

Annual Report 2026







Mt Evelyn & Districts Financial Services Limited

Community Bank
Mt Evelyn

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Chair's report

For year ending 30 June 2026

What does 'investing in thriving, connected communities' really mean?"

In our 24th year of operation, and in writing my first report as Chair of the Mt Evelyn & Districts Financial Services Limited, I've reflected on the role we play within our community, both historically and today, and on the possibilities of the future.

When we look back 24 years ago, the opening of the Community Bank Mt Evelyn was a significant milestone for the community. Those that came before us recognised a need in our community and wanted to create an institution – a local bank – that would exist to serve locals then and into the future. As they worked tirelessly to establish a Bendigo Community Bank so that the people, groups and businesses of Mt Evelyn, Montrose and the surrounding suburbs had a local bank to call their own, with a local company that would invest the banking profits back into their community, I wonder what they had imagined.

Today, as we celebrate having contributed more than $4.5M of those local banking profits back into our community through sponsorships, grants and donations, and with a dedicated staff within our branch who remain focused on providing the local community with high standards of banking and financial support through the Community Bank operations, I hope that what we're doing, exceeds the hopes of the past.

Looking ahead, as the banking industry continues to ensure risk, compliance and regulation meet the ever-changing needs and demands of the world today, our focus will be on ensuring that we too are compliant and prepared. Likewise, as the demand on community groups to help people connect, feel less isolated, and build physical and mental fitness through opportunities for participation, volunteering and direct support in an environment of stretched resources, we will continue to find ways to invest in the capabilities and capacity of these vital groups.

And so, as I write this report with this reflection in mind, I want to recognise that it is you, our shareholders, whose foresight and investment in the beginning helped to create what we have today, and it is through your continued investment that we will work to steward the work of Mt Evelyn & Districts Financial Services Limited into the future, continuing to invest so that our communities are thriving and connected.

Our current position

Our Board is committed to strong community engagement with mutually beneficial outcomes for the business and communities we support. The Bendigo Bank Community Bank model means that the more banking business we do, the more we are able to invest in our community.

This year saw the final year of our 5-year strategic plan that had us focusing on three key priorities:

Connect – build strong connections and links with community groups and sporting organisations.

Our Directors and staff have continued to build strong relationships across the community so that we can make informed decisions around where and how to invest to have the greatest impact in the community and for the longevity of the company.

Promote – share our story with the community and local businesses.

Our Board and Marketing and Administration Committee have continued investing in a range of promotional channels including external signage, digital storytelling, local news and marketing collateral to spark conversations around our banking operations and community investment. We want everyone to understand the value that Community Banking delivers in community.

Manage – provide sound governance for our shareholders, employees and Bendigo Bank

Our Board is on a journey of continual governance improvement and has worked closely with Bendigo Bank and our newly established Financial, Risk and Audit Committee (FRAC) on policy attestation and process improvements, and with our HR Committee on managing our team.

In relation to our financial performance, we have seen continuing changes in interest rates and the high cost of living expenses along with a very competitive banking and financial services market.

As a result, our business activity has delivered an annual net profit after tax of $536,842 compared to $607,238 last year (see enclosed Financial Statements). Our profit is determined by the makeup of our book, interest rates, our costs and the Bendigo Bank funding model for Community Banks. Considering the competitive market, changes in interest rates and financial pressures in the market, we consider this to be a satisfactory result.

Our People

Staff

Your local banking team make us proud and thankful each and every day. Our results have been achieved through their continued dedication and passion for banking, with a high level of customer service that we are regularly complimented on when we're out in the community.

This past year we enjoyed the leadership of two people, Ann and Justin.

The early part of FY26 saw Ann transition from Branch Manager to Business Development Manager. I'd like to thank Ann, on behalf of the Board and staff, for taking on the role of Branch Manager and steering us through a significant period of change. We know how lucky our community and customers are to now be able to enjoy that same level of professionalism and care in her role as BDM, where she is able to focus on what she loves most – helping people with their lending and banking needs.

Justin commencing as Branch Manager in October and has brought with him a keen eye for detail and a focus on ensuring our branch is compliant and performing well. Justin is committed to ensuring excellent customer service with a holistic approach to meeting our customers banking needs. We look forward to seeing the growth and development of our team, branch and business in the future under Justin's leadership.

To our staff team of Sam, Jan, Paula, Amy, Charlotte , Ryan and Diane – thank you for bringing your energy to work each day. You really are making a difference to our customers and business and continuously growing as individuals and a team.

Board

To my fellow Directors, Gai Williams Deputy Chair, Laura Lilley Company Secretary and Treasurer, John Stroud immediate past Chair, Tammy Garrett FRAC Chair, Steve Martin, Leigh Brown, Mal Darke and Stephen McArthur – thank you for your knowledge, commitment and contributions to the discussions around our board table and to the work we do in between. Our diverse backgrounds and skills ensure we have healthy debate, generative discussions and make informed decisions as we continually look for the right balance of strategy and risk, performance and planning.

A special thank you to John Stroud who has provided an incredible hand over and ongoing support to me in this role.

And to Elise McGuiness, our Board Executive Support, what would we do without you! Thank you for all that you bring to the Board including your expert organisational skills, your ability to create strong connections and your passion and dedication to both our company and the community.

