Annual Report 2023

Moorabool Community Enterprises Limited

Community Bank
Ballan & District

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Chairman's report

Ending on the 30th of June 2023 Financial Year

In our 12th year of operation on behalf of the Board of Moorabool Community Enterprises Limited (MCEL), I have great pleasure in presenting this year's Chairman's report.

It was pleasing to see this has been the first full uninterrupted financial year since March 2020. We may not have grown our footings like the last 9 years, but we still wrote plenty of business and had a record profit in the rising interest rate environment. Branch Manager, Amanda Embling has done a great job in representing our business. Amanda has a special way with her team, she is really positive, and this reflects with on the branch staff. The rising interest rate has made some loan approvals more challenging and difficult to get some loans approved but Amanda has performed admirably in this tough environment. A big thankyou to Amanda and your team!! You have made my job as chair and our board's job so much easier!

A big thankyou to our new and existing customers. You have helped us grow to be the successful Community Bank branch that we are today and your loyalty does not go unnoticed. Ballan has now become a one bank town, in fact the only bank between Bacchus Marsh and Ballarat. And the growth of our existing customer base will mean a further growth in your investment and our ability to increase our community investment program.

Thank you to our shareholders. Our shareholders continue to see consistent reward for your financial contribution and belief in Community Bank Ballan & District. We are seeing even greater benefits in our local communities with the money we have put back into our towns. It is not just the community contributions, but the money spent on wages, local contractors, and shareholder returns. One of my favourite sayings these days is," where would our small towns of West Moorabool be if we did not have the Community Bank" as I see facilities at recreation reserves improve, fund raising pressure taken off community groups through sponsorships etc. Your support is critical to the community success of your branch. Our role as directors is to advocate for the Community Bank and we encourage our shareholders not only to bank with Community Bank Ballan & District but refer potential new customers to Branch Manager Amanda and the branch team. The benefit to your community is that we will have an even greater pool of funds to distribute to community groups, projects, and shareholders.

Chairman's report (continued)

Once again, I would like to thank the valued members of our volunteer Board. A big thankyou to Helen Mahar and Helen Tatchell who have stepped down off the board. Helen Maher has been on the board from the start and done great job advocating for our business especially around the Springbank and Clarkes Hill area. Helen also has headed up out Sponsorship and Community Investment committee for many years and has played a pivotal role in making sure our profits flow back the community groups that support us. Helen Tatchell has been a board member for 7 years, has been a great advocate for our business also and helping get our message out through her Moorabool News business. Both of you will be sorely missed. I would like to thank our Vice Chairman Dominic Hanrahan for his support. Also, a massive thankyou to Robert Eskdale for the work done with our purchase of the building in Inglis street Ballan and moving the project along and his co-director Barry Sims. A big thank you to Kellee Frazer for stepping up into the board treasurer role. Also new board members Ian Stefcopoulos, Mark Conroy and Brayden Leonard. Thankyou also to our Company Secretary Michelle Baker and accountant Leo Bruinier. Michelle and Leo have had many years of experience with Bendigo Bank Community Bank network and their knowledge surely makes things easier for our board and myself.

Our role as Directors is to not only steer and govern our company but to be advocates for our Community Bank branch. We are available to talk to groups about the Community Bank model and the benefits of this unique banking model. We are fortunate that our Board members represent many of our local communities including Dunnstown, Bungaree, Clarkes Hill, Springbank, Gordon, Ballan and Myrniong. Such diversity is a great asset for the overall strength of Community Bank Ballan & District. Thank you to those who act as committee Chairs. Your time and leadership when heading up these important cogs in our operation contributes to us being an effective bank board.

Every year we have continued to invest more into the community through sponsorships, grants, and donations. As you can see the financial growth of the MCEL business has gone from strength to strength. This year we have distributed over $727,000 to organisations throughout West Moorabool. We look forward to funding bigger and better projects within the community now that we are achieving sustained profits. As I have always stated, we support those organisations who support us. It is essential that the community groups that have received sponsorship continue to bring their members' banking business to our Community Bank branch.

I commend this 2023 Annual Report to you.

Darren Rix
Chairman

Manager's Report

It is with great pleasure that I present the Branch Manager's Annual Report for the 2023 financial year.

This past year has been amongst the most challenging and unusual years I've experienced in my banking career, which spans over the 3 decades. There we all were, at the end of Covid restrictions and learning how to get on with normal living again, when the interest rates started rising at an unprecedented speed. It caught almost everyone by surprise. It changed the way people did their banking and investments. It left some people with loans feeling concerned, while others were excited with the prospect of getting some decent interest on their investments. The good news is that we've been here to support all our customers, every step of the way.

