

Annual Report 2023

Mooroolbark & District
Financial Services Limited

Community Bank
Mooroolbark

ABN 45 098 234 354



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Chair's report

For year ending 30 June 2023

With improvement in the economy generally Community Bank Mooroolbark has, I believe, had a very successful year. This, combined with the ongoing support of our customers and shareholders, has enabled the branch to continue to grow and expand in all its areas of banking.

It was with regret that the Board accepted the resignation of our founding Branch Manager Rowan Alexander, effective 3 July 2023. After 20 years of very successfully running Community Bank Mooroolbark Rowan decided it was time to put away his Abacus and head off on long service leave in February this year. Rowan was a great asset to Community Bank Mooroolbark and will be sorely missed.

Rowan's replacement as Branch Manager is Ashleigh Toogood who has been with Bendigo Bank for a number of years and replaced Rowan on his departure. Ashleigh has stepped into her role as Branch Manager with great enthusiasm and on behalf of the Board I wish her all the best in her new role in the future.

Special thanks go to all the branch staff for their dedicated service to Community Bank Mooroolbark over the past year. The Board and I look forward to working with Ashleigh and the staff over the next twelve months.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the Board for all their ongoing support and commitment over the last twelve months. The Board has continually participated and supported Community Programs and assisted in dealing with many of the issues effecting Community Bank Mooroolbark including the new Employee Workplace Agreements during this period.

As always I am very positive about Community Bank Mooroolbark's future.



Tony Wright
Chair

Manager's report

For year ending 30 June 2023

With the retirement of Rowan Alexander in February 2023, I had the privilege and honour of being appointed as the second Branch Manager since Community Bank Mooroolbark opened our doors over 21 years ago. I have simply been amazed at the breadth and depth of support we provide local community not-for-profit organisations and the tremendous benefits that these organisations provide our great community.

A highlight for me, is that I have personally met volunteers and leaders of many of these organisations already, and I am very keen to meet many more to develop and enhance our relationships with them. I am in awe of the community spirit and dedication of so many wonderful people.

On the business side, Community Bank Mooroolbark has had a very strong financial performance, achieving growth in lending, insurance, and wealth. This past financial year our branch won the Wealth Award for our region. Our lending and deposit balances currently stand at over \$210 million and our customer base continues to grow with customer's choosing Community Bank Mooroolbark.

Of course, this performance cannot be achieved without a wonderful team, which includes our branch staff, and our Board of Directors. I can't thank our staff and Board enough. All involved have supported me and most importantly our customers. It is our customers which in the end allows us to continue to support our community. So to our customers thank you and we trust that you understand that by banking with Community Bank Mooroolbark, we are able to bring magnificent benefits to all corners of our community.

We also understand the challenges that lay ahead, with the recent interest rate rises and changing demands on banking services. We maintain our focus and look forward to continuing to deliver on all fronts of business and community connection into the next financial year.

Lastly, I wish to thank our shareholders, who continue to maintain the faith in the Community Bank model.

Kindest regards



Ashleigh Toogood
Branch Manager

Directors' report

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

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:

Anthony Michael Wright

Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Anthony is a Lawyer. He is currently a member of the Footman Foundation and the Foundation's Board, Board member of the Footman Charitable Trust, member of the Croydon Rotary club for over 20 years, practicing lawyer in the Croydon area for over 35 years, and legal advisor to Croydon Main Street Traders. Past member of the Business Advisory Board and Audit Advisory Committee at Maroondah City Council, past President and Secretary of the Footman Foundation. Past President, Secretary, and Committee member of Croydon Rotary Club, past Committee member of the Croydon Chamber of Commerce.
Special responsibilities:	Chair

Richard Kim Nicholas

Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Richard is a Real Estate Agent. Member of A.R.E.I. and G.A.I.C.D. Licenced estate agent. Director of Coulter Nicholas Pty Ltd.
Special responsibilities:	Secretary and Chairman of the Sponsorship & Marketing Committee

David Lynton Wright

Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	David holds a Bachelor of Accounting and is member of CPA Australia (Financial Services), having being involved in public practice for over 30 years.
Special responsibilities:	Nil

