# Annual Report 2025

Parkdale/Mentone East Community Branch Limited

Community Bank Parkdale

ABN 20 089 783 166



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# Chairman's report

#### For year ending 30 June 2025



This year marked a significant milestone, as we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the opening of Community Bank Parkdale on 28 November 1998 – one of the first metropolitan Community Banks to be set up under the Bendigo Bank brand.

It is with pleasure that I present the Annual Report of Parkdale/Mentone East Community Branch Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

This year marked a significant milestone, as we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the opening of Community Bank Parkdale on 28 November 1998 – one of the first metropolitan Community Banks to be set up under the Bendigo Bank brand

Over the past quarter of a century, our branch has developed a strong reputation, underpinned by our enduring local presence and deep connection to the communities we serve. I remain confident that our physical branch will continue to play a significant role in supporting the ethos and purpose of community banking well into the future.

#### Financial performance and dividend

The 2024/25 financial year has been another solid year for Community Bank Parkdale. Although slightly lower than the previous year, our revenue remained strong, and we were able to generate a profit before community contributions and income tax expense of almost \$1.3 million. In view of our 25th anniversary, we increased our charitable spend through a number of one-off donations and special programs to aid capacity building amongst several local sporting clubs. This amount of \$410,554 and the tax expense, resulted in a profit for the year of \$662,357.

The book value of our loans, deposits and wealth products at the end of the financial year was \$340 million, made up of loans totalling \$105 million, deposits of \$215 million and wealth products of \$20 million. Loans increased by \$15 million on the previous year, but deposits remained static. Total net assets for the company are now \$3,854,643 which is a \$500,000 increase on 2023/24.

The Board is pleased to announce an increase in the dividend for 2024/25. Shareholders will receive 12.5 cents per share, fully franked, and this is scheduled for payment in early December.

#### **Community investment**

During the year, we invested \$580,779 (branch investment plus \$170,225 of funds held in the Community Enterprise Foundation) back into the local community through grants, sponsorships and donations. Seventy-seven organisations across sporting; health and wellbeing; community infrastructure; education and research; and arts, culture and heritage sectors, were supported. In addition, we continued our scholarship program which now supports six students' tertiary studies.

A list of the organisations supported during the year are detailed elsewhere in this report. Shareholders now also receive an electronic copy of our quarterly newsletters which I hope provides you with more regular updates on the impact that our financial support has on community activity.

# Chairman's report (continued)

#### **Our staff**

Our branch team has performed very we again this year under the leadership of Rob Tracey (till April 2025) and Kristy McCrae who stepped in to cover Rob's six-month secondment to Mornington Peninsula.

The Parkdale team excelled at the annual Bendigo Bayside Regional Awards, taking out four awards: Branch of the Year; Regional Manager of the Year (Rob Tracey), Operational Excellence Award; and Insurance Award. We are proud of the team's achievement and thankful for their hard work, dedication and exemplary service to our customers.

#### **Board of Directors**

I thank all our directors for their support during 2024-25. Through their contribution to strategic issues and the running of the company, we run a successful franchise that continues to make a significant impact in our local community. I also thank them for their attendance at an increasingly demanding number of events from a time perspective; they recognise the importance of these activities as generators of business for the company.

Due to increased work and family commitments, Stacey Maxwell resigned from the Board in November 2024. I thank her for her significant contribution as Company Secretary and wish her success in her future endeavours.

#### **Shareholders**

Thank you for your ongoing interest and support of the company, and the business that many of you transact at our Parkdale Community Branch. We trust that the dividends we have paid represent a good return for the investment you have made in the company.

Alan Campbell

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Chairman

# Manager's report

#### For year ending 30 June 2025



Retention of our existing client base will always be a focus going forward. We have put a lot of work into growing our book consistently over the last five years and we don't wish for these customers to leave us.

For the year ending 30 June 2025 Community Bank Parkdale saw strong growth in deposits and lending, with the following book figures:

- Deposits- \$231,897,899 (Increase of \$15,576,548)
- · Lending- \$105,842,830 (Increase of \$9,827,301)

The value of our total book now stands at \$341 million.

Community Bank Parkdale has shown great resilience over the last financial year managing to grow our lending book in a very difficult climate. With rates maintaining at a high level this has made the lending space very difficult. Customers are finding their borrowing power has declined and refinances have also become more difficult as customers may not have capacity to service their debts. With all this in mind, the fact we have managed to grow our lending book by over just under \$10 million is a great achievement.

Across the deposit space Community Bank Parkdale has increased its growth from the previous year growing by \$15 million. This is in what has been a market where rates have been declining which shows the staffs eagerness to support our customers.