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited

To the team at Bendigo Bank, especially our Regional Manager Amey Duffy, we thank you for the support you provide and look forward to navigating the challenges and changes ahead to ensure that at the heart of what we do – local banking investing in local communities – continues to grow and thrive into the future.

Customers and Community

To our customers, thank you for your business and your contribution to this incredible banking model. We look forward to continuing to serve you through our Community Bank operations and being part of your story of contribution to your community.

To our community groups, thank you for everything you give, hold and help with. You are integral to the fabric of our townships and the difference you make in the lives of those you work with is immeasurable.

Shareholders

Last, but certainly not least, is you, our shareholders. Whether you've been on the journey with Mt Evelyn & Districts Financial Services Limited from the very beginning, or you've joined us along the way, again, we say thank you.

And...if you'd like to hear from us a little more often, we have a program called our 'monthly story' that we'd like to share with you in some way. You can either follow us on our socials to read about ways we're investing in the community, or you can send us an email to admin@medfsl.com.au to ask to be added to our monthly story database.

Looking ahead

With our new 2026-2030 Strategic Plan commencing, we look forward to continuing to grow our company through our Community Bank operations, so that we can sustain our investment in helping create stronger, more connected and healthy communities. Our energies will focus around our three priorities of Connection, Governance and Investment and we will continue encouraging everyone we meet to understand the value of the unique Community Banking model so that they too might become part of it. We'd love to invite you to help us share this message too!

I look forward to seeing you at our 2026 Annual General Meeting which will again be held at the Mt Evelyn Sports and Community Hub in Tramway Rd, Mt Evelyn.

When: Wednesday 18th November 2026 from 7.00pm

Where: Mt Evelyn Sports and Community Hub, Tramway Rd, Mt Evelyn

Lisa Glassborow
Chair

Manager's report

For year ending 30 June 2026

Community Bank Mt Evelyn has now been serving our local community for 24 years. Reaching this milestone is a testament to the enduring commitment of our local shareholders, our voluntary Board of Directors, our dedicated branch team, and our partners at Bendigo Bank.

Having been part of the MEDFSL family for just over twelve months, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire team and community for welcoming me so warmly. A very special mention must go to Ann, our previous Branch Manager and now Business Development Manager. Ann's hard work, deep local relationships, and years of dedicated leadership laid the solid foundations on which we continue to build today.

Our Dedicated Branch Team

Our achievements over the past financial year are directly attributable to the hard work, passion, and professionalism of our exceptional team: Ann, Sam, Jan, Amy, Paula, Ryan, Charlotte, and Diane.

Whether greeting customers at the front counter or diligently working behind the scenes processing lending applications, managing compliance, and resolving complex inquiries, every member of our team plays a critical role in delivering an outstanding customer experience every day.

We also extend our sincere gratitude to our Regional Manager, Amey Duffey, whose consistent guidance, leadership, and proactive escalation support ensure our branch is well-equipped to meet the evolving needs of our customers and community.

Financial Footprint and Portfolio Performance

As of 30 June 2026, our total business book stood at **$266,170,022**.

Behind this figure are hundreds of local families buying homes, small business owners funding their growth, and community members saving for their future. Every account held with us directly fuels our ability to generate meaningful community contributions, returning real profits back into Mount Evelyn and the surrounding district.

Operational Highlights & People Focus

Over the past year, my operational focus has been on honouring and deepening the relationships that have sustained our branch for over two decades. It has been inspiring to see firsthand how decades of investment into customer relationships translate into tangible community impact.

Operationally, we have concentrated on:

- **Customer Experience:** Ensuring that every interaction—whether in-branch, over the phone, or out in the community—is warm, attentive, and genuinely solutions-oriented.
- **Governance and Sustainability:** Strengthening our internal processes and operational compliance to safeguard the long-term health, security, and trust of our business.
- **Deepening Relationships:** Looking beyond transactional banking to truly understand our customers' stories, supporting them through every life stage and economic cycle.

Looking Ahead: Building Capability and Championing Human Connection

As we look toward the next 12 months, our focus remains firmly on what has always set our Community Bank apart: authentic human connection.

Banking is fundamentally about people, trust, and shared local futures. We will continue investing in our team's capability and personal development so we can provide thoughtful, individualised guidance whenever our customers need a conversation or a trusted local face across the desk. No matter how the broader industry evolves, we will never lose sight of the empathy, personal service, and presence that our community values most.

I am genuinely excited about what we can achieve in the year ahead. Working united as a branch team, Board, and community, we will continue pouring our energy into our core purpose—strengthening and enriching Mount Evelyn and district.

Thank you for your ongoing loyalty and support.

Justin Hall
Branch Manager
Community Bank Mt Evelyn

Values and vision

Our Identity

Our Purpose

We invest in community groups and initiatives that, like us, are working to build stronger, healthier and more connected communities across Mount Evelyn, Montrose, Lilydale and Coldstream.

Our Vision

Our communities are strong, connected, healthy and thriving.

Our Mission

We grow a sustainable community banking business and reinvest in our communities to help them become stronger, more connected, healthier and thriving.

We do this by:

Connecting with community and sharing our story

Building relationships and increasing awareness of our bank, our community investment and the difference community banking can make.

Investing in community

Providing grants, sponsorships and donations that strengthen community health and wellbeing and contribute to the social and economic fabric of our communities.