Richard Leigh Higgins

Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Richard is a Police Officer. Richard previously performed the roles of Mayor and deputy Mayor of Yarra Ranges Council. He has eight years experience as a Councillor on Yarra Ranges Council. Current member of the Yarra Ranges Audit and Review Committee (2 years). He has served on the board for the past seven years. Previous experience includes six years on the MARP (Maroondah Addicts Recovery Program), Lilydale.
Special responsibilities:	Nil

Directors' report (continued)

Carolyn Anne Geyer

Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Carolyn is the proud mother of 3 amazing adult children and 6 even more amazing grandchildren. Carolyn is the Principal of Geyer Accountants in Croydon South. She acquired her degree in accounting and went on to do a Masters in Practising Accounting in 2004. Carolyn has been running her own business for approx. 15 years and has held previous roles as an accounting teacher and an assistant accountant with one of Australia's largest retailers.
Special responsibilities:	Treasurer

Gregory Brian Green

Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Gregory is retired. Gregory has a Bachelor of Business (Banking & Finance) from the University of South Australia and spent 36 years with ANZ, the last 20 of which were principally in a risk (credit) roll specialising in commercial property. This included 2 years in New Zealand as Senior Credit Manager, Property Risk, 3 months in Port Moresby (2010) as Acting Head of Risk for ANZ Pacific North West Region. Gregory also has 8 years experience with NAB as a Credit Manager in Business Banking. He is a Life member of Croydon North Cricket Club, a member of the 39th Infantry Battalion (1941-43) Association Inc., a member of the Mount Evelyn RSL sub-branch and a member of the Adelaide Football Club.
Special responsibilities:	Vice Chair

Sophie Todorov

Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Sophie is an Emergency Services Victoria worker. She holds a Bachelor of Arts, Councillor for Melba ward, Yarra Ranges Council, and delegate for the Health & Wellbeing Advisory and Municipal Emergency Management Plan committees.
Special responsibilities:	Nil

Company secretary

The Company secretary is Richard Kim Nicholas. Richard was appointed to the position of Company secretary on 15 August 2018.

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 \$574,373 (30 June 2022: loss of \$27,575).

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.

Directors' report (continued)

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 6 cents per share (2022: 5 cents)	37,752

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.

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		Audit Committee		Marketing Committee		Human Resources Committee	
	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended
Anthony Michael Wright	6	6	2	2	-	-	-	-
Richard Kim Nicholas	6	6	-	-	2	2	2	2
David Lynton Wright	6	3	-	-	2	2	-	-
Richard Leigh Higgins	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carolyn Anne Geyer	6	4	2	2	-	-	2	2
Gregory Brian Green	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sophie Todorov	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.

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
Anthony Michael Wright	-	-	-
Richard Kim Nicholas	500	-	500
David Lynton Wright	-	-	-
Richard Leigh Higgins	-	-	-
Carolyn Anne Geyer	11,000	-	11,000
Gregory Brian Green	1,000	-	1,000
Sophie Todorov	-	-	-

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.

Proceedings on behalf of the company

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

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

Indemnity and insurance of auditor

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

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

Non-audit services

The company may decide to employ the auditor on assignments additional to their statutory duties where the auditor's expertise and experience with the company are important. Details of the amounts paid or payable to the auditor (Andrew Frewin Stewart) for audit and non-audit services provided during the year are set out in note 27 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 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.

Directors' report (continued)

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



Anthony Michael Wright
Chair

25 September 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 Mooroolbark & District Financial Services Limited

As lead auditor for the audit of Mooroolbark & District Financial Services 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Frewin Stewart'.

Andrew Frewin Stewart
61 Bull Street, Bendigo, Vic, 3550
Dated: 25 September 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joshua Griffin'.