This future year we are hoping for more growth in our deposit book and lending book. With the recent finalisation of the Victorian homebuyer fund which brought the branch a lot of growth, it will be hard to match previous years lending growth, but we will strive to continue to offer competitive rate with top service. This recent reduction of rates also makes the deposit market more competitive, but the branches focus will be on obtaining customers full transactional banking to make sure we are continuing to grow in this area.

Retention of our existing client base will always be a focus going forward. We have put a lot of work into growing our book consistently over the last five years and we don't wish for these customers to leave us. Retention through our regular contact of our customers as well as being available for their further needs is something that separates us from our competitors.

The key driver of our business is our ability to support the local community; we love supporting as many and varied groups in the local area and in turn ask for their continued support. We also ask our current customers as well as our shareholder to be strong advocates of the branch and direct anyone you know to support our community bank.

Robert Tracey Branch Manager

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# Bendigo and Adelaide Bank report

For year ending 30 June 2025

This year marks another significant chapter in our shared journey, one defined by **adaptation**, **collaboration**, **and remarkable achievements**. I'm immensely proud of our collective progress and the unwavering commitment demonstrated by our combined networks.

We began 2025 with a renewed focus on **model evolution**, a top priority that guided our decisions and initiatives throughout the year. This involved navigating the Franchising Code and broader regulatory changes to the **Franchise Agreement**. Thanks to the network's proactive engagement and cooperation, we successfully reviewed the agreement, and the necessary changes were implemented smoothly.

Beyond the operational successes, I want to highlight the **invaluable contributions** our Community Banks continue to make to their local communities. The dedication and commitment to supporting local initiatives remain a cornerstone of our combined success and a source of immense pride for Bendigo Bank.

In FY25, more than \$50 million was invested in local communities, adding to a total of and \$416 million since 1998. This funding enables community infrastructure development, strengthens the arts and culturally diverse communities, improving educational outcomes, and fosters healthy places for Australians to live and work.

On behalf of Bendigo Bank, thank you for being a shareholder in your local Community Bank. Your resilience, adaptability, and unwavering belief in our vision have been instrumental in our success. You are an integral part of the Bendigo Bank Community Banking family.

Your continued support is vital, and the results we've achieved together in 2025 underscore the continuing relevance and importance of the Community Bank model.

**Justine Minne** 

Head of Community Banking, Bendigo Bank

# Sponsorships 2024/25

# Celebrating

Community Bank · Parkdale



# Bendigo Bank i



\$580,779 contributed in 2024/25

During 2024/25 you have supported the following organisations within the community:

Acacia Avenue Preschool

Australian Volunteer (Coast Guard)

Baby Walk Org Inc

**Bayley House** 

Bayside Auxiliary Royal Flying Doctor Service Vic

Beachside GIFT

Beachside Sand Classic

Beaumaris Soccer Club

Black Dog Institute

Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea

Cheltenham Cricket Club

Cheltenham Football Netball Club

Cheltenham Junior Football Club

Cheltenham North Netball Club

ClubMap

Defib for Life

Elonera Preschool Assoc Ltd

Eisteddfod by the Bay

**Fusion Theatre** 

Heatherton Football **Netball Club** 

The Peter MacCullum Cancer Foundation

Kingston & District Netball Association

Kingston Council Sustainable Business **Awards** 

Kingston Hawthorn Cricket Club

Lachlan McLaren Foundation

Lions Club of Beaumaris

LiveSafe Education

Makeways Foundation Matt's Place Cheltenham

Men's Shed Mordialloc

Mentone Athletics

Mentone Bowling Club

Mentone Community Garden Club

Mentone Cricket Club

Mentone Little Athletics

Mentone Preschool

Mentone Track and Field

Monash Health

Mordialloc & District **Historical Society** 

Mordialloc Bowls Club

Mordialloc Braeside Junior Football Club

Mordialloc Brass Band

Mordialloc Ducks Baseball Club

Mordialloc Football **Netball Association** 

Mordialloc Jazz Orchestra

Mordialloc Life Saving Club

Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club

Mordialloc Sailing Club

Mordialloc Superules Football Club

Mordialloc Theatre Company

Mums supporting families in need

Parkdale Bowls & Social Club

Parkdale Church of Christ

Parkdale Cricket Club

Parkdale Pacers Basketball Club

Parkdale Pantry

Parkdale Preschool

Parkdale Primary School

Parkdale Traders **Association** 

Over

# \$5.1 million

returned to community and shareholders since 2005

Parkdale Vultures Football Netball Club

Parkdale Yacht Club

Parktone Primary School

Ride for Change

Ronald McDonald House

Rotary of Mordialloc Mentone

Scholarships (six)

South Oakleigh Wildlife Shelter

St Bede's College STEM program

St Bede's Mentone Tigers Football Club

St Brigid's Primary School

St Patrick's Primary School

Story Dogs

TeamSports4All

The Sport Excellence Scholarship Fund

Very Special Kids

Wlll's Walkers































# Directors' report

For the financial year ended 30 June 2025

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the company for the year ended 30 June 2025.