Community Bank Ballan & District wrote almost $20m in new lending last financial year but deposits also took a hit with our balances down $2.3m. Our closing balance for the end of the year was $225,341,823 which is just incredible.

I am so appreciative of all my staff here at Community Bank Ballan & District. They have worked tirelessly and give me the assistance I need to run a branch. Our current staff are Karen Bloomfield and Shannon Bailey as our two Customer Relationship Managers, Sal Maione and Sharren Mullane are our two Customer Relationship Officers and Olivia Magill and Julie Conlan are our two Customer Service Officers.

This year, we said goodbye to Rachel Kraljik who has left the company to explore other opportunities and Lucy Fitzgerald, who is on parental leave after having baby Violet in June.

I am ever so thankful to the Community Bank Board of Directors and Board Support who have supported the branch team and I throughout this past year. They are always there for us, and we truly appreciate them.

To our valued customers and shareholders, all I can say to you is thank you. We come here each day to work hard for you and the community. It is because of you that we can continue to give back to the community we love and respect.

Finally, I am so proud to announce that last year we handed out an amazing $727,446 to our community in the 2023 financial year. These funds will and have benefited many people in our district. Being able to deliver this amount in grants and sponsorships is what gets us all out of bed each day.

Thank you all ever so much for support. We promise that we will strive as hard as ever this coming year.

Amanda Embling
Branch Manager
Community Bank Ballan & District

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Financial Report

For the year ended
30 June 2023

Directors' Report

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the company for the year ended 30 June 2023.

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:

Darren Patrick Rix

Non-executive director

Experience and expertise: Business Owner/Operator. Darren operates an AVIS car and truck rental franchise in Ballarat, Bendigo, Footscray and Western Victoria, Budget car and truck rental franchises in Ballarat and Bendigo. Darren has been in business for 28 years and the rental business for 24 years. He is on the Committee of the Bungaree Football Netball Club and is a Life Member. He is also a member of the Bungaree Recreation Reserve Committee of Management. He is on the local Economic Advisory Committee for the Economic Development & Activation Department of the Moorabool Shire and is the Vice Chair and Director of the Association of Avis Franchises Ltd.

Special responsibilities: Chair, Asset & Capital Management Committee, Community Engagement & Investment Committee, Strategic Planning Committee

Dominic Gerard Hanrahan

Non-executive director

Experience and expertise: Linux Systems Administrator. Born in Ballarat, Dominic has lived at Navigators for the past 18 years with his wife and children. He grew up nearby on a potato farm at Dunnstown and attended St Patrick's College in Ballarat. Dominic graduated from the University of Ballarat with a degree in Applied Science (Computer Science/Laboratory Instrumentation) in 1990. Dominic has been in the Information Technology business for 30 years and works for The Ballarat Base Hospital as a Linux Systems Administrator. He is primarily responsible for administering and maintaining the hospital's patient administration system and associated database servers, as well as general operation of other Unix/Lunux servers.

Special responsibilities: Deputy Chair, Community Engagement & Investment Committee

Robert John Eskdale

Non-executive director

Experience and expertise: Consultant Engineer and Town Planner. Robert is a Civil Engineer who has spent over 27 years in local Government including 13 years as Shire Engineer with the former Ballan Shire Council. For the last 26 years Robert has run his own local Engineering & Town Planning Consultancy; and is currently transitioning to retirement. Robert is a Director and Vice President of the Ballan Hospital Board and a member of the Ballan Jockey Club.

Special responsibilities: Chair of Asset & Capital Management Committee

Helen Margaret Mahar

Non-executive director

Experience and expertise: Helen is now retired after many years working in various administration roles. Helen has completed a Diploma in Human Resources and Certificate IV in Frontline Management. Helen has been actively involved with Clarkes Hill Tennis Club, St Mary's School, Loreto College and Springbank Football Netball Club. Helen is a life member of the Springbank Football Netball Club and is caretaker of the SFNC Life Member.

Special responsibilities: Deputy Company Secretary, Share Liaison Officer, Chair of Community Engagement & Investment Committee

Directors' report (continued)

Barry Francis Sims
Non-executive director

Experience and expertise: Retired. Barry has lived in the area for more than 40 years and has always supported local businesses. Barry was a local builder, Christmas tree farmer, holiday unit manager and now runs storage shed business. He has retired, handing the reigns to the 3rd generation of builders. Barry is a former Committee member of the Ballan Football Netball Club and Mt Egerton Tennis Club. He is actively involved with and is a Committee member of the Ballan Golf Club.

