

North Central Financial Services Limited

ABN 90 104 265 394

Half-year Financial Report - 31 December 2023

North Central Financial Services Limited
Directors' report
31 December 2023

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the company for the half-year ended 31 December 2023.

Directors

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

Winifred Maude Scott
Jon William Whykes
Matthew Simon Peck
Matthew William McGurk
Neville William Cloak

Elizabeth Anne Riley
Kerrie Louise Mulholland
Dale Trevor Watts
Alan Ronald Getley (resigned 23 November 2023)

Principal activity

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

Review of operations

The profit for the company after providing for income tax amounted to \$243,182 (31 December 2022: \$183,291).

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) increased the cash rate by 2.25% during the previous period from 0.85% to 3.10% at 31 December 2022. Since then the cash rate has increased by 1.25% to 4.35% as at 31 December 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.

While the cash rate has increased, from 1 July 2023 Bendigo Bank updated the Funds Transfer Pricing (FTP) base rate on certain deposits which has impacted the income earned on these products.

Significant changes in the state of affairs

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

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial half-year

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 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.

Auditor's independence declaration

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

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors, pursuant to section 306(3)(a) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

On behalf of the directors



Winifred Maude Scott
Chair

8 March 2024



Andrew Frewin Stewart
61 Bull Street Bendigo VIC 3550
ABN: 65 684 604 390
afs@afsbendigo.com.au
(03) 5443 0344

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

We declare that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, for the half-year ended 31 December 2023 there have been no contraventions of:

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

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

Andrew Frewin Stewart
61 Bull Street, Bendigo Vic 3550
Dated: 8 March 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adrian Downing'.

Adrian Downing
Lead Auditor

North Central Financial Services Limited
Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
For the half-year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	31-Dec-23 \$	31-Dec-22 \$
Revenue from contracts with customers	2	594,395	556,475
Other revenue		3,040	5,000
Finance revenue		9,685	5,558
Gain on remeasurement of right-of-use asset	3	51,456	-
Total revenue		658,576	567,033
Employee benefits expense		(173,840)	(186,762)
Advertising and marketing costs		(4,933)	(1,979)
Occupancy and associated costs		(7,039)	(6,843)
Systems costs		(8,921)	(7,583)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(12,783)	(13,822)
Finance costs		(4,493)	(5,583)
General administration expenses		(91,336)	(90,724)
Total expenses before community contributions and income tax		(303,345)	(313,296)
Profit before community contributions and income tax expense		355,231	253,737
Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense		(28,854)	(9,148)
Profit before income tax expense		326,377	244,589
Income tax expense		(83,195)	(61,298)
Profit after income tax expense for the half-year		243,182	183,291
Other comprehensive income for the half-year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the half-year		243,182	183,291
		Cents	Cents
Basic earnings per share		59.68	44.98
Diluted earnings per share		59.68	44.98

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

North Central Financial Services Limited
Statement of financial position
As at 31 December 2023

	Note	31-Dec-23 \$	30-Jun-23 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		648,183	399,866
Trade and other receivables		109,423	143,057
Current tax assets		-	845
Total current assets		<u>757,606</u>	<u>543,768</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		7,197	8,269
Right-of-use assets	4	36,313	102,104
Intangibles		67,224	3,938
Deferred tax assets		23,098	35,090
Total non-current assets		<u>133,832</u>	<u>149,401</u>
Total assets		<u>891,438</u>	<u>693,169</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables		34,764	4,856
Lease liabilities	5	22,025	13,357
Current tax liabilities		69,902	-
Employee benefits		34,508	30,843
Total current liabilities		<u>161,199</u>	<u>49,056</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	5	69,675	199,282
Employee benefits		2,244	2,640
Provisions		10,658	9,189
Total non-current liabilities		<u>82,577</u>	<u>211,111</u>
Total liabilities		<u>243,776</u>	<u>260,167</u>
Net assets		<u>647,662</u>	<u>433,002</u>
Equity			
Issued capital		384,288	384,288
Retained earnings		<u>263,374</u>	<u>48,714</u>
Total equity		<u>647,662</u>	<u>433,002</u>

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

North Central Financial Services Limited
Statement of changes in equity
For the half-year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Issued capital \$	Retained earnings \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2022		<u>384,288</u>	<u>39,285</u>	<u>423,573</u>
Profit after income tax		-	183,291	183,291
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		<u>-</u>	<u>183,291</u>	<u>183,291</u>
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i>				
Dividends provided for or paid	6	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,224)</u>	<u>(12,224)</u>
Balance at 31 December 2022		<u><u>384,288</u></u>	<u><u>210,352</u></u>	<u><u>594,640</u></u>
Balance at 1 July 2023		<u>384,288</u>	<u>48,714</u>	<u>433,002</u>
Profit after income tax		-	243,182	243,182
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		<u>-</u>	<u>243,182</u>	<u>243,182</u>
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i>				
Dividends provided for or paid	6	<u>-</u>	<u>(28,522)</u>	<u>(28,522)</u>
Balance at 31 December 2023		<u><u>384,288</u></u>	<u><u>263,374</u></u>	<u><u>647,662</u></u>