#### **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:

#### Alan Campbell

Title: Non-executive director

Experience and expertise: B.Com (UPE), MBA (UNE), Adv Diploma Export Practice (RMIT), Diploma Company

Directors (AICD). Forty years' experience in diplomatic service and senior management roles in international trade and industry development in the public and private sectors.

Special responsibilities: Chairman, Strategic Planning, Audit and Finance & Governance and Policy Committees.

#### James Ashley Cashion

Title: Non-executive director

Experience and expertise: Initial career in Banking, Industry and Corporate Taxation. Member of the ASCPA's for

38 years; Registered Tax Agent 32 Years. Principal of James A Cashion CPA accounting practice for 33 years. Former school councillor of Mentone Primary School. He holds a

Bachelor of Business and is a Certified Practising Accountant.

Special responsibilities: Treasurer, Member of the Audit and Finance & Strategic Planning Committees.

#### Stephen Thomas Budge

Title: Non-executive director

Experience and expertise: Bachelor Business and Certified Practicing Accountant (CPA). Over 40 years in

accounting and financial management.

Special responsibilities: Deputy Chairman, Sponsorship Committee, Finance Committee, Strategic Planning

Committee.

#### **Directors (continued)**

#### Michael Gerrard Supple

Title: Non-executive director

Experience and expertise: Throughout Michael's career and community interests he has generally been recognised

for his leadership roles, integrity, work ethic and the ability to build relationships to achieve effective outcomes in education, business and for the benefit of the community. He holds a Graduate Diploma in Education and Training and is also a qualified carpenter and joiner. He has taught both in the Technical School system and held the position as Trades Coordinator for Lend Lease Learning during the mid to late 1990's. Until he retired he was the Owner/Director of a small successful floor covering business. More recently as President of the Parkdale Bowls Club he has spent time building relationships with various groups within the area and by building relationships with the Kingston Council

has sought to improve the club facilities for use within the community.

Special responsibilities: Sponsorship Committee

#### Anna Worsnop

Title: Non-executive director

Experience and expertise: Marketing and administration experience in the travel industry and many years'

involvement in managing local sporting clubs, and in sponsorship management. An Ambassador for the Cancer Council of Victoria who has for 18 years hosted an annual

fund raising Biggest Morning Tea.

Special responsibilities: Sponsorship Committee

#### Tyson McGeoch

Title: Non-executive director

Experience and expertise: Bachelor of Business and Commerce (Majors Accounting and Banking & Finance) and

Chartered Accountant (CA). Over 16 years' experience in accounting, analyst, business operations and development. Tyson is an elected member of the Bendigo Bank

Community Bank National Council.

Special responsibilities: Finance Committee, Strategic Planning Committee.

#### Joanne Joy Batchelor

Title: Non-executive director

Experience and expertise: 31 years of banking experience, 24 with Bendigo Bank Parkdale, Founding staff member

in November 1999. Joanne lives locally and has been involved with local pre-school,

primary and secondary schools, football, cricket and tennis clubs in the past.

Special responsibilities: Sponsorship Committee

#### Stacey Kay Maxwell

Title: Non-executive director (Resigned 13 November 2024)

Earned a Bachelor Multimedia Business Marketing from Swinburne University & Experience and expertise:

> Certificate 4 in Business from Chisholm Institute. Currently employed at Southern Cross Primary School as the Business Manager. Completed Social Media Marketing training.

Special responsibilities: Company secretary.

#### **Company secretary**

There have been two company secretaries holding the position during the financial year:

- · Joanne Joy Batchelor was appointed company secretary on 13 November 2024.
- · Stacey Kay Maxwell was appointed company secretary on 11 January 2021 and ceased on 13 November 2024.

#### **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 \$662,357 (30 June 2024: \$988,660).

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.