Special responsibilities: Asset & Capital Management Committee

Kellee Ann Frazer
Non-executive director

Experience and expertise: Self employed. Kellee was born and raised in Ballarat and now lives in Gordon with her husband, Adam and three children. Adam and Kellee own and operate two small businesses, one of these is based in Melbourne and the other in Bacchus Marsh. Kellee currently studies part time to obtain a Bachelor of Accounting. She has actively been a part of the Gordon community for the past 20 years, including committee of management positions for Gordon Playgroup, Wallace & District kindergarten, School Advisory Council and Parents and Friends St Patrick Primary Gordon. She has also been the Secretary, among many other positions at the Gordon Football & Netball Club Inc. for the past 9 years. She now looks forward to this opportunity to assist the Ballan & District Community Bank.

Special responsibilities: Member of Community Engagement & Investment Committee and member of Governance and Risk Committee

Brayden James Leonard
Non-executive director (appointed 29 March 2023)

Experience and expertise: Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) from Federation University. Accountant at Mulcahy & Co Accounting 2017- 2021. Finance Manager at TB White & Sons Pty Ltd 2021 - current. CPA - 2023.

Special responsibilities: Nil.

Helen Fay Tatchell
Non-executive director

Experience and expertise: Helen is now retired after many years working in various administration roles. Helen has completed a Diploma in Human Resources and Certificate in IV in Frontline Management. Helen is a member of the Mollongghip Fire Brigade, Life Member of the Springbank Football Netball Club (SFNC) and has been appointed caretaker of the Life Members of SFNC.

Special responsibilities: Deputy Company Secretary, Share Liaison Officer, Chair of Community Engagement & Investment Committee

Ian Sfetcopoulos
Non-executive director (appointed 27 July 2023)

Mark Francis Conroy
Non-executive director (appointed 27 July 2023)

Company Secretary

The company secretary is Michelle Louise Baker. Michelle was appointed to the position of company secretary on 23 June 2022.

Experience and expertise: Michelle is an experienced Bookkeeper and holds a Bachelor of Arts and an Advanced Diploma of Business (Marketing)

Directors' report (continued)

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 $129,157 (30 June 2022: $143,299).

The company has seen a significant increase in its revenue during the financial year. This is a result of the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) increasing the cash rate by 3.25% during the financial year moving from 0.85% to 4.10% as at 30 June 2023. The increased cash rate has had a direct impact on the revenue received by the company, increasing the net interest margin income received under the revenue share arrangement the company has with Bendigo Bank.

Dividends

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

	2023 $
Fully franked dividend of 8 cents per share (2022: 7 cents)	60,168

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 2023 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

Likely developments

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

Environmental regulation

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

Directors’ report (continued)

Meetings of directors

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

	Board		Community Engagement & Investment Committee		Asset & Capital Management Committee		Strategic Planning Committee	
	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended
Darren Patrick Rix	11	8	3	3	4	4	4	4
Robert John Eskdale	11	10	-	-	4	4	-	-
Dominic Gerard Hanrahan	11	11	3	3	-	-	-	-
Helen Margaret Mahar	8	8	3	3	-	-	-	-
Barry Francis Sims	11	9	-	-	4	4	-	-
Kellee Ann Frazer	11	9	3	3	-	-	4	4
Helen Fay Tatchell	11	1						
Ian Sfetcopoulos	11	8	3	3	4	2	-	-
Mark Francis Conroy	11	6	-	-	-	-	4	4
Brayden James Leonard	4	3	1	1	-	-	-	-

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 26 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.

Indemnity and insurance of directors and officers

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

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

Directors’ report (continued)

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
Darren Patrick Rix	17,501	-	17,051
Robert John Eskdale	16,000	-	16,000
Dominic Gerard Hanrahan	14,834	-	14,834
Helen Margaret Mahar	1,000	-	1,000
Barry Francis Sims	35,000	-	35,000
Kellee Ann Frazer	3,000	-	3,000
Helen Fay Tatchell	1,000	-	1,000
Ian Sfetcopoulos	-	-	-
Mark Francis Conroy	-	-	-
Brayden James Leonard	-	1,000	1,000

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.

