



annual report 2025

Somerset Region
Community Enterprises Limited
ABN 33 138 179 450

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Vision Statement

Partnering strong prosperous communities

Mission Statement

***Delivering quality banking services to the mutual
benefit of clients and communities
in the Somerset Region***

Chairman's report

As Chairman of Somerset Region Community Enterprises Limited, I am pleased to announce that once again our Community Bank Lowood – Fernvale has achieved an excellent result.

The reflection of that growth is in the holdings of \$178,327,000 as of June 30, up from \$152,543,000 in 2024 and \$148,561,00 in 2023.

We had been able to provide our shareholders, for 2024, another great dividend of 12% with expectations of a similar dividend for the 2025 year. With interest rate uncertainty we don't see much upwards motion in the new year, however as always, the company has maintained a strong commitment to reinvesting in our communities through a range of sponsorships and grants now totalling \$1,260,104.19 over the life of the company. This year we started a new initiative with our smarty grants program, an online application system that streamlines the way we give back to the community.

We continue to power on with the re-signing of our lease for our premises in Walters Street, Lowood and have renewed our Franchise Agreement with Bendigo Bank. We understand that the banking sector is ever-changing due to governance and customer expectation on services. However, we are up for these challenges and will continue to adapt to the ever changing needs of the business.

Our newest Director, Russel Ogilvie was appointed in June 2025, Russel's experience in the education sector and bookkeeping will be very valuable to the future of the board. In July 2025 we appointed Susan Pitkin as a director. Susan brings time management skills, an attention to detail and a wealth of local knowledge and personal connection to our community.

Sharyn Voss has chosen not to stand for re-election this year, after 10 years on the board. Sharyn has served as company treasurer for the whole time of her appointment. We wish to thank her for her time and dedication to her role. Sharyn has been a great wealth of knowledge and our board and staff wish her all the best for her future.

Our thanks to the rest of the board, for volunteering your time and talent, to Mark Leahy Vice-Chair, Anne Utz Company Secretary, Laurisa Wendt Minute Secretary, Chrisann Lee Assistant Treasurer, Brett Freese Marketing Chair, Sarah Moulds Marketing Support and Malcom Sippel Director.

In conclusion, I would also like to extend my thanks and appreciation to both our shareholders and our loyal customers, for their commitment and support throughout the past year.

Regards



Aaron Heck

Chairman



Manager's report

Manager's Report

For the year ending 30 June 2025

In financial year 2023-2024, I stated, 'every year is an adventure'. Well 2024-2025 financial year proved everyday was an adventure for the Community Bank Lowood-Fernvale!

After a successful year in 2024, we started strong in 2025 and grew our footings by having the confidence of our customers.

With the total branch related footing position at the start of the year at \$142,212,867, our holdings grew by \$29,015,222 ending the year with a total balance of \$171,228,089 in all our product groups. Making a successful year in growth for the business.

Our Community Bank team make all of this possible, they live and breathe the community bank mentality and ensure our customers are supported in their banking journey. Thank you to Sue Kendrick (Customer Relationship Manager), Leonie Sippel (Customer Relationship Officer), Heidi Pomery (Customer Service Officer), Verena Walker (Customer Service Officer), Kealy Smith (Customer Service Officer) and welcoming Cheryl Spence and Ashley Jong as Customer Service Casuals.

Our corporate partner Bendigo Bank provides products and services, team support and the framework to which we base our systems on. They continue to support our team and customers, and we are grateful for that support.

The team of directors and chairman Aaron Heck are an integral part of our success. Running the branch with a community focus that aligns with good business decisions. Without our volunteer board of directors, we would not be able to provide the community and our customers such amazing support.

Lastly, we would not be able to tell the community bank story if it wasn't for our shareholders. They believed in the need for an ongoing banking service in the Somerset and had the wisdom to invest in, what is now, the last financial institution in our amazing community.

Caroline Bradley



Branch Manager

Community Bank Lowood-Fernvale



Bendigo Bank message

Community Bank Report 2025

BEN Message

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

Directors' report

Somerset Region Community Enterprises Limited Directors' report 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:

Name: Aaron Leigh Heck
Title: Chairman
Experience and expertise: Aaron previously worked in management for Colorado Group from 1990-2005. He ran and managed a motel from 2005-2010 and has been managing a footwear retail store since 2013. Aaron is involved with the Lutheran church and running their local senior units (Trinity Haven Units).
Special responsibilities: Budget Committee, Marketing Committee.