	126,807	190,211
Fully franked special dividend of nil cents per share (2024: 5 cents)	-	63,404
Fully franked dividend of 10 cents per share (2024: 10 cents)	126,807	126,807
	2025 \$	2024 \$

#### Significant changes in the state of affairs

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

#### Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2025 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 and expected results of operations

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:

	Вс	oard		, Strategy Committee		sorship mittee
	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended
Alan Campbell	11	11	2	2	-	-
James Ashley Cashion	11	11	2	2	-	-
Stacey Kay Maxwell	4	4	-	-	-	-
Stephen Thomas Budge	11	10	-	-	11	10
Michael Gerrard Supple	11	9	-	-	11	8
Anna Worsnop	11	11	-	-	11	11
Tyson McGeoch	11	6	2	2	-	-
Joanne Joy Batchelor	11	11	-	-	5	10

#### **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 22 and note 23 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
Alan Campbell	-	-	-
James Ashley Cashion	5,000	-	5,000
Stacey Kay Maxwell	-	-	-
Stephen Thomas Budge	5,250	-	5,250
Michael Gerrard Supple	-	-	-
Anna Worsnop	-	-	-
Tyson McGeoch	9,000	-	9,000
Joanne Joy Batchelor	-	-	-

#### **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 2025 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 24 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

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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

Alan Campbell Chairman

9 September 2025

# Auditor's independence declaration



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

Adrian Downing

**Lead Auditor** 

Independent auditor's independence declaration under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* to the Directors of Parkdale/Mentone East Community Branch Ltd

As lead auditor for the audit of Parkdale/Mentone East Community Branch Limited for the year ended 30 June 2025, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- 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: 9 September 2025

# Financial statements

Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Revenue from contracts with customers	6	2,213,195	2,334,609
Other revenue	7	124,663	209,229
Finance revenue		52,545	20,908
Total revenue		2,390,403	2,564,746
Employee benefits expense	8	(811,848)	(782,931)
Advertising and marketing costs		(47,577)	(32,983)
Occupancy and associated costs		(68,199)	(34,989)
System costs		(24,323)	(19,938)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	8	(62,511)	(70,386)
General administration expenses		(101,391)	(95,430)
Total expenses before community contributions and income tax		(1,115,849)	(1,036,657)
Profit before community contributions and income tax expense		1,274,554	1,528,089
Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense	8	(410,554)	(273,918)
Profit before income tax expense		864,000	1,254,171
Income tax expense	9	(201,643)	(265,511)
Profit after income tax expense for the year		662,357	988,660
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		662,357	988,660
		Cents	Cents
Basic earnings per share	26	<b>Cents</b> 52.23	<b>Cents</b> 77.97

# Financial statements (continued)

## Statement of financial position As at 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	1,555,955	1,160,217
Trade and other receivables	11	191,543	208,800
Financial assets	12	639,774	581,566
Total current assets		2,387,272	1,950,583
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	13	1,726,904	1,771,867
Intangible assets	14	5,398	18,353
Deferred tax assets	9	28,415	22,933
Total non-current assets		1,760,717	1,813,153
Total assets		4,147,989	3,763,736
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	15	92,528	132,680
Current tax liabilities	9	100,539	233,696
Employee benefits	16	77,527	55,188
Total current liabilities		270,594	421,564
Non-current liabilities			
Employee benefits	16	22,752	23,079
Total non-current liabilities		22,752	23,079
Total liabilities		293,346	444,643
Net assets		3,854,643	3,319,093
Equity			
Issued capital	17	996,950	996,950
Retained earnings		2,857,693	2,322,143
Total equity		3,854,643	3,319,093

# Financial statements (continued)

## Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	Issued capital \$	Retained earnings \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2023		996,950	1,523,694	2,520,644
Profit after income tax expense		-	988,660	988,660
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	988,660	988,660
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:				
Dividends provided for or paid	19	-	(190,211)	(190,211)
Balance at 30 June 2024		996,950	2,322,143	3,319,093
Balance at 1 July 2024		996,950	2,322,143	3,319,093
Profit after income tax expense		-	662,357	662,357
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	662,357	662,357
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:				
Dividends provided for or paid	19	-	(126,807)	(126,807)
Balance at 30 June 2025		996,950	2,857,693	3,854,643

# Financial statements (continued)

## Statement of cash flows For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 \$	202 <b>4</b> \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)		2,489,232	2,784,731
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(1,687,940)	(2,103,026)
Dividends received		31,887	31,381
Interest received		47,967	15,672
Income taxes paid		(340,282)	(231,108)
Net cash provided by operating activities	25	540,864	497,650
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(4,593)	(10,431)
Payments for intangibles		(13,726)	(13,726)
Net cash used in investing activities		(18,319)	(24,157)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Dividends paid	19	(126,807)	(190,211)
Net cash used in financing activities		(126,807)	(190,211)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		395,738	283,282
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		1,160,217	876,935
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	10	1,555,955	1,160,217

# Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2025

#### Note 1. Reporting entity

The financial statements cover Parkdale/Mentone East Community Branch Ltd (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 228 Como Parade West, Parkdale VIC 3195.