Protecting our future

Providing strong governance, responsible stewardship and meeting our commitments to Bendigo Bank, so our company can continue creating local value for the long term.

Our Values

We value:

Genuine Service - we are authentic, approachable and genuine in every interaction.

We aim to provide great customer service every time and build relationships based on trust, respect and a genuine commitment to the people we serve.

Community Connection - we value the health, wellbeing and connectedness of our communities.

Our communities include the people, groups, businesses and townships that make our region what it is. We listen, participate and work alongside our communities to create positive local outcomes.

Stewardship - we care for our company so it can continue serving future generations.

As custodians, we make responsible decisions, maintain good governance and protect the long-term sustainability and reputation of the company.

Partnership - we build strong partnerships based on trust, shared purpose and mutual benefit.

We build seek genuine, respectful partnerships with community groups, businesses and local people who share our commitment to stronger communities and support the ongoing cycle of community banking.

Community support

Local Giving, Lasting Impact

Our investment helps to strengthen the social, economic and environmental fabric of the communities of Mt Evelyn, Montrose, Coldstream and Lilydale, by supporting both our customers and the many clubs, groups and organisations in our community - the people working hard to help others feel more connected and less isolated and be healthier physically and mentally, through participation, volunteering and direct support in, with and from the community.

Our local investment is as diverse as the groups we have, from investing funds that enable more people to actively participate in sport to investing in programs that build belonging across shared interests and skills; from supporting the groups that work with the most vulnerable in our community to those who keep our community safe, prepared and resilient; and from walking alongside those who are working to improve the mental health and wellbeing of others to the institutions who nurture learners at all stages of life, we're proud to be delivering on the dreams of the past.

More Than Just a Week at Camp.

Southern Cross Kids' Camps gives primary-aged children who have experienced abuse, neglect and difficult circumstances a week of fun, laughter and the chance to simply be kids.

Each child has their own adult **Buddy** for the week – someone to play with them, encourage them and show them they are valued. Children can return year after year, building confidence, self-esteem and trust.

Some former campers even return as adults to volunteer, supporting children going through similar circumstances.

Camp is completely free for every child and volunteer, and **Community Bank Mt Evelyn's contribution provides 15 children with a place at camp.**

We're proud to support Southern Cross Kids' Camp – Yarra Ranges and the volunteers who make these experiences possible.









Local Ideas. Community Action.

Mount Evelyn Township Group (METG) is a volunteer-led organisation bringing local people together to share ideas, support community initiatives and help shape Mt Evelyn's future.

From the much-loved Mt Evelyn Street Party to Christmas celebrations, the group plays an important role in bringing the community together.

Behind these initiatives are volunteers who give their time to organise events, encourage involvement and turn ideas into action.

Community Bank Mt Evelyn is proud to support METG and the volunteers who help make these community initiatives possible.

It's another example of what local banking can help support, right here in Mt Evelyn.







Preserving History. Strengthening Community.

Community Bank Mt Evelyn is proud to support Eastey Fire Trucks, a volunteer group dedicated to preserving Victoria's firefighting heritage through the restoration and display of historic CFA appliances.

Led by Brett Eastwood, the group's seven members bring more than 300 years of combined volunteer and career fire service experience. Together, they care for five historic CFA vehicles, ensuring an important part of Victoria's emergency services history is preserved for future generations.

Through public displays, commemorative events and community engagement, Eastey Fire Trucks helps keep these stories alive while bringing people together through connection, learning and shared experiences.

We're proud to support organisations like Eastey Fire Trucks that strengthen community connections and make a positive difference in our local area. It's another example of community banking in action.





Directors' report

For the financial year ended 30 June 2026

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

Directors

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

Lisa Maree Glassborow

Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Lisa has over 25 years experience across the corporate and not-for-profit sectors working in strategy, marketing communications, fundraising, events and relationship management. Lisa is a partner in Hatrick and Co, a local small consultancy business working mostly alongside local government, NFP's and community organisations to help them find clarity, confidence and the courage to navigate complex challenges and find wise ways forward. Other than 2 years in sunny Darwin, Lisa has lived locally and has been involved in a number of community groups over the years. Lisa believes that local community investment is becoming more and more important to the health, wellbeing and sustainability of communities and the people within them, and that Mt Evelyn and Districts Financial Services Limited plays a critical role in this space. Lisa completed the AICD Company Directors course in March 2026.
Special responsibilities:	Chair of the Board, Marketing Committee, Finance Risk and Audit Committee, Human Resources Committee

John David Stroud

Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	John has a Graduate Certificate of Management and Certificate in Electronics as well as extensive operational and business experience. John is semi-retired after working in the telecommunications industry for 45 years with 30 of those as an operations manager. He is a long-term member of the Mt Evelyn community and has been actively involved with numerous community groups over the years. He played football at Mt Evelyn Football Netball Club and served as president for six years.
Special responsibilities:	Member of Human Resources Committee and Marketing Committee

Directors (continued)

Laura Elizabeth Lilley

Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Laura currently works as a Finance Manager with a large not-for-profit organisation. Laura has Bachelor of Business/Arts (Korean) and is a Chartered Accountant with over 25 years' experience. Laura has been a resident of Mt Evelyn since 2005. Born and raised in Lilydale (on the border of Mt Evelyn) where her parents still reside and has a strong sense of connection with the local area. Over the years has been involved in many community groups, from Tennis, Basketball and Scouts when growing up and continues this involvement now through her family's activities.
Special responsibilities:	Treasurer and Company Secretary. Member of Finance Risk and Audit Committee and Human Resources Committees