Name: Anne Louise Utz
Title: Secretary
Experience and expertise: Anne was a practising accountant for 30 years until selling the practice and retiring on 30 June 2020. She holds a Bachelor of Business (tertiary qualification). Anne is currently a partner on a family grazing property. She has been inaugural Treasurer and Tuckshop Convenor at Faith Lutheran College, Plainland P&C Association and is a past member of the Coominya Historical Society.
Special responsibilities: Secretary.

Name: Sharyn Marree Voss
Title: Treasurer
Experience and expertise: Sharyn has been employed by Bundaleer Lodge Nursing Home since 1981 and now serves as a personal assistant to the Director of the nursing home. She has a Diploma in Management, Business & Administration and also serves as a Commissioner of Declarations. She is Secretary/Treasurer of the South East Queensland Illawarra Cattle Club and serves on the Queensland Dairy Showcase Committee. Sharyn and her husband own and operate a cattle transport business from their dairy farm at Glamorgan Vale since 1986.
Special responsibilities: Treasurer, Marketing Committee.

Name: Brett Wayne Freese
Title: Marketing Chairman
Experience and expertise: Brett has considerable experience in the communications industry. He has an Associate Diploma in mathematics and computing. He is extensively involved in local community work as a Director of the Glamorgan Vale Water Board, Treasurer of the Glamorgan Vale Tennis Club and vice president the Glamorgan Vale Community Hall Association. He owns a small crop and cattle property at Glamorgan Vale. Current occupation is Farm Supervisor at the Tick Fever Centre for Bio-Security Queensland. Brett was also elected as a Councillor for Somerset Regional Council in March 2024.
Special responsibilities: Marketing & Sponsorship Committee Chair, Business Development Committee Chair.

Name: Mark Edward Leahy
Title: Vice-Chairman
Experience and expertise: Mark has a Bachelor of Engineering (agric), Grad Cert. Precision Agriculture and Cert. IV Assessing and Training. Mark has worked for Agdata Australia since 1984 and currently designs and develops financial and production computer record keeping software for farming businesses and provides support and training to clients using the software. Member and elected executive of Lowood & District Junior Rugby League Club from 2004-2014 and Brisbane Miniature Enthusiasts Association from 1998 - 2010.
Special responsibilities: Marketing Committee.

Directors' report (continued)

Somerset Region Community Enterprises Limited **Directors' report** **30 June 2025**

Name:	Malcom John Sippel
Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Malcolm is a licenced plumber, drainer and gas fitter and owns his own plumbing business. He has served as President and a committee member of the Lowood Golf Club and as a committee member of the Lowood Show Society.
Special responsibilities:	Marketing Committee.
Name:	Laurisa Anne Wendt
Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Laurisa has worked as a bookkeeper in law firms, a veterinary surgery and a newsagency. She has also worked in administration to help run a successful small business, whilst being a stay at home mum. She has served as treasurer on the Lowood and District Community Kindergarten Association. Laurisa currently runs cattle grazing properties, together with her husband and 3 boys.
Special responsibilities:	Minute secretary.
Name:	Chrisann Ting Ling Lee
Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Chrisann has spent nearly 20 years in the higher education sector, including 15 years as lecturer at the QUT Business School. After undertaking a year of yoga teaching training in 2022, she now runs her own yoga and wellness business.
Special responsibilities:	Assistant Treasurer.
Name:	Sarah Moulds
Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Sarah has Bachelor of Business in Marketing & Business Administration from USQ, plus also studied a Bachelor of Arts in History & Anthropology. Sarah has worked within the shopping centre management industry for the past 18 years, specialising in marketing & promotions. Having worked on large assets such as Orion Town Centre and a number of medium centres with national property owners, Sarah is currently employed by Knight Frank as marketing manager for 20 small to medium sized shopping centres from the Whitsundays to Northern Gold Coast. Sarah has a strong level of knowledge within the design & digital marketing space and has rendered free assistance to community groups and business association to increase their awareness within the local area and their potential market. Sarah has also set up and ongoing digital promotional advice to Fernvale Artists.
Special responsibilities:	Design & Marketing.
Name:	Russel John Donaldson Ogilvie
Title:	Non-executive director (appointed 25 June 2025)
Experience and expertise:	Russel currently works as a Bookkeeper in Lowood, having recently completed a Cert IV in Bookkeeping and Accounting. This has come after a career change from a 31 year career as a Mathematics teacher in 5 countries. Russel has a BSc and DipEd from the University of Tasmania and an MA in Pure and Applied Maths from Sydney University. Currently I am studying a Diploma of Accounting.
Special responsibilities:	Nil.
Name:	Jean Bray
Title:	Non-executive director (resigned 26 November 2024)
Experience and expertise:	Former company secretary. Jean worked as a Community Partnership Manager with SEQ Catchments Ltd prior to her retirement. She serves in a volunteer capacity as Director/Treasurer of Folk Art Cooperative Society Ltd. and is a member of West Moreton Landcare Group Inc.
Special responsibilities:	Marketing Committee, Governance Committee.
Name:	Susan Pitkin
Title:	Non-executive director (appointed 1 July 2025)

