ended 30 June 2024. There have been no significant changes to the nature or amount of these related party transactions during the half-year ended 31 December 2024.

**Note 8. Events after the reporting date**

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2024 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.

**Huon Valley Financial Services Limited**  
**Directors' declaration**  
**31 December 2024**

In the directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the *Corporations Act 2001*, Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *'Interim Financial Reporting'*, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of its performance for the financial half-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 303(5)(a) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

On behalf of the directors



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Chair

27 February 2025



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# Independent auditor's review report to the Directors of Huon Valley Financial Services Limited

## Report on the half-year financial report

### Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of Huon Valley Financial Services Limited (the company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, a summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying half-year financial report of Huon Valley Financial Services Limited does not present fairly, in all material respects, the company's financial position at 31 December 2024, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and Accounting Standard AASB 134: *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

### Basis for Conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410: *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*. Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review 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 annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

### Responsibility of the directors for the financial report

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



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## Auditor's responsibility for the review of the financial report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the half-year financial report does not present fairly, in all material respects in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

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**Andrew Frewin Stewart**  
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Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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**Adrian Downing**  
Lead Auditor