Directors' report (continued)

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 25 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

Darren Patrick Rix
Chair

Dated: 31 August 2023

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 Moorabool Community Enterprises Limited

As lead auditor for the audit of Moorabool Community Enterprises Limited for the year ended 30 June 2023, 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: 31 August 2023

Joshua Griffin
Lead Auditor

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Financial statements

Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 $	2022 $
Revenue from contracts with customers	6	1,770,788	1,374,811
Other revenue	7	19,128	1,687
Finance revenue		152	2,729
Total revenue		1,790,068	1,379,227
Employee benefits expense	8	(595,721)	(487,272)
Advertising and marketing costs		(14,395)	(16,964)
Occupancy and associated costs		(26,666)	(29,310)
System costs		(32,851)	(37,474)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	8	(83,152)	(81,051)
Finance costs	8	(7,786)	(8,608)
General administration expenses		(129,017)	(88,022)
Total expenses before community contributions and income tax		(889,588)	(748,701)
Profit before community contributions and income tax expense		900,480	630,526
Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense	8	(727,446)	(438,948)
Profit before income tax expense		173,034	191,578
Income tax expense	9	(43,877)	(48,279)
Profit after income tax expense for the year	21	129,157	143,299
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		129,157	143,299
		Cents	**Cents**
Basic earnings per share	29	17.17	19.05
Diluted earnings per share	29	17.17	19.05

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

Financial statements (continued)

Statement of financial position

As at June 30 2023

	Note	2023 $	2022 $
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	34,254	734,630
Trade and other receivables	11	152,420	130,840
Current tax assets	9	-	580
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	14	323,398	-
Total current assets		510,072	866,050
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	12	954,103	448,939
Right-of-use assets	13	85,587	111,921
Intangible assets	15	43,260	56,238
Deferred tax assets	9	9,489	3,711
Total non-current assets		1,092,439	620,809
Total assets		1,602,511	1,486,859
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	16	144,187	126,428
Lease liabilities	18	32,794	30,614
Current tax liabilities	9	19,655	-
Employee benefits	19	13,784	10,964
Total current liabilities		210,420	168,006
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	17	30,142	-
Lease liabilities	18	79,777	112,570
Employee benefits	19	10,150	4,050
Lease make good provision		17,123	16,323
Total non-current liabilities		137,192	132,943
Total liabilities		347,612	300,949
Net assets		1,254,899	1,185,910
Equity			
Issued capital	20	690,987	690,987
Retained earnings	21	563,912	494,923
Total equity		1,254,899	1,185,910

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

Financial statements (continued)

Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	Issued capital $	Retained earnings $	Total equity $
Balance at 1 July 2021		690,987	404,272	1,095,259
Profit after income tax expense		-	143,299	143,299
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	143,299	143,299
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:				
Dividends provided for	23	-	(52,648)	(52,648)
Balance at 30 June 2022		690,987	494,923	1,185,910

	Note	Issued capital $	Retained earnings $	Total equity $
Balance at 1 July 2022		690,987	494,923	1,185,910
Profit after income tax expense		-	129,157	129,157
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	129,157	129,157
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:				
Dividends provided for	23	-	(60,168)	(60,168)
Balance at 30 June 2023		690,987	563,912	1,254,899

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

Financial statements (continued)

Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 $	2022 $
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)		1,920,755	1,499,344
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(1,662,375)	(1,231,939)
Interest received		920	1,961
Interest and other finance costs paid		(780)	-
Income taxes paid		(29,420)	(49,202)
Net cash provided by operating activities	28	229,100	220,164
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment	12	(892,630)	(18,977)
Payments for intangible assets		-	(64,889)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		30,000	-
Net cash used in investing activities		(862,630)	(83,866)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from borrowings	17	350,000	-
Repayment of borrowings	17	(319,858)	-
Dividends paid	23	(60,168)	(52,648)
Repayment of lease liabilities	18	(36,820)	(38,339)
Net cash used in financing activities		(66,846)	(90,987)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(700,376)	45,311
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		734,630	689,319
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	10	34,254	734,630

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

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2023

Note 1. Reporting entity

The financial statements cover Moorabool Community Enterprises 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 Shop 1 & 2 135 Inglis Street, Ballan Vic 3342.

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 financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of directors, on 31 August 2023. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

Note 3. Significant accounting policies

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

Changes in accounting policies, standards and interpretations
There are a number of amendments to accounting standards issued by the AASB that became mandatorily effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2022, and are therefore relevant for the current financial year. The amendments did not have any impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods and are not expected to significantly affect the current or future periods.

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

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

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

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

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

Note 3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

The company's trade receivables are limited to the monthly profit share distribution from Bendigo Bank, which is received 10 business days post month end. Due to the reliance on Bendigo Bank the company has reviewed credit ratings provided by Standard & Poors, Moody's and Fitch Ratings to determine the level of credit exposure to the company. The company also performed a historical assessment of receivables from Bendigo Bank and found no instances of default. As a result no ECL has been made in relation to trade receivables as at 30 June 2023.

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.

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

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

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

Note 4. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events 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.

Estimation of useful lives of assets
The company assesses impairment of non-financial 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 as the higher of its fair value less costs of disposal or value-in-use, each of which incorporate a number of key estimates and assumptions.