Gai Williams

Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Gai holds a Bachelor of Pharmacy (A.F.A.I.P.M.) and has worked in pharmacy since the age of 14. She owned and operated pharmacies for 26 years before retiring and was a co-founder of Wilby's Wind & Colic, an advice and solution destination for parents with colicky babies. Gai has lived in Montrose for over 40 years and has served on many school committees and as a Cub leader. Her sons played local football and basketball, and she played tennis locally. She is always keen on giving back to the community and being involved.
Special responsibilities:	Vice Chairman, Human Resources Committee

Steven Colin Martin

Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Board Member: MEDFSL, Senior Station Officer, Fire Rescue Victoria. Steve holds a Diploma in Emergency Management (Firefighting) and has proudly served as a Senior Station Officer with Fire Rescue Victoria for over 14 years. His commitment to public safety is grounded in years of frontline experience and leadership. Before joining the fire brigade, Steve was a qualified carpenter, holding a Certificate IV in Building and Construction. He worked in the building industry for 8 years—starting as an apprentice with a local company—and now owns and manages a small building business focused on property development. A long-time resident of Mt Evelyn, Steve is an active and dedicated member of the local community. He has been heavily involved with the Mt Evelyn Senior & Junior Football Club, including roles coaching Auskick and junior teams. He also sits on the Mt Evelyn Sports Community Hub committee, contributing to the ongoing management and development of the Mt Evelyn Recreation Reserve Master Plan. Steve and his wife are raising four young children who attend local primary and secondary schools, further strengthening his connection to the Mt Evelyn community.
Special responsibilities:	Member of Marketing Committee

Directors (continued)

Leigh Matthew Brown

Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	An accomplished and energetic General Manager with over 20 years' experience leading large, multi-regional teams across construction, manufacturing and financial services. Proven track record driving business transformation, operational efficiency and cultural change. Held senior roles in residential construction and global manufacturing businesses delivering strong financial performance, including EBITDA growth and major cost reduction. Known for inclusive leadership, strategic thinking and building high performance teams. Skilled in P&L management, organisational restructure, and board level governance. Backed by strong professional development and a passion for people, process improvement and delivering results.
Special responsibilities:	Member of Human Resources Committee

Malcolm Scott Darke

Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Malcolm (Mal) has been employed in the Victorian Public Sector for over 32 years and for the last 10 years as a senior manager. Mal has extensive Project Management, Emergency Management, OH&S and Risk Management experience. Mal is a long-term member of the Mt-Evelyn Community and has been extensively involved in Community and Corporate roles which include President of the Mt-Evelyn Junior Football Club (2015-2017) and AFL Outer East Commissioner (2018-2020). Mal is the current President of the Mt-Evelyn Sports & Recreation Hub (Redevelopment and continuing management of the Mt-Evelyn Sporting Pavilion) a project that Mal commenced as President of the Junior Football Club in 2015 and led to completion in 2023.
Special responsibilities:	Member of Finance Risk and Audit Committee

Tamara Jayne Garrett

Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Tammy has a Bachelor of Applied Biology/Biotechnology (with Honours), an Advanced Diploma in Public Safety (Emergency Management), and numerous leadership courses. Tammy has worked in the Emergency Services sector for the past 25 years and is currently a Manager of Community Safety, for the Country Fire Authority's North East Region. Tammy has lived in the local area for 30 years and enjoys interacting with local businesses, sporting clubs, and the general community spirit. Tammy is passionate about community development and resilience; and she is actively involved in supporting local community groups.
Special responsibilities:	Member of Finance Risk and Audit Committee

Directors (continued)

Stephen James McArthur

Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Steve has long experience in small and large organisations in both the private and public sectors. He has been a manager/director of family businesses for over 50 years. He was a member of the Victorian Parliament for 10 years. He has also been a board member of Yarra Valley Water and both a board member and Chairman of the Melbourne Market Authority. He has lived in Montrose for 30 years and has been involved in many local community organisations and activities including the Montrose Cricket Club, Monbulk College Council, Billanook College Council, The Upwey Billy Cart Races, The Dunlop-Bayswater Angling Club, The Basin Supporters Group & Community Advocacy Alliance.
Special responsibilities:	Member of Finance Risk and Audit Committee

Company secretary

The Company secretary is Laura Elizabeth Lilley. Laura was appointed to the position of Company secretary on 12 February 2019.

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 $536,842 (2025: $607,238).

Operations have continued to perform in line with expectations.

Dividends

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

	2026 $	2025 $
Fully franked dividend of 10.5 cents per share (2025: 11 cents)	308,709	323,409

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

On 18 August 2026, APRA imposed licence conditions on Bendigo Bank relating to its non-financial risk management framework. Bendigo Bank subsequently announced a multi-year rectification program in response to those conditions.

Whilst neither APRA's announcement nor Bendigo Bank's public announcement specifically refer to Community Bank companies, the directors acknowledge that remediation and review activities may extend across Bendigo Bank's broader branch network, which may include Community Bank branches. At the date of this report, the outcome of those activities, and any resulting impacts on the company, if any, are not known and cannot presently be determined.