Joshua Griffin
Lead Auditor



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	1,730,450	903,257
Other revenue	7	29,931	24,783
Finance revenue		27,881	4,865
Total revenue		1,788,262	932,905
Employee benefits expense	8	(652,204)	(627,484)
Advertising and marketing costs		(17,065)	(31,836)
Occupancy and associated costs		(26,482)	(41,158)
System costs		(20,457)	(20,789)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	8	(41,605)	(45,010)
Finance costs	8	(22,058)	(23,724)
General administration expenses		(101,999)	(98,823)
Total expenses before community contributions and income tax expense		(881,870)	(888,824)
Profit before community contributions and income tax expense		906,392	44,081
Charitable donations and sponsorships expense	8	(140,146)	(80,257)
Profit/(loss) before income tax (expense)/benefit		766,246	(36,176)
Income tax (expense)/benefit	9	(191,873)	8,601
Profit/(loss) after income tax (expense)/benefit for the year	21	574,373	(27,575)
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		574,373	(27,575)
		Cents	Cents
Basic earnings per share	29	91.28	(4.38)
Diluted earnings per share	29	91.28	(4.38)

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 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	2,045,779	1,378,804
Trade and other receivables	11	165,466	98,172
Current tax assets	9	-	22,225
Total current assets		2,211,245	1,499,201
Non-current assets			
Investment property	14	387,663	390,547
Property, plant and equipment	12	51,651	60,604
Right-of-use assets	13	202,846	226,029
Intangible assets	15	57,943	64,528
Deferred tax assets	9	78,096	80,976
Total non-current assets		778,199	822,684
Total assets		2,989,444	2,321,885
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	16	53,178	36,217
Lease liabilities	17	34,530	32,723
Current tax liabilities	9	186,550	-
Employee benefits	18	152,987	166,600
Total current liabilities		427,245	235,540
Non-current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	16	29,303	58,606
Lease liabilities	17	341,011	375,540
Employee benefits	18	6,920	4,677
Lease make good provision	19	15,622	14,800
Total non-current liabilities		392,856	453,623
Total liabilities		820,101	689,163
Net assets		2,169,343	1,632,722
Equity			
Issued capital	20	629,209	629,209
Retained earnings	21	1,540,134	1,003,513
Total equity		2,169,343	1,632,722

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		629,209	1,062,548	1,691,757
Loss after income tax		-	(27,575)	(27,575)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	(27,575)	(27,575)
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i>				
Dividends provided for	23	-	(31,460)	(31,460)
Balance at 30 June 2022		629,209	1,003,513	1,632,722
Balance at 1 July 2022		629,209	1,003,513	1,632,722
Profit after income tax expense		-	574,373	574,373
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	574,373	574,373
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i>				
Dividends provided for	23	-	(37,752)	(37,752)
Balance at 30 June 2023		629,209	1,540,134	2,169,343

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)		1,879,502	992,050
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(1,157,104)	(981,447)
Interest received		27,881	4,865
Interest and other finance costs paid		(33)	(31)
Income taxes refunded		19,782	6,869
Net cash provided by operating activities	28	770,028	22,306
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		-	(17,918)
Payments for intangible assets		(11,375)	(11,375)
Net cash used in investing activities		(11,375)	(29,293)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of lease liabilities	17	(53,926)	(53,927)
Dividends paid	23	(37,752)	(31,460)
Net cash used in financing activities		(91,678)	(85,387)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		666,975	(92,374)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		1,378,804	1,471,178
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	10	2,045,779	1,378,804

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 Mooroolbark & District Financial Services Limited (the company) as an individual entity, which is a for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The company is an unlisted public company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is:

Registered office

476 Dorset Road, Croydon South VIC 3136

Principal place of business

66-74 Brice Avenue, Mooroolbark VIC 3138

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 25 September 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.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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

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 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.

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.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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 May 2027.

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

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

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

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

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

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 5. Economic dependency (continued)

- 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	1,597,682	767,161
Fee income	50,192	53,467
Commission income	82,576	82,629
	1,730,450	903,257

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.

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.

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Note 6. Revenue from contracts with customers (continued)

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 \$
Rental income	25,856	24,783
Other income	4,075	-
	29,931	24,783

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

Revenue stream	Revenue recognition policy
Rental income	Rental income from owned investment properties, is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease term. If not received at balance date, revenue is reflected on the balance sheet as a receivable and carried at its recoverable amount.
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	542,542	511,068
Superannuation contributions	96,537	88,606
Expenses related to long service leave	(11,370)	10,231
Other expenses	24,495	17,579
	652,204	627,484

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 8. Expenses (continued)