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 9 September 2025. 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.

#### Changes in accounting policies, standards and interpretations

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 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 2025. The company has not yet assessed the impact of these new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations.

#### **Current and non-current classification**

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

#### Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets not measured at amortised cost or at fair value through other comprehensive income are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Typically, such financial assets will be either: (i) held for trading, where they are acquired for the purpose of selling in the short-term with an intention of making a profit, or a derivative; or (ii) designated as such upon initial recognition where permitted. Fair value movements are recognised in profit or loss.

#### 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.

#### Note 3. Material accounting policy information (continued)

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.

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.

Fair value measurement hierarchy

The company is required to classify all assets and liabilities, measured at fair value, using a three level hierarchy, based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement, being:

Level 1: inputs are based on the quoted market price at the close of business at the end of the reporting period

Level 2: inputs are based on a valuation performed by a third party qualified valuer using quoted prices for similar assets in an active market

Level 3: unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

Considerable judgement is required to determine what is significant to fair value and therefore which category the asset or liability is placed in can be subjective.

The fair value of assets and liabilities classified as level 3 is determined by the use of valuation models. These include discounted cash flow analysis or the use of observable inputs that require significant adjustments based on unobservable inputs.

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

#### Impairment of non-financial assets

The company assesses impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill and other indefinite life intangible 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.

#### Employee benefits provision

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

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

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

#### Note 5. Economic dependency

The company has entered into a franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank that governs the management of the Community Bank. The company is economically dependent on the ongoing receipt of income under the franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank. The directors have no reason to believe a new franchise arrangement under mutually acceptable terms will not be forthcoming following expiry in November 2025.

As a result, there is material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. Notwithstanding this uncertainty, the financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis, as the directors have a reasonable expectation that a new agreement will be entered into on mutually acceptable terms and conditions before the expiration of the current franchise agreement.

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

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

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

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

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

the design, layout and fit out of the Community Bank premises

#### Note 5. Economic dependency (continued)

- 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

	2,213,195	2,334,609
Commission income	77,782	60,399
Fee income	71,623	78,484
Margin income	2,063,790	2,195,726
	2025 \$	2024 \$

#### 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.

#### Margin income

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

Interest paid by customers on loans less interest paid to customers on deposits plus:

any deposit returns i.e. interest return applied by Bendigo Bank for a deposit minus:

any costs of funds i.e. interest applied by Bendigo Bank to fund a loan.

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

#### Note 6. Revenue from contracts with customers (continued)

#### 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. Other revenue

Other revenue	124,663	209,229
Rental income	34,568	31,064
Dividend and distribution income	31,887	31,381
Net fair value gain on financial assets	58,208	146,784
	2025 \$	2024 \$

#### Note 8. Expenses

#### **Employee benefits expense**

Other expenses	72,368	82,237
Expenses related to long service leave	21,004	4,150
Superannuation contributions	74,932	68,637
Wages and salaries	643,544	627,907
	2025 \$	2024 \$

#### Leases recognition exemption

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Expenses relating to low-value leases	6,724	5,313

#### Note 8. Expenses (continued)

The company has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for leases of low-value assets. The company recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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

#### Depreciation and amortisation expense

	2025 \$	202 <b>4</b> \$
Depreciation of non-current assets		
Buildings	22,983	25,898
Improvements	20,127	22,615
Plant and equipment	5,481	7,901
Furniture and fittings	965	1,015
	49,556	57,429
Amortisation of intangible assets		
Franchise fee	2,159	2,160
Franchise renewal process fee	10,796	10,797
	12,955	12,957
	62,511	70,386

#### Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Direct donation, sponsorship and grant payments	410,554	273,918

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

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Income tax expense		
Current tax	220,791	292,145
Movement in deferred tax	(310)	(11,911)
Under/over adjustment	-	(1,274)
Recognition of deferred tax on investments	(5,172)	-
Net benefit of franking credits on dividends received	(13,666)	(13,449)
Aggregate income tax expense	201,643	265,511
Prima facie income tax reconciliation		
Profit before income tax expense	864,000	1,254,171
Tax at the statutory tax rate of 25%	216,000	313,543