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

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

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

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

Incremental borrowing rate
Where the interest rate implicit in a lease cannot be readily determined, an incremental borrowing rate is estimated to discount future lease payments to measure the present value of the lease liability at the lease commencement date. Such a rate is based on what the company estimates it would have to pay a third party to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of a similar value to the right-of-use asset, with similar terms, security and economic environment.

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

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

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

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

Note 5. Economic dependency

The company 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 income under the franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank. The directors have no reason to believe a new franchise arrangement under mutually acceptable terms will not be forthcoming following expiry in November 2026.

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.

Note 5. Economic dependency (continued)

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

	2023 $	2022 $
Margin income	1,440,338	975,181
Fee income	84,484	82,570
Commission income	245,966	317,060
	1,770,788	1,374,811

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

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

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

Revenue stream	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.

Note 6. Revenue from contracts with customers (continued)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Note 7. Other revenue

	2023 $	**2022 $**
Net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	9,773	-
Other income	9,355	1,687
Other revenue	19,128	1,687

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

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Note 7. Other revenue (continued)

Revenue stream	Revenue recognition policy
Net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	Revenue from the sale of property, plant and equipment is recognised when the buyer obtains control of the asset. Control is transferred when the buyer has the ability to direct the use of and substantially obtain the economic benefits from the asset.
Other income	All other revenues that did not contain contracts with customers are recognised as goods and services are provided.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of GST.

Note 8. Expenses

Employee benefits expense

	2023 $	**2022 $**
Wages and salaries	501,738	441,944
Superannuation contributions	54,084	44,263
Expenses related to long service leave	8,281	(26,720)
Other expenses	31,618	27,785
	595,721	487,272

Depreciation and amortisation expense

	2023 $	**2022 $**
Depreciation of non-current assets		
Buildings	8,258	-
Leasehold improvements	20,907	28,577
Plant and equipment	4,418	1,817
Motor vehicles	10,257	10,257
	43,840	40,651
Depreciation of right-of-use assets		
Leased land and buildings	26,334	27,271
Amortisation of intangible assets		
Franchise fee	2,163	2,188
Franchise renewal process fee	10,815	10,941
	12,978	13,129
	83,152	81,051

Finance costs

	2023 $	**2022 $**
Bank loan interest paid or accrued	780	-
Lease interest expense	6,207	7,846
Unwinding of make good provision	799	762
	7,786	8,608

Finance costs are recognised as expenses when incurred using the effective interest rate.

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Note 8. Expenses (continued)

Leases recognition exemption

	2023 $	2022 $
Expenses relating to low-value leases	12,684	15,434

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

Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense

	2023 $	2022 $
Direct donation, sponsorship and grant payments	327,446	308,948
Contribution to the Community Enterprise Foundation™	400,000	130,000
	727,446	438,948

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 the Community Enterprise Foundation™ (CEF) are held by them and 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 9. Income tax

	2023 $	2022 $
Income tax expense		
Current tax	49,655	38,871
Movement in deferred tax	(5,778)	9,408
Aggregate income tax expense	43,877	48,279
Prima facie income tax reconciliation		
Profit before income tax expense	173,034	191,578
Tax at the statutory tax rate of 25%	43,259	47,895
Tax effect of:		
Non-deductible expenses	618	384
Income tax expense	43,877	48,279

Note 9. Income tax (continued)

	2023 $	2022 $
Deferred tax assets/(liabilities)		
Property, plant and equipment	(8,522)	(12,548)
Employee benefits	5,984	3,754
Lease liabilities	28,143	35,796
Provision for lease make good	4,281	4,081
Accrued expenses	1,000	800
Income accruals	-	(192)
Right-of-use assets	(21,397)	(27,980)
Deferred tax asset	9,489	3,711

	2023 $	2022 $
Income tax refund due	-	580

	2023 $	2022 $
Provision for income tax	19,655	-

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

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

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

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

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

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Note 10. Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 $	2022 $
Cash at bank and on hand	34,254	51,672
Term deposits	-	682,958
	34,254	734,630

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

Note 11. Trade and other receivables

	2023 $	2022 $
Trade receivables	144,912	122,012
Accrued income	-	768
Prepayments	7,508	8,060
	7,508	8,828
	152,420	130,840

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

Note 12. Property, plant and equipment

	2023 $	2022 $
Land - at cost	175,000	323,398
Buildings - at cost	662,456	-
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(8,258)	-
	654,198	-
Leasehold improvements - at cost	169,865	169,865
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(108,229)	(87,322)
	61,636	82,543
Plant and equipment - at cost	43,108	39,232
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(31,137)	(26,719)
	11,971	12,513
Motor vehicles - at cost	33,330	51,284
Less: Accumulated depreciation	-	(20,799)
	33,330	30,485
Work in progress - at cost	17,968	-
	954,103	448,939