Depreciation and amortisation expense

	2023 \$	2022 \$
<i>Depreciation of non-current assets</i>		
Investment properties	2,884	2,884
Leasehold improvements	2,892	2,892
Plant and equipment	3,117	2,378
Furniture and fittings	2,944	3,550
	11,837	11,704
<i>Depreciation of right-of-use assets</i>		
Leased land and buildings	23,183	23,182
<i>Amortisation of intangible assets</i>		
Franchise fee	1,098	1,983
Franchise renewal fee	5,487	8,141
	6,585	10,124
	41,605	45,010

Finance costs

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Bank loan interest paid or accrued	33	31
Lease interest expense	21,204	22,918
Unwinding of make-good provision	821	775
	22,058	23,724

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

Leases recognition exemption

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Expenses relating to low-value leases	6,658	7,866
Expenses relating to short-term leases	6,000	6,000
	12,658	13,866

The company pays for the right to use an office for administration equipment. The existing terms are on a month-to-month basis with no significant penalty for termination. As such the lease has been assessed as short term and exempted from recognition under *AASB 16 Leases*. Expenses relating to short term exempt leases are included in occupancy and associated costs.

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

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Direct donation, sponsorship and grant payments	98,746	58,604
Contribution to the Community Enterprise Foundation™	41,400	21,653
	140,146	80,257

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 8. Expenses (continued)

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 are held by the Community Enterprise Foundation™ (CEF) 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 \$
<i>Income tax expense/(benefit)</i>		
Current tax	188,993	454
Movement in deferred tax	2,880	(9,055)
Aggregate income tax expense/(benefit)	191,873	(8,601)
<i>Prima facie income tax reconciliation</i>		
Profit/(loss) before income tax (expense)/benefit	766,246	(36,176)
Tax at the statutory tax rate of 25%	191,562	(9,044)
Tax effect of:		
Non-deductible expenses	311	443
Income tax expense/(benefit)	191,873	(8,601)
	2023 \$	2022 \$
<i>Deferred tax assets</i>		
Property, plant and equipment	(9,233)	(11,344)
Employee benefits	40,249	43,061
Lease liabilities	93,885	102,066
Provision for lease make good	3,906	3,700
Right-of-use assets	(50,711)	(56,507)
Deferred tax asset	78,096	80,976
	2023 \$	2022 \$
Income tax refund due	-	22,225
	2023 \$	2022 \$
Provision for income tax	186,550	-

Accounting policy for income tax

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

Accounting policy for current tax

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

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 9. Income tax (continued)

Accounting policy for deferred tax

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

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

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

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

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

Note 10. Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash on hand	55	3
Cash at bank and on hand	183,236	54,167
Term deposits	1,862,488	1,324,634
	2,045,779	1,378,804

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	154,857	98,172
Other receivables and accruals	873	-
Prepayments	9,736	-
	10,609	-
	165,466	98,172

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 \$
Buildings - at cost	213,540	213,540
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(188,626)	(185,734)
	24,914	27,806

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 12. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Plant and equipment - at cost	70,632	70,632
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(52,680)	(49,563)
	17,952	21,069
Fixtures and fittings - at cost	61,694	61,694
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(52,909)	(49,965)
	8,785	11,729
	51,651	60,604

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

	Buildings \$	Plant and equipment \$	Fixtures and fittings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2021	30,698	5,529	15,279	51,506
Additions	-	17,918	-	17,918
Depreciation	(2,892)	(2,378)	(3,550)	(8,820)
Balance at 30 June 2022	27,806	21,069	11,729	60,604
Depreciation	(2,892)	(3,117)	(2,944)	(8,953)
Balance at 30 June 2023	24,914	17,952	8,785	51,651

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:

Building	40 years
Plant and equipment	5 to 10 years
Fixtures and fittings	5 to 40 years

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

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	579,559	579,559
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(376,713)	(353,530)
	202,846	226,029

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 13. Right-of-use assets (continued)

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	249,211
Depreciation expense	(23,182)
Balance at 30 June 2022	226,029
Depreciation expense	(23,183)
Balance at 30 June 2023	202,846

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 17 for more information on lease arrangements.