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year (continued)

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

Likely developments

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

Environmental regulation

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

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		Finance Risk and Audit Committee		Human Resources Committee		Marketing Committee	
	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended
Lisa Maree Glassborow	11	11	1	1	3	2	7	7
John David Stroud	11	10	-	-	3	2	7	5
Laura Elizabeth Lilley	11	9	1	1	3	2	-	-
Gai Williams	11	11	-	-	3	3	-	-
Steven Colin Martin	11	5	-	-	-	-	7	1
Leigh Matthew Brown	11	7	-	-	3	-	-	-
Malcolm Scott Darke	11	8	1	1	-	-	-	-
Tamara Jayne Garrett	11	11	1	1	-	-	-	-
Stephen James McArthur	11	10	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 21 and note 22 to the financial statements. This statement excludes a benefit included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by directors shown in the company's accounts, or the fixed salary of a full-time employee of the company, controlled entity or related body corporate.

Directors' interests

The interest in company shareholdings for each director are:

	Balance at the start of the year	Changes	Balance at the end of the year
Lisa Maree Glassborow	-	-	-
John David Stroud	5,000	-	5,000
Laura Elizabeth Lilley	-	-	-
Gai Williams	27,000	-	27,000
Steven Colin Martin	-	-	-
Leigh Matthew Brown	-	-	-
Malcolm Scott Darke	-	-	-
Tamara Jayne Garrett	-	-	-
Stephen James McArthur	3,000	-	3,000

Shares under option

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

Shares issued on the exercise of options

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

Indemnity and insurance of directors and officers

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

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

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 23 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



Lisa Maree Glassborow
Chair

29 September 2026

Auditor's independence declaration

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

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

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

Andrew Frewin Stewart
61 Bull Street, Bendigo, Vic, 3550
Dated: 29 September 2026

Lachlan Tatt
Lead Auditor

Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation.

Financial statements

Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Revenue from contracts with customers	6	2,199,310	2,265,863
Other revenue		14,474	23,237
Finance revenue	7	100,916	119,016
Total revenue		**2,314,700**	**2,408,116**
Employee benefits expense	8	(1,067,930)	(1,017,372)
Advertising and marketing costs		(18,139)	(19,315)
Occupancy and associated costs		(37,208)	(31,756)
System costs		(49,706)	(61,427)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	8	(84,502)	(69,789)
General administration expenses		(118,698)	(136,352)
Loss on disposal of assets		-	(5,757)
Total expenses before community contributions and income tax expense		**(1,376,183)**	**(1,341,768)**
Profit before community contributions and income tax expense		**938,517**	**1,066,348**
Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense	8	(222,075)	(256,697)
Profit before income tax expense		**716,442**	**809,651**
Income tax expense	9	(179,600)	(202,413)
Profit after income tax expense for the year		**536,842**	**607,238**
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		**536,842**	**607,238**
		Cents	**Cents**
Basic earnings per share	25	18.26	20.65
Diluted earnings per share	25	18.26	20.65

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

Statement of financial position
as at 30 June 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	450,846	511,284
Trade and other receivables	11	235,564	234,035
Investments	12	2,788,472	2,391,251
Total current assets		**3,474,882**	**3,136,570**
Non-current assets			
Investment properties	14	493,106	502,063
Property, plant and equipment	13	579,180	640,585
Intangible assets	15	10,635	23,613
Deferred tax assets	9	34,818	27,329
Total non-current assets		**1,117,739**	**1,193,590**
Total assets		**4,592,621**	**4,330,160**
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	16	155,349	109,982
Current tax liabilities	9	21,075	32,535
Employee benefits		78,675	90,979
Total current liabilities		**255,099**	**233,496**
Non-current liabilities			
Employee benefits		16,012	3,287
Total non-current liabilities		**16,012**	**3,287**
Total liabilities		**271,111**	**236,783**
Net assets		**4,321,510**	**4,093,377**
Equity			
Issued capital	17	1,527,561	1,527,561
Retained earnings		2,793,949	2,565,816
Total equity		**4,321,510**	**4,093,377**

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

Statement of changes in equity
for the year ended 30 June 2026

	Note	Issued capital $	Retained earnings $	Total equity $
Balance at 1 July 2024		**1,527,561**	**2,281,987**	**3,809,548**
Profit after income tax expense		-	607,238	607,238
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		**-**	**607,238**	**607,238**
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:				
Dividends provided for or paid	19	-	(323,409)	(323,409)
Balance at 30 June 2025		**1,527,561**	**2,565,816**	**4,093,377**
Balance at 1 July 2025		**1,527,561**	**2,565,816**	**4,093,377**
Profit after income tax expense		-	536,842	536,842
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		**-**	**536,842**	**536,842**
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:				
Dividends provided for or paid	19	-	(308,709)	(308,709)
Balance at 30 June 2026		**1,527,561**	**2,793,949**	**4,321,510**

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

Statement of cash flows
for the year ended 30 June 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)		2,434,202	2,541,283
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(1,686,328)	(1,712,039)
Interest received		97,329	137,587
Income taxes paid		(198,549)	(250,592)
Net cash provided by operating activities	**24**	**646,654**	**716,239**
Cash flows from investing activities			
Redemption of/(payment for) investments		(397,221)	455,324
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(1,162)	(420,221)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		**(398,383)**	**35,103**
Cash flows from financing activities			
Dividends paid	19	(308,709)	(323,409)
Net cash used in financing activities		**(308,709)**	**(323,409)**
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(60,438)	427,933
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		511,284	83,351
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	**10**	**450,846**	**511,284**

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 2026

Note 1. Reporting entity

The financial statements cover Mt Evelyn & Districts 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 37 Wray Crescent, Mt Evelyn VIC 3796.