#### Note 9. Income tax (continued)

	2025 \$	202 <i>4</i> \$
Tax effect of:		
Non-deductible expenses	1,064	25
Other assessable income	3,417	3,362
Net benefit of franking credits on distributions received	(13,666)	(13,449)
Deferred tax on fair value increments not recognised	-	(36,696)
Recognition on deferred tax on financial assets	(5,172)	-
	201,643	266,785
Under/over adjustment	-	(1,274)
Income tax expense	201,643	265,511
	2025 \$	2024 \$
Deferred tax assets/(liabilities)		
Property, plant and equipment	14,003	3,625
Employee benefits	25,071	19,567
Accrued expenses	1,175	1,050
Income accruals	(2,454)	(1,309)
Financial assets	(9,380)	-
Deferred tax asset	28,415	22,933
	2025 \$	202 <i>4</i> \$
Provision for income tax	100,539	233,696

#### 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

	1,555,955	1,160,217
Term deposits	935,630	501,746
Cash at bank and on hand	620,325	658,471
	2025 \$	202 <b>4</b> \$

#### Note 11. Trade and other receivables

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Trade receivables	174,890	195,816
Accrued income	9,814	5,236
Prepayments	6,839	7,748
	16,653	12,984
	191,543	208,800

#### 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. Financial assets

	2025 \$	202 <i>4</i> \$
Equity securities - designated at fair value through profit or loss	639,774	581,566
Reconciliation		
Reconciliation of the fair values at the beginning and end of the current and previous financial year are set out below:		
Opening fair value	581,566	434,783
Revaluation increments	58,208	146,783
Closing fair value	639,774	581,566

The company classifies financial assets as a current asset when it expects to realise the asset, or intends to sell or consume it, no more than 12 months after the reporting period. All other financial assets are classified as non-current.

Equity securities - designated at fair value through profit or loss

The company holds shares in an ASX listed company.

Accounting policy for financial assets

Refer to note 20 'Financial risk management'.

Note 13. Property, plant and equipment

	2025 \$	202 <b>4</b> \$
Land - at cost	356,307	356,307
Buildings - at cost	1,325,191	1,325,191
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(48,881)	(25,898)
	1,276,310	1,299,293
Improvements - at cost	238,271	238,271
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(172,092)	(151,965)
	66,179	86,306
Plant and equipment - at cost	110,394	105,800
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(86,752)	(81,270)
	23,642	24,530
Furniture and fittings - at cost	19,744	19,744
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(15,278)	(14,313)
	4,466	5,431
	1,726,904	1,771,867

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 \$	Furniture and fittings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2023	356,307	1,325,191	108,921	22,000	6,446	1,818,865
Additions	-	-	-	10,431	-	10,431
Depreciation	-	(25,898)	(22,615)	(7,901)	(1,015)	(57,429)
Balance at 30 June 2024	356,307	1,299,293	86,306	24,530	5,431	1,771,867
Additions	-	-	-	4,593	-	4,593
Depreciation	-	(22,983)	(20,127)	(5,481)	(965)	(49,556)
Balance at 30 June 2025	356,307	1,276,310	66,179	23,642	4,466	1,726,904

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

Improvements4 to 25 yearsPlant and equipment1 to 10 yearsFurniture and fittings3 to 9 yearsBuildings1 to 40 years

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

Land is not depreciated.

Improvements are depreciated over the estimated useful life of the assets.

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. Intangible assets

	5,398	18,353
	4,498	15,294
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(105,967)	(95,171)
Franchise renewal fee	110,465	110,465
	900	3,059
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(21,193)	(19,034)
Franchise fee	22,093	22,093
	2025 \$	2024 \$

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 2023	5,219	26,091	31,310
Amortisation expense	(2,160)	(10,797)	(12,957)
Balance at 30 June 2024	3,059	15,294	18,353
Amortisation expense	(2,159)	(10,796)	(12,955)
Balance at 30 June 2025	900	4,498	5,398

#### 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)	November 2025
Franchise renewal fee	Straight-line	Over the franchise term (5 years)	November 2025

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

#### Change in estimates

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

#### Note 15. Trade and other payables

	2025 \$	202 <b>4</b> \$
Current liabilities		
Trade payables	63,167	91,440
Other payables and accruals	29,361	41,240
	92,528	132,680

#### Note 15. Trade and other payables (continued)

	55,057	84,558
less other payables and accruals (net GST payable to the ATO)	(37,471)	(48,122)
Total trade and other payables	92,528	132,680
Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as trade and other payables		
	2025 \$	2024 \$

#### Note 16. Employee benefits

Long service leave	22,752	23,079
Non-current liabilities		
	77,527	55,188
Long service leave	18,871	-
Annual leave	58,656	55,188
Current liabilities		
	2025 \$	2024 \$

#### Accounting policy for short-term employee benefits

Liabilities for annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Non-accumulating non-vesting sick leave is expensed when the leave is taken and is measured at the rates paid or payable.