Note 14. Investment property

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Investment property - at cost	412,023	412,023
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(24,360)	(21,476)
	387,663	390,547

Reconciliation

Reconciliation of the current and previous financial year are set out below:

Opening amount	390,547	393,431
Depreciation expense	(2,884)	(2,884)
Closing amount	387,663	390,547

Accounting policy for investment properties

Investment properties principally comprise of freehold land and buildings held for long-term rental and capital appreciation that are not occupied by the company. Investment properties are recognised at cost, less accumulated depreciation.

Investment properties are derecognised when disposed of or when there is no future economic benefit expected.

Note 15. Intangible assets

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Franchise fee	133,723	133,723
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(124,067)	(122,969)
	9,656	10,754

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 15. Intangible assets (continued)

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Franchise renewal fee	145,871	145,871
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(97,584)	(92,097)
	48,287	53,774
	57,943	64,528

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	1,760	7,027	8,787
Additions	10,977	54,888	65,865
Amortisation expense	(1,983)	(8,141)	(10,124)
Balance at 30 June 2022	10,754	53,774	64,528
Amortisation expense	(1,098)	(5,487)	(6,585)
Balance at 30 June 2023	9,656	48,287	57,943

Additions

During the previous financial year the franchise fees were renewed.

Accounting policy for intangible assets

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

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

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

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

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

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 \$
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Trade payables	10,873	4,533
Other payables and accruals	42,305	31,684
	53,178	36,217
<i>Non-current liabilities</i>		
Other payables and accruals	29,303	58,606

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 16. Trade and other payables (continued)

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. Lease liabilities

	2023 \$	2022 \$
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Land and buildings lease liabilities	53,927	53,927
Unexpired interest	(19,397)	(21,204)
	34,530	32,723
<i>Non-current liabilities</i>		
Land and buildings lease liabilities	417,934	471,860
Unexpired interest	(76,923)	(96,320)
	341,011	375,540

Reconciliation of lease liabilities

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Opening balance	408,263	439,272
Lease interest expense	21,204	22,918
Lease payments - total cash outflow	(53,926)	(53,927)
	375,541	408,263

Maturity analysis

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Not later than 12 months	53,927	53,927
Between 12 months and 5 years	215,708	215,708
Greater than 5 years	202,226	256,152
	471,861	525,787

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 and lease payments in a renewal option if the company is reasonably certain to exercise that option.

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.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 17. 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
Branch	5.39%	10 years	No	N/A	March 2032

Note 18. Employee benefits

	2023 \$	2022 \$
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Annual leave	81,281	81,281
Long service leave	71,706	85,319
	152,987	166,600
<i>Non-current liabilities</i>		
Long service leave	6,920	4,677

Accounting policy for employee benefits

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

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

Superannuation contributions

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

Short-term employee benefits

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

Other long-term employee benefits

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

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

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

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Note 19. Lease make good provision

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Lease make good	15,622	14,800

Lease make good

In accordance with the branch lease agreement, the company must restore the leased premises to the original condition before the expiry of the lease term. The company has estimated the provision to be \$25,000 for the Mooroolbark Branch lease, based on experience and consideration of the expected future costs to remove all fittings and the ATM as well as the cost to remedy any damages caused during the removal process. The lease is due to expire on 31 March 2032 at which time it is expected the face-value costs to restore the premises will fall due.

Accounting policy for provisions

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

Note 20. Issued capital

	2023 Shares	2022 Shares	2023 \$	2022 \$
Ordinary shares - fully paid	629,209	629,209	629,209	629,209

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.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 20. Issued capital (continued)

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

Prohibited shareholding interest

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

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

- They control or own 10% or more of the shares in the company (the "10% limit").
- In the opinion of the board they do not have a close connection to the community or communities in which the company predominantly carries on business (the "close connection test").
- 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 389. As at the date of this report, the company had 367 shareholders (2022: 385 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	1,003,513	1,062,548
Profit/(loss) after income tax (expense)/benefit for the year	574,373	(27,575)
Dividends paid (note 23)	(37,752)	(31,460)
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	1,540,134	1,003,513

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.