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

Note 2. Basis of preparation and statement of compliance

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

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to pay its debts as and when they fall due for the foreseeable future. For these reasons, the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of directors, on 29 September 2026. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

Note 3. Material accounting policy information

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

Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

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

Accounting standards issued but not yet effective

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

AASB 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements

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

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

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

Current and non-current classification

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

Note 3. Material accounting policy information (continued)

Investments

Investments includes non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities where the company has the positive intention and ability to hold the financial asset to maturity. This category excludes financial assets that are held for an undefined period. Investments are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method adjusted for any principal repayments. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised or impaired.

Impairment of financial assets

The company recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses on financial assets which are either measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income. The measurement of the loss allowance depends upon the company's assessment at the end of each reporting period as to whether the financial instrument's credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, based on reasonable and supportable information that is available, without undue cost or effort to obtain.

Where there has not been a significant increase in exposure to credit risk since initial recognition, a 12-month expected credit loss allowance is estimated. This represents a portion of the asset's lifetime expected credit losses that is attributable to a default event that is possible within the next 12 months. Where a financial asset has become credit impaired or where it is determined that credit risk has increased significantly, the loss allowance is based on the asset's lifetime expected credit losses. The amount of expected credit loss recognised is measured on the basis of the probability weighted present value of anticipated cash shortfalls over the life of the instrument discounted at the original effective interest rate.

Impairment of non-financial assets

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

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

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

Note 4. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

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

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

Judgements

Timing of revenue recognition associated with trail commission

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

Allowance for expected credit losses on trade and other receivables

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

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

The company has not recognised an allowance for expected credit losses in relation to trade and other receivables for the following reasons:

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

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. The directors did not identify any impairment indications during the financial year.

Recovery of deferred tax assets

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

Estimates and assumptions

Estimation of useful lives of assets

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

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 revenue under the franchise agreement. The current term of the franchise agreement is scheduled to expire in April 2027.

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

- compliance with conditions under the existing agreement
- ensuring branch premises meet Bendigo Bank's fit-out requirements at the time of renewal

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

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

	2026 $	2025 $
Margin income	1,998,815	2,062,965
Fee income	103,467	118,492
Commission income	97,028	84,406
	2,199,310	**2,265,863**

Accounting policy for revenue from contracts with customers

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

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

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

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

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

Revenue calculation

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

Note 6. Revenue from contracts with customers (continued)

Margin income

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

	Interest paid by customers on loans less interest paid to customers on deposits
plus:	any deposit returns i.e. interest return applied by Bendigo Bank for a deposit
minus:	any costs of funds i.e. interest applied by Bendigo Bank to fund a loan.

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

Commission income

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

Fee income

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

Core banking products

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

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. Finance revenue

	2026 $	2025 $
Term deposits	**100,916**	**119,016**

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

Note 8. Expenses

Employee benefits expense

	2026 $	2025 $
Wages and salaries	893,444	846,586
Superannuation contributions	136,961	141,177
Expenses related to long service leave	(4,933)	(1,661)
Other expenses	42,458	31,270
	1,067,930	**1,017,372**

Note 8. Expenses (continued)

Depreciation and amortisation expense

	2026 $	2025 $
Depreciation of non-current assets		
Buildings	6,347	6,347
Improvements	33,021	22,799
Plant and equipment	23,199	18,708
Investment property	8,957	8,957
	71,524	**56,811**
Amortisation of intangible assets		
Franchise fee	2,163	2,163
Franchise renewal fee	10,815	10,815
	12,978	**12,978**
	84,502	**69,789**

Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense

	2026 $	2025 $
Direct donation, sponsorship and grant payments	**222,075**	**256,697**

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).

Note 9. Income tax

	2026 $	2025 $
Income tax expense		
Current tax	187,089	212,839
Movement in deferred tax	(7,489)	(10,426)
Aggregate income tax expense	**179,600**	**202,413**
Prima facie income tax reconciliation		
Profit before income tax expense	**716,442**	**809,651**
Tax at the statutory tax rate of 25%	179,111	202,413
Tax effect of:		
Non-deductible expenses	489	-
Income tax expense	**179,600**	**202,413**

Note 9. Income tax (continued)

	2026 $	2025 $
Deferred tax assets/(liabilities)		
Employee benefits	23,672	23,566
Accrued expenses	1,750	1,457
Income accruals	(10,420)	(9,523)
Property, plant and equipment	19,816	11,829
Deferred tax asset	**34,818**	**27,329**

	2026 $	2025 $
Provision for income tax	**21,075**	**32,535**

Accounting policy for income tax

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

Accounting policy for current tax

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

Accounting policy for deferred tax

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

Note 10. Cash and cash equivalents

	2026 $	2025 $
Cash at bank and on hand	**450,846**	**511,284**

Note 11. Trade and other receivables

	2026 $	2025 $
Trade receivables	**187,065**	**185,976**
Other receivables and accruals	41,679	38,092
Prepayments	6,820	9,967
	48,499	**48,059**
	235,564	**234,035**