Note 12. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

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

	Land $	Buildings $	Leasehold improvements $	Plant and equipment $	Work in progress $	Motor vehicles $	Total $
Balance at 1 July 2021	323,398	-	99,911	9,048	-	40,742	473,099
Additions	-	-	13,695	5,282	-	-	18,977
Disposals	-	-	(2,486)	-	-	-	(2,486)
Depreciation	-	-	(28,577)	(1,817)	-	(10,257)	(40,651)
Balance at 30 June 2022	323,398	-	82,543	12,513	-	30,485	448,939
Additions	175,000	662,456	-	3,876	17,968	33,330	892,630
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	(20,228)	(20,228)
Transfers in/(out)	(323,398)	-	-	-	-	-	(323,398)
Depreciation	-	(8,258)	(20,907)	(4,418)	-	(10,257)	(43,840)
Balance at 30 June 2023	175,000	654,198	61,636	11,971	17,968	33,330	954,103

Additions
During the financial year the company purchased land and building located at 4/135 Inglis Street, Ballan.

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

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

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

Leasehold improvements	1 to 10 years
Plant and equipment	1 to 40 years
Motor vehicles	5 years
Buildings	40 years

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

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

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

Note 13. Right-of-use assets

	2023 $	2022 $
Land and buildings - right-of-use	396,369	396,369
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(310,782)	(284,448)
	85,587	111,921

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

	Land and buildings $
Balance at 1 July 2021	143,176
Remeasurement adjustments	(3,984)
Depreciation expense	(27,271)
Balance at 30 June 2022	111,921
Depreciation expense	(26,334)
Balance at 30 June 2023	85,587

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

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

Refer to note 18 for more information on lease arrangements.

Note 14. Non-current assets classified as held for sale

	2023 $	2022 $
Current assets		
Land	323,398	-

The company currently has the intention to sell the land at 110 Inglis Street, Ballan.

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Note 15. Intangible assets

	2023 $	2022 $
Domiciled customer accounts	24,725	24,725
Less: Impairment	(24,725)	(24,725)
	-	-
Franchise fee	32,007	32,007
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(24,797)	(22,634)
	7,210	9,373
Franchise renewal fee	110,036	110,036
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(73,986)	(63,171)
	36,050	46,865
	43,260	56,238

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

	Franchise fee $	Franchise renewal fee $	Total $
Balance at 1 July 2021	747	3,731	4,478
Additions	10,815	54,074	64,889
Amortisation expense	(2,188)	(10,941)	(13,129)
Balance at 30 June 2022	9,374	46,864	56,238
Amortisation expense	(2,163)	(10,815)	(12,978)
Balance at 30 June 2023	7,211	36,049	43,260

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.

Domiciled customer accounts acquired are recognised at cost at the date of acquisition and have been assessed as fully impaired in prior periods.

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)	November 2026
Franchise renewal fee	Straight-line	Over the franchise term (5 years)	November 2026

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

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

Note 16. Trade and other payables

	2023 $	2022 $
Current liabilities		
Trade payables	10,481	18,903
Other payables and accruals	133,706	107,525
	144,187	126,428

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

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

Note 17. Borrowings

	2023 $	2022 $
Non-current liabilities		
Bank loans	30,142	-

Financing arrangements
Unrestricted access was available at the reporting date to the following lines of credit:

	2023 $	2022 $
Total facilities		
Bank loans	350,000	-
Used at the reporting date		
Bank loans	30,142	-
Unused at the reporting date		
Bank loans	319,858	-

Bank loans
Bank loans are repayable monthly. Interest is recognised at rate of 7.64% (2022: Nil). The loan is secured by a fixed and floating charge over the company's assets.

Accounting policy for borrowings
Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received, net of transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Note 18. Lease liabilities

	2023 $	2022 $
Current liabilities		
Land and buildings lease liabilities	37,472	36,821
Unexpired interest	(4,678)	(6,207)
	32,794	30,614
Non-current liabilities		
Land and buildings lease liabilities	84,312	121,784
Unexpired interest	(4,535)	(9,214)
	79,777	112,570

Reconciliation of lease liabilities

	2023 $	2022 $
Opening balance	143,184	177,661
Remeasurement adjustments	-	(3,984)
Lease interest expense	6,207	7,846
Lease payments - total cash outflow	(36,820)	(38,339)
	112,571	143,184

Maturity analysis

	2023 $	2022 $
Not later than 12 months	37,472	36,821
Between 12 months and 5 years	84,312	121,784
	121,784	158,605