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

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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 6 cents per share (2022: 5 cents)	37,752	31,460

Franking credits

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Franking account balance at the beginning of the financial year	564,099	581,455
Franking credits (debits) arising from income taxes paid (refunded)	(19,783)	(6,869)
Franking debits from the payment of franked distributions	(12,584)	(10,487)
	531,732	564,099
<i>Franking transactions that will arise subsequent to the financial year end:</i>		
Balance at the end of the financial year	531,732	564,099
Franking credits (debits) that will arise from payment (refund) of income tax	186,550	(22,225)
Franking credits available for future reporting periods	718,282	541,874

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	155,730	98,172
Cash and cash equivalents	2,045,779	1,378,804
	2,201,509	1,476,976
Financial liabilities		
Trade and other payables	82,481	94,823
Lease liabilities	375,541	408,263
	458,022	503,086

Accounting policy for financial instruments

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

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

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

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 24. Financial instruments (continued)

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.

Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

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

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

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.

Equity Price risk

The company is not exposed to any significant price risk.

The company held cash and cash equivalents of \$2,045,779 at 30 June 2023 (2022: \$1,378,804). The cash and cash equivalents are held with Bendigo Bank, which are rated BBB+ on Standard & Poor's credit ratings.

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.

Liquidity risk

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

Exposure to liquidity risk

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

	1 year or less \$	Between 1 and 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	Remaining contractual maturities \$
2023				
Trade and other payables	53,178	29,303	-	82,481
Lease liabilities	53,927	215,708	202,226	471,861
Total non-derivatives	107,105	245,011	202,226	554,342

	1 year or less \$	Between 1 and 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	Remaining contractual maturities \$
2022				
Trade and other payables	36,217	58,606	-	94,823
Lease liabilities	53,927	215,708	256,152	525,787
Total non-derivatives	90,144	274,314	256,152	620,610

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 25. Key management personnel disclosures

The following persons were directors of Mooroolbark & District Financial Services Limited during the financial year and/or up to the date of signing of these Financial Statements.

Anthony Michael Wright	Carolyn Anne Geyer	Richard Kim Nicholas
Gregory Brian Green	David Lynton Wright	Sophie Todorov
Richard Leigh Higgins		

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 \$
Carolyn Geyer provided bookkeeping and BAS lodgement services for the company and was also reimbursed for software fees. The total benefit was:	4,736	5,300
The company reimbursed its directors for membership payments for the Institute of Company Directors. The total benefit received was:	2,255	1,650
The company lease a boardroom and offices from Coulter Nicholas Pty Ltd, a company which Richard Nicholas has a majority shareholding. The total benefit received was:	5,000	6,000

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 \$
<i>Audit services</i>		
Audit or review of the financial statements	5,400	5,200
<i>Other services</i>		
Taxation advice and tax compliance services	2,910	600
General advisory services	4,050	3,850
Share registry services	2,310	4,095
	9,270	8,545
	14,670	13,745

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

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Profit/(loss) after income tax (expense)/benefit for the year	574,373	(27,575)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	41,605	45,011
Lease liabilities interest	21,204	22,918

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Note 28. Reconciliation of profit/(loss) after income tax to net cash provided by operating activities (continued)

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Increase in trade and other receivables	(67,294)	(21,558)
Decrease/(increase) in income tax refund due	22,225	(2,186)
Decrease in deferred tax assets	2,880	454
Increase in other operating assets	-	(1)
Decrease in trade and other payables	(967)	(12,814)
Increase in provision for income tax	186,550	-
Increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	(11,370)	17,283
Increase in other provisions	822	774
Net cash provided by operating activities	770,028	22,306

Note 29. Earnings per share

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Profit/(loss) after income tax	574,373	(27,575)

	Number	Number
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share	629,209	629,209
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted earnings per share	629,209	629,209

	Cents	Cents
Basic earnings per share	91.28	(4.38)
Diluted earnings per share	91.28	(4.38)

Accounting policy for earnings per share

Basic and diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to the owners of Mooroolbark & District Financial Services 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

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

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



Anthony Michael Wright
Chair

25 September 2023

Independent audit report



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Independent auditor's report to the Directors of Mooroolbark & District Financial Services Limited

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Mooroolbark & District Financial Services 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 Mooroolbark & District Financial Services Limited, is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 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.





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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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Freewin Stewart'.

Andrew Freewin Stewart
61 Bull Street, Bendigo, Vic, 3550
Dated: 25 September 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joshua Griffin'.

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Lead Auditor

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