Directors' report (continued)

Somerset Region Community Enterprises Limited **Directors' report** **30 June 2025**

Company secretary

The company secretary is Anne Louise Utz. Anne was appointed to the position of secretary on 24 April 2023.

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 \$159,490 (30 June 2024: \$270,148).

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.

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Fully franked dividend of 12 cents per share (2024: 12 cents)	<u>72,889</u>	<u>72,889</u>

Significant changes in the state of affairs

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

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

On 9 October 2025, the board announced a dividend of 15 cents per share, totalling \$91,111. This dividend was not recognised as a liability at 30 June 2025, as it was declared after the reporting period. The dividend is to be paid on 6 November 2025.

On 1 July 2025, Sue Pitkin was appointed as a non-executive director of the company.

No other 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

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:

Directors' report (continued)

Somerset Region Community Enterprises Limited Directors' report 30 June 2025

	Board Eligible	Board Attended	Business Eligible	Business Planning Attended	Marketing Eligible	Marketing Committee Attended
Aaron Leigh Heck	11	11	1	1	4	2
Anne Louise Utz	11	11	1	1	4	3
Sharyn Marree Voss	11	10	1	1	4	3
Brett Wayne Freese	11	8	1	1	4	4
Mark Edward Leahy	11	10	1	1	4	3
Malcom John Sippel	11	9	1	1	4	3
Laurisa Anne Wendt	11	10	1	1	4	3
Chrisann Ting Ling Lee	11	7	1	-	4	3
Sarah Moulds	11	10	1	1	4	3
Russel John Donaldson Ogilvie	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jean Bray	4	3	-	-	2	2

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 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
Aaron Leigh Heck	833	-	833
Anne Louise Utz	10,000	-	10,000
Sharyn Marree Voss	5,000	750	5,750
Brett Wayne Freese	1	-	1
Mark Edward Leahy	1,000	-	1,000
Malcom John Sippel	10,000	-	10,000
Laurisa Anne Wendt	1,500	-	1,500
Chrisann Ting Ling Lee	3,000	-	3,000
Sarah Moulds	-	-	-
Russel John Donaldson Ogilvie	-	-	-
Jean Bray	7,501	-	7,501

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.

Directors' report (continued)

Somerset Region Community Enterprises Limited

Directors' report

30 June 2025

Proceedings on behalf of the company

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

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

Indemnity and insurance of auditor

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

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

Non-audit services

The company may decide to employ the auditor on assignments additional to their statutory duties where the auditor's expertise and experience with the company are important. Details of the amounts paid or payable to the auditor (Andrew Frewin Stewart) for audit and non-audit services provided during the year are set out in note 23 to the accounts.

The board has considered the non-audit services provided during the year by the auditor and is satisfied that the provision of the non-audit services is compatible with, and did not compromise, the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* for the following reasons:

- all non-audit services have been reviewed by the board to ensure they do not impact on the impartiality, integrity and objectivity of the auditor
- the non-audit services provided do not undermine the general principles relating to auditor independence as set out in *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*, as they did not involve reviewing or auditing the auditor's own work