Note 11. Trade and other receivables (continued)

	2026 $	2025 $
Financial assets at amortised cost classified as trade and other receivables		
Total trade and other receivables	235,564	234,035
Less prepayments, included in trade and other receivables	(6,820)	(9,967)
	228,744	**224,068**

Accounting policy for trade and other receivables

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

Note 12. Investments

	2026 $	2025 $
Current assets		
Term deposits	**2,788,472**	**2,391,251**

Note 13. Property, plant and equipment

	2026 $	2025 $
Land - at cost	118,611	118,611
Buildings - at cost	253,903	253,903
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(146,861)	(140,514)
	107,042	**113,389**
Improvements - at cost	330,215	330,215
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(55,820)	(22,799)
	274,395	**307,416**
Plant and equipment - at cost	140,938	139,776
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(61,806)	(38,607)
	79,132	**101,169**
	579,180	**640,585**

Note 13. 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 $	Improvements $	Plant and equipment $	Total $
Balance at 1 July 2024	118,611	119,736	-	35,628	273,975
Additions	-	-	330,215	90,006	420,221
Disposals	-	-	-	(5,757)	(5,757)
Depreciation	-	(6,347)	(22,799)	(18,708)	(47,854)
Balance at 30 June 2025	**118,611**	**113,389**	**307,416**	**101,169**	**640,585**
Additions	-	-	-	1,162	1,162
Depreciation	-	(6,347)	(33,021)	(23,199)	(62,567)
Balance at 30 June 2026	**118,611**	**107,042**	**274,395**	**79,132**	**579,180**

Accounting policy for property, plant and equipment

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

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

Building	40 years
Improvements	10 years
Plant and equipment	2.5 to 20 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.

Note 14. Investment properties

	2026 $	2025 $
Investment properties - at cost	617,695	617,695
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(124,589)	(115,632)
	493,106	**502,063**

Reconciliation

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

	2026 $	2025 $
Opening amount	502,063	511,020
Depreciation expense	(8,957)	(8,957)
Closing amount	**493,106**	**502,063**

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

	2026 $	2025 $
Franchise fee	79,775	79,775
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(77,612)	(75,449)
	2,163	**4,326**
Franchise renewal fee	110,036	110,036
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(101,564)	(90,749)
	8,472	**19,287**
	10,635	**23,613**

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 2024	6,489	30,102	36,591
Amortisation expense	(2,163)	(10,815)	(12,978)
Balance at 30 June 2025	**4,326**	**19,287**	**23,613**
Amortisation expense	(2,163)	(10,815)	(12,978)
Balance at 30 June 2026	**2,163**	**8,472**	**10,635**

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)	April 2027
Franchise renewal fee	Straight-line	Over the franchise term (5 years)	April 2027

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

Note 16. Trade and other payables

	2026 $	2025 $
Current liabilities		
Trade payables	25,018	5,438
Other payables and accruals	130,331	104,544
	155,349	**109,982**

Note 16. Trade and other payables (continued)

	2026 $	2025 $
Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as trade and other payables		
Total trade and other payables	155,349	109,982
Less: statutory payables, included in trade and other payables	(75,943)	(60,069)
	79,406	**49,913**

Note 17. Issued capital

	2026 Shares	2025 Shares	2026 $	2025 $
Ordinary shares - fully paid	1,527,561	1,527,561	1,527,561	1,527,561
Bonus shares - fully paid (2:1)	1,412,520	1,412,520	-	-
	2,940,081	**2,940,081**	**1,527,561**	**1,527,561**

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.

Note 17. Issued capital (continued)

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 412. As at the date of this report, the company had 481 shareholders (2025: 486 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 18. Capital management

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

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

The distribution limit is the greater of:

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

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

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

Note 19. Dividends

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

	2026 $	2025 $
Fully franked dividend of 10.5 cents per share (2025: 11 cents)	**308,709**	**323,409**

Accounting policy for dividends

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

Franking credits

	2026 $	2025 $
Franking account balance at the beginning of the financial year	918,100	775,311
Franking credits (debits) arising from income taxes paid (refunded)	198,549	250,592
Franking debits from the payment of franked distributions	(102,903)	(107,803)
	1,013,746	**918,100**
Franking transactions that will arise subsequent to the financial year end:		
Balance at the end of the financial year	1,013,746	918,100
Franking credits (debits) that will arise from payment (refund) of income tax	21,075	32,535
Franking credits available for future reporting periods	**1,034,821**	**950,635**

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%.

Note 20. Financial risk management

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

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

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

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

Note 20. Financial risk management (continued)

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

	2026 $	2025 $
Financial assets at amortised cost		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 10)	450,846	511,284
Trade and other receivables excluding prepayments (note 11)	228,744	224,068
Investments (note 12)	2,788,472	2,391,251
	3,468,062	**3,126,603**
Financial liabilities		
Trade and other payables (note 16)	**79,406**	**49,913**

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

Accounting policy for financial instruments

Financial assets

Classification

The company classifies its financial assets at amortised cost.