#### Accounting policy for other long-term employee benefits

The liability for annual leave and long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on corporate bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

#### Note 17. Issued capital

	1,268,072	1,268,072	996,950	996,950
Bonus shares - fully paid (10:7)	271,122	271,122	-	-
Ordinary shares - fully paid	996,950	996,950	996,950	996,950
	2025 Shares	2024 Shares	2025 \$	202 <b>4</b> \$

Shareholders were issued 7 shares for every 10 shares held on 21 November 2013. Total bonus shares are 271,122.

#### 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.

#### Note 17. Issued capital (continued)

On a show of hands or a poll, each member attending the meeting (whether they are attending the meeting in person or by attorney, corporate representative or proxy) has one vote, regardless of the number of shares held. However, where a person attends a meeting in person and is entitled to vote in more than one capacity (for example, the person is a member and has also been appointed as proxy for another member) that person may only exercise one vote on a show of hands. On a poll, that person may exercise one vote as a member and one vote for each other member that person represents as duly appointed attorney, corporate representative or proxy.

The purpose of giving each member only one vote, regardless of the number of shares held, is to reflect the nature of the company as a community based company, by providing that all members of the community who have contributed to the establishment and ongoing operation of the Community Bank branch have the same ability to influence the operation of the company.

#### **Dividends**

Generally, dividends are payable to members in proportion to the amount of the share capital paid up on the shares held by them, subject to any special rights and restrictions for the time being attaching to shares. The franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank contains a limit on the level of profits or funds that may be distributed to shareholders. There is also a restriction on the payment of dividends to certain shareholders if they have a prohibited shareholding interest (see below).

#### Transfer

Generally, ordinary shares are freely transferable. However, the directors have a discretion to refuse to register a transfer of shares.

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

#### Prohibited shareholding interest

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

In summary, a person has a prohibited shareholding interest if they control or own 10% or more of the shares in the company (the "10% limit").

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 monitor the return on capital and the level of distributions to shareholders. Capital is represented by total equity as recorded in the statement of financial position.

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

The distribution limit is the greater of:

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

#### Note 18. Capital management (continued)

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.

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Fully franked dividend of 10 cents per share (2024: 10 cents)	126,807	126,807
Fully franked special dividend of nil cents per share (2024: 5 cents)	-	63,404
	126,807	190,211

#### Franking credits

	2025 \$	202 <i>4</i> \$
Franking account balance at the beginning of the financial year	616,817	435,664
Franking credits (debits) arising from income taxes paid (refunded)	340,282	231,108
Franking debits from the payment of franked distributions	(42,268)	(63,404)
Franking credits from franked distributions received	13,666	13,449
	928,497	616,817
Franking transactions that will arise subsequent to the financial year end:		
Balance at the end of the financial year	928,497	616,817
Franking credits (debits) that will arise from payment (refund) of income tax	100,539	233,696
Franking credits available for future reporting periods	1,029,036	850,513

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

#### Accounting policy for dividends

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

#### Note 20. Financial risk management

The company's financial instruments include trade receivables and payables, cash and cash equivalents, investments and lease liabilities. 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.

#### Note 20. Financial risk management (continued)

- 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.

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

	2025 \$	202 <b>4</b> \$
Financial assets		
Trade and other receivables (note 11)	184,704	201,052
Cash and cash equivalents (note 10)	1,555,955	1,160,217
Financial assets (note 12)	639,774	581,566
	2,380,433	1,942,835
Financial liabilities		
Trade and other payables (note 15)	55,057	84,558

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 into the following categories:

- Amortised cost
- · Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)

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.

The company's financial assets measured at FVTPL comprise investments in listed entities over which the company does not have significant influence nor control.

#### 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.

Interest-bearing assets and liabilities are held with Bendigo Bank and earnings on those are subject to movements in market interest rates. Interest-rate risk could also arise from long-term borrowings. Borrowings issued at variable rates expose the company to cash flow interest-rate risk. The company held cash and cash equivalents of \$1,555,955 at 30 June 2025 (2024: \$1.160.217).

#### Note 20. Financial risk management (continued)

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

#### **Equity Price risk**

All of the company's listed equity investments are listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX). Changes in equity securities value is recognised through profit or loss.