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

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

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

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

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

Note 18. Lease liabilities (continued)

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

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

The company's lease portfolio includes:

Lease	Discount rate	Non-cancellable term	Renewal options available	Reasonably certain to exercise options	Lease term end date used in calculations
Ballan Branch	4.79%	5 years	N/A	N/A	October 2026

Note 19. Employee benefits

	2023 $	2022 $
Current liabilities		
Annual leave	8,273	6,176
Long service leave	5,511	4,788
	13,784	10,964
Non-current liabilities		
Long service leave	10,150	4,050

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

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

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

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

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

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

Note 19. Employee benefits (continued)

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

Note 20. Issued capital

	2023 Shares	2022 Shares	2023 $	2022 $
Ordinary shares - fully paid	752,110	752,110	752,110	752,110
Less: Equity raising costs	-	-	(23,517)	(23,517)
Less: Returned capital	-	-	(37,606)	(37,606)
	752,110	752,110	690,987	690,987

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:

Note 20. Issued capital (continued)

- 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").
- Where the person is a shareholder, after the transfer of shares in the company to that person the number of shareholders in the company is (or would be) lower than the base number (the "base number test"). The base number is 277. As at the date of this report, the company had 287 shareholders (2022: 289 shareholders).

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.

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 21. Retained earnings

	2023 $	2022 $
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	494,923	404,272
Profit after income tax expense for the year	129,157	143,299
Dividends paid (note 23)	(60,168)	(52,648)
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	563,912	494,923

Note 22. 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.

Note 22. Capital management (continued)

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

Note 23. 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.

	2023 $	2022 $
Fully franked dividend of 8 cents per share (2022: 7 cents)	60,168	52,648

Franking credits

	2023 $	2022 $
Franking account balance at the beginning of the financial year	213,171	181,519
Franking credits (debits) arising from income taxes paid (refunded)	29,420	49,201
Franking debits from the payment of franked distributions	(20,056)	(17,549)
	222,535	213,171
Franking transactions that will arise subsequent to the financial year end:		
Balance at the end of the financial year	222,535	213,171
Franking credits (debits) that will arise from payment (refund) of income tax	19,655	(580)
Franking credits available for future reporting periods	242,190	212,591

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

Accounting policy for dividends
Dividends are recognised in the financial year they are declared.

Note 24. Financial instruments

	2023 $	2022 $
Financial assets		
Trade and other receivables	144,912	122,780
Cash and cash equivalents	34,254	734,630
	179,166	857,410
Financial liabilities		
Trade and other payables	144,187	126,428
Lease liabilities	112,571	143,184
Bank loans	30,142	-
	286,900	269,612

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

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

Note 24. Financial instruments (continued)

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

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

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

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

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 $34,254 at 30 June 2023 (2022: $734,630).

As at the reporting date, the company had the following variable rate borrowings outstanding:

	2023		**2022**	
	Nominal interest rate %	**Balance $**	**Nominal interest rate %**	**Balance $**
Bank loans	7.64%	30,142	-	-
Net exposure to cash flow interest rate risk		30,142		-

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

An analysis by remaining contractual maturities is shown in 'liquidity risk' below.

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

The company's franchise agreement limits the company's credit exposure to one financial institution, being Bendigo Bank. The company monitors credit worthiness through review of credit ratings, Bendigo Bank is rated BBB+ on Standard & Poor's credit ratings.

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.

Notes to the Financial statements (continued)
For the year ended 30 June 2023

Note 24. Financial instruments (continued)

Financing arrangements
Unused borrowing facilities at the reporting date:

	2023 $	**2022 $**
Bank loans	319,858	-

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

2023	1 year or less $	Between 1 and 5 years $	Over 5 years $	Remaining contractual maturities $
Bank loans	-	30,142	-	30,142
Trade and other payables	144,187	-	-	144,187
Lease liabilities	37,472	84,312	-	121,784
Total non-derivatives	181,659	114,454	-	296,113

2022	1 year or less $	Between 1 and 5 years $	Over 5 years $	Remaining contractual maturities $
Trade and other payables	126,428	-	-	126,428
Lease liabilities	36,821	121,784	-	158,605
Total non-derivatives	163,249	121,784	-	285,033

Note 25. Key management personnel disclosures

The following persons were directors of Moorabool Community Enterprises Limited during the financial year at end of sentence and add 'and/or up to the date of signing of these Financial Statements.

Darren Patrick Rix	Robert John Eskdale
Dominic Gerard Hanrahan	Helen Margaret Mahar
Barry Francis Sims	Kellee Ann Frazer
Helen Fay Tatchell	Ian Sfetcopoulos
Mark Francis Conroy	Brayden James Leonard

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 26. Related party transactions

The following transactions occurred with related parties:

	2023 $	2022 $
The company provided sponsorship to the Gordonvale Football & Netball Club during the year. A director is also the company secretary of this entity. The amount of the transaction (ex GST) was:	10,729	-
The company sold its used motor vehicle to a director during the year. The total amount of the transaction (ex GST) was:	33,330	-

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

Note 27. 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:

	2023 $	2022 $
Audit services		
Audit or review of the financial statements	5,400	5,200
Other services		
Taxation advice and tax compliance services	1,060	1,000
General advisory services	3,110	2,500
Share registry services	5,062	3,653
	9,232	7,153
	14,632	12,353

Notes to the Financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 30 June 2023

Note 28. Reconciliation of profit after income tax to net cash provided by operating activities

	2023 $	2022 $
Profit after income tax expense for the year	129,157	143,299
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	83,152	81,051
Net loss/(gain) on disposal of non-current assets	(9,773)	2,486
Lease liabilities interest	6,207	7,846
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Increase in trade and other receivables	(21,580)	(13,169)
Decrease/(increase) in income tax refund due	580	(580)
Decrease/(increase) in deferred tax assets	(5,778)	9,407
Increase in other operating assets	(323,398)	-
Increase in trade and other payables	341,158	58,076
Increase/(decrease) in provision for income tax	19,655	(9,750)
Increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	8,920	(59,264)
Increase in other provisions	800	762
Net cash provided by operating activities	229,100	220,164

Note 29. Earnings per share

	2023 $	2022 $
Profit after income tax	129,157	143,299
	Number	**Number**
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share	752,110	752,110
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted earnings per share	752,110	752,110
	Cents	**Cents**
Basic earnings per share	17.17	19.05
Diluted earnings per share	17.17	19.05

Accounting policy for earnings per share
Basic and diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to the owners of Moorabool Community Enterprises Limited, by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year.

Note 30. Commitments

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

Note 31. Contingencies

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

Note 32. Events after the reporting period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2023 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

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 2023 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

On behalf of the directors

Darren Patrick Rix
Chair

31 August 2023

Independent audit report

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Independent auditor's report to the Directors of Moorabool Community Enterprises Limited

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Moorabool Community Enterprises Limited (the company), which comprises:

- Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023
- Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
- Statement of changes in equity
- Statement of cash flows
- Notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies
- The directors' declaration of the company.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Moorabool Community Enterprises Limited, is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

i. giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Opinion

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

We are independent of the company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Independent audit report (continued)

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Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the company's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2023, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon. The annual report may also include "other information" on the company's operations and financial results and financial position as set out in the financial report, typically in a Chairman's report and Manager's report, and reports covering governance and shareholder matters.

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

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

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

If we identify that a material inconsistency appears to exist when we read the annual report (or become aware that the other information appears to be materially misstated), we will discuss the matter with the directors and where we believe that a material misstatement of the other information exists, we will request management to correct the other information. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

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

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

The directors are responsible for overseeing the company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

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Misstatement can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Dated: 31 August 2023

Joshua Griffin
Lead Auditor

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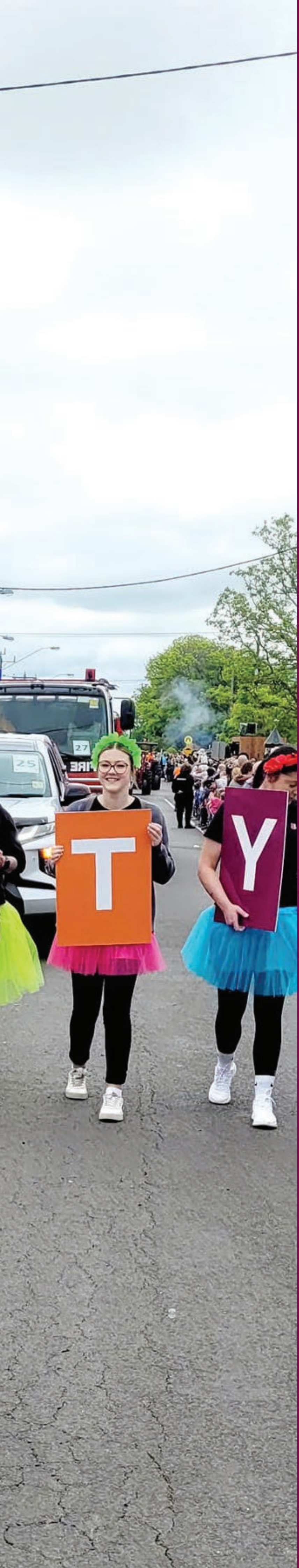

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