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

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

Derecognition

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

Impairment of trade and other receivables

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

Financial liabilities

Classification

The company classifies its financial liabilities at amortised cost.

Derecognition

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

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices - e.g. foreign exchange rates, interest rates, and equity prices - will affect the company's income or the value of its holdings in financial instruments. The company held cash and cash equivalents of $450,846 and term deposits of $2,788,472 at 30 June 2026 (2025: $511,284 and $2,391,251).

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.

Note 20. Financial risk management (continued)

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.

2026	1 year or less $	Between 1 and 5 years $	Over 5 years $	Remaining contractual maturities $
Trade and other payable	79,406	-	-	79,406
Total non-derivatives	**79,406**	**-**	**-**	**79,406**

2025	1 year or less $	Between 1 and 5 years $	Over 5 years $	Remaining contractual maturities $
Trade and other payable	49,913	-	-	49,913
Total non-derivatives	**49,913**	**-**	**-**	**49,913**

Note 21. Key management personnel disclosures

The following persons were directors of Mt Evelyn & Districts Financial Services Limited during the financial year or up to the date of signing of these financial statements.

Lisa Maree Glassborow
John David Stroud
Laura Elizabeth Lilley
Gai Williams
Steven Colin Martin
Tamara Jayne Garrett
Leigh Matthew Brown
Stephen James McArthur
Malcolm Scott Darke

Compensation

Key management personnel compensation comprised the following:

	2026 $	2025 $
Short-term employee benefits	75,967	70,245
Post-employment benefits	19,308	18,225
	95,275	**88,470**

Compensation of the company's key management personnel includes salaries and superannuation.

Note 22. Related party transactions

Key management personnel

Disclosures relating to key management personnel are set out in note 21.

Receivable from and payable to related parties

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

Note 22. Related party transactions (continued)

Terms and conditions of transactions with related parties

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

Transactions with related parties

The following transactions occurred with related parties:

	2026 $	2025 $
The company used the graphic design services of a director's son during the period	240	6,282
The Company engaged the services of an electrical contractor who is the spouse of a director during the period	2,060	-
The Company provided grants and sponsorships to community organisations in which directors or their close family members served as committee members:	39,880	44,764

Note 23. Remuneration of auditors

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

	2026 $	2025 $
Audit services		
Audit or review of the financial statements	**8,210**	**7,930**
Taxation advice and tax compliance services	290	425
General advisory services	2,605	2,480
Share registry services	11,922	8,042
	14,817	**10,947**
	23,027	**18,877**

Note 24. Reconciliation of profit after income tax to net cash provided by operating activities

	2026 $	2025 $
Profit after income tax expense for the year	536,842	607,238
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	84,502	69,789
Net loss on disposal of non-current assets	-	5,757
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	(1,529)	38,487
Increase in deferred tax assets	(7,489)	(10,426)
Increase in trade and other payables	45,367	46,782
Decrease in current tax liabilities	(11,460)	(37,753)
Increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	421	(3,635)
Net cash provided by operating activities	**646,654**	**716,239**

Note 25. Earnings per share

	2026 $	2025 $
Profit after income tax	**536,842**	**607,238**

	Number	Number
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share	2,940,081	2,940,081
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted earnings per share	**2,940,081**	**2,940,081**

	Cents	Cents
Basic earnings per share	18.26	20.65
Diluted earnings per share	18.26	20.65

Note 26. Commitments

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

Note 27. Contingencies

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

Note 28. Events after the reporting period

On 18 August 2026, APRA imposed licence conditions on Bendigo Bank relating to its non-financial risk management framework. Bendigo Bank subsequently announced a multi-year rectification program in response to those conditions.

Whilst neither APRA's announcement nor Bendigo Bank's public announcement specifically refer to Community Bank companies, the directors acknowledge that remediation and review activities may extend across Bendigo Bank's broader branch network, which may include Community Bank branches. At the date of this report, the outcome of those activities, and any resulting impacts on the company, if any, are not known and cannot presently be determined.

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

Directors' declaration

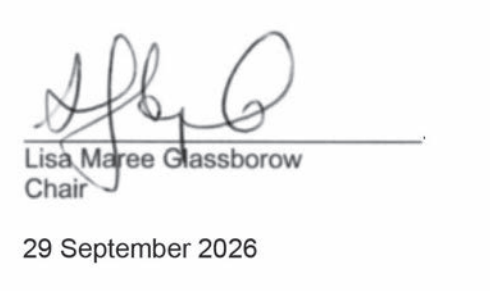
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In the directors' opinion:

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

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

On behalf of the directors



Lisa Maree Glassborow
Chair

29 September 2026

Independent audit report

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Independent auditor's report to the members of Mt Evelyn & Districts Financial Services Limited

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Our opinion

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

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

What we have audited

We have audited the financial report of the company, which comprises:

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

Basis for opinion

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

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

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

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Directors' Report, which we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, and the remaining information included in the company's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2026, which is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report. The other information does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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

At the date of this auditor's report, we have received and read the Directors' Report and have not identified any material inconsistency between that information and the financial report or our knowledge obtained during the audit.

The remaining other information included in the Annual Report is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report. When we read that information, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to take appropriate action in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards.

Responsibilities of the directors for the financial report

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

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

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

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

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Dated: 29 September 2026

Lachlan Tatt
Lead Auditor

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