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

North Central Financial Services Limited
Statement of cash flows
For the half-year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	31-Dec-23 \$	31-Dec-22 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)		665,013	590,506
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(317,566)	(353,573)
Interest received		11,801	2,533
Income taxes paid		(456)	(4,696)
Net cash from operating activities		<u>358,792</u>	<u>234,770</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(440)	(880)
Payments for intangibles		(70,097)	(14,102)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(70,537)</u>	<u>(14,982)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Dividends paid	6	(28,522)	(12,224)
Repayment of lease liabilities		(11,416)	(11,250)
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(39,938)</u>	<u>(23,474)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		248,317	196,314
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial half-year		<u>399,866</u>	<u>495,638</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial half-year		<u><u>648,183</u></u>	<u><u>691,952</u></u>

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

North Central Financial Services Limited
Notes to the financial statements
31 December 2023

Note 1. Material accounting policy information

These general purpose financial statements for the interim half-year reporting period ended 31 December 2023 have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 'Interim Financial Reporting' and the *Corporations Act 2001*. Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standard IAS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting'.

These general purpose financial statements do not include all of the notes of the type normally included in annual financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements are to be read in conjunction with the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2023 and any public announcements made by the company during the period.

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

Note 2. Revenue from contracts with customers

	31-Dec-23 \$	31-Dec-22 \$
Margin income	466,801	450,239
Fee income	15,484	19,515
Commission income	112,110	86,721
	<u>594,395</u>	<u>556,475</u>
Revenue from contracts with customers	<u>594,395</u>	<u>556,475</u>

Disaggregation of revenue

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

Note 3. Gain on remeasurement of right-of-use asset

	31-Dec-23 \$
Gain on remeasurement of right of-use-asset	<u>51,456</u>

During the half-year ended 31 December 2023 the company negotiated an amendment to the lease agreement. The updated lease agreement includes a 5 year non-cancellable term with no further options to extend. As a result the lease liability, make-good provision and right of use asset were remeasured to reflect the reduction in lease term. As a result of the remeasurement an accounting gain was recognised.

Note 4. Right-of-use assets

	31-Dec-23 \$	30-Jun-23 \$
<i>Non-current assets</i>		
Leased land and buildings - right-of-use	81,353	298,840
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(45,040)</u>	<u>(196,736)</u>
	<u>36,313</u>	<u>102,104</u>

Remeasurement of the right-of-use assets during the year were \$63,141. For further information refer to Note 3 Gain on remeasurement of right-of-use asset.

North Central Financial Services Limited
Notes to the financial statements
31 December 2023

Note 5. Lease liabilities

	31-Dec-23	30-Jun-23
	\$	\$
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Lease liability	<u>22,025</u>	<u>13,357</u>
<i>Non-current liabilities</i>		
Lease liability	<u>69,675</u>	<u>199,282</u>

Remeasurement adjustments

Remeasurement of the lease liability during the year was \$115,645. For further information refer to Note 3 Gain on remeasurement of right-of-use asset.

Note 6. Dividends

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

	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
	\$	\$
Fully franked dividend of 7 cents per share (31-Dec-22: 3 cents)	<u>28,522</u>	<u>12,224</u>

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

Note 7. Contingent assets and liabilities

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

Note 8. Related party transactions

Arrangements with related parties continue to be in place. For details on these arrangements, refer to the 30 June 2023 annual financial report.

Note 9. Events after the reporting date

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 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.

North Central Financial Services Limited

Directors' declaration

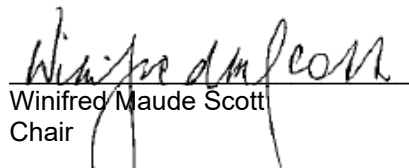
31 December 2023

In the directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the *Corporations Act 2001*, Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *'Interim Financial Reporting'*, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its performance for the financial half-year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors made pursuant to section 303(5)(a) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

On behalf of the directors

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Winifred Maude Scott', is written over a horizontal line.

Winifred Maude Scott
Chair

8 March 2024



Andrew Frewin Stewart
61 Bull Street Bendigo VIC 3550
ABN: 65 684 604 390
afs@afsbendigo.com.au
(03) 5443 0344

Independent auditor's review report to the Directors of North Central Financial Services Limited

Report on the half-year financial report

Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of North Central Financial Services Limited (the company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying half-year financial report of North Central Financial Services Limited does not present fairly, in all material respects, the company's financial position at 31 December 2023, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and Accounting Standard AASB 134: *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410: *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*. Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Responsibility of the directors for the financial report

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

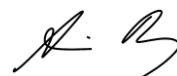
Auditor's responsibility for the review of the financial report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the half-year financial report does not present fairly, in all material respects in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

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



Andrew Frewin Stewart
61 Bull Street, Bendigo VIC 3550
Dated: 8 March 2024



Adrian Downing
Lead Auditor