#### 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.

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

	1 year or less \$	Between 1 and 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	Remaining contractual maturities \$
2025				
Trade and other payables	55,057	-	-	55,057
Total non-derivatives	55,057	-	-	55,057

	1 year or less \$	Between 1 and 5 years \$	Over 5 years	Remaining contractual maturities \$
2024				
Trade and other payables	84,558	-	-	84,558
Total non-derivatives	84,558	-	-	84,558

#### Note 21. Fair value measurement

#### Fair value hierarchy

The following tables detail the company's assets and liabilities, measured or disclosed at fair value, using a three level hierarchy, based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement, being:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly

Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability

	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
2025				
Assets				
Equity securities	639,774	-	-	639,774
Total assets	639,774	-	-	639,774

#### Note 21. Fair value measurement (continued)

	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
2024				
Assets				
Equity securities	581,566	-	-	581,566
Total assets	581,566	-	-	581,566

There were no transfers between levels during the financial year.

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value are classified into three levels, using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. Classifications are reviewed at each reporting date and transfers between levels are determined based on a reassessment of the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

For recurring and non-recurring fair value measurements, external valuers may be used when internal expertise is either not available or when the valuation is deemed to be significant. External valuers are selected based on market knowledge and reputation. Where there is a significant change in fair value of an asset or liability from one period to another, an analysis is undertaken, which includes a verification of the major inputs applied in the latest valuation and a comparison, where applicable, with external sources of data.

#### Note 22. Key management personnel disclosures

The following persons were directors of Parkdale/Mentone East Community Branch Ltd during the financial year and/or up to the date of signing of these Financial Statements.

Alan Campbell Anna Worsnop

James Ashley Cashion Tyson McGeoch

Michael Gerrard Supple Joanne Joy Batchelor

Stephen Thomas Budge Stacey Kay Maxwell

Key management personnel compensation comprised the following.

	2025 \$	202 <i>4</i> \$
Short-term employee benefits	38,000	41,640

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

#### Note 23. Related party transactions

Key management personnel

Disclosures relating to key management personnel are set out in note 22.

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.

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.

#### Note 23. Related party transactions (continued)

Transactions with related parties

The following transactions occurred with related parties:

	2025 \$	202 <b>4</b> \$
Sponsorship provided to a local sporting club that a director is on the board of.	-	15,000
Sponsorships provided to community organisations where a director holds an association.	46,077	-
Services provided by a contractor related to a director of the organisation.	34,060	-

#### Note 24. 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:

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Audit services		
Audit or review of the financial statements	7,400	6,640
Other services		
Taxation advice and tax compliance services	290	700
General advisory services	3,495	2,970
	3,785	3,670
	11,185	10,310

#### Note 25. Reconciliation of profit after income tax to net cash provided by operating activities

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Profit after income tax expense for the year	662,357	988,660
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	62,511	70,386
Increase in fair value of equity instruments designated at FVTPL	(58,207)	(146,784)
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease in trade and other receivables	17,257	32,036
Increase in deferred tax assets	(5,482)	(11,911)
Decrease in trade and other payables	(26,427)	(487,407)
Increase/(decrease) in provision for income tax	(133,157)	46,314
Increase in employee benefits	22,012	6,356
Net cash provided by operating activities	540,864	497,650

#### Note 26. Earnings per share

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Profit after income tax	662,357	988,660
	Number	Number
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings		
per share	1,268,072	1,268,072
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted		
earnings per share	1,268,072	1,268,072
	Cents	Cents
	Cents	
Basic earnings per share	52.23	77.97
Diluted earnings per share	52.23	77.97

#### Accounting policy for earnings per share

Basic and diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to the owners of Parkdale/Mentone East Community Branch Ltd, by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year.

#### Note 27. Commitments

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

#### Note 28. Contingencies

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

#### Note 29. Events after the reporting period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2025 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

# Directors' declaration

For the year ended 30 June 2025

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 2025 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

Alan Campbell Chairman

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9 September 2025

# Independent audit report



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# Independent auditor's report to the Directors of Parkdale/Mentone East Community Branch Ltd

#### Report on the audit of the financial report

#### Our opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Parkdale/Mentone East Community Branch Ltd, is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

#### What we have audited

We have audited the financial report of Parkdale/Mentone East Community Branch Ltd (the company), which comprises the:

- Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025
- Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
- Statement of changes in equity
- Statement of cash flows
- 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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

We draw attention to note 5 in the financial report, which indicates that the company is economically dependent on its franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank, which is set to expire within 12 months from the date of this report. As stated in note 5, while the directors have a reasonable expectation that a new franchise agreement will be entered into on mutually acceptable terms and conditions, no formal agreement or letter of support has been obtained as at the date of this report.

These events or conditions indicate the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. Our conclusion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the company's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2025 but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we will 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 in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Independence

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.

#### Responsibilities of the directors for the financial report

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

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

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <a href="http://www.auasb.gov.au/home.aspx">http://www.auasb.gov.au/home.aspx</a>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Andrew Frewin Stewart** 

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Dated: 9 September 2025

Lead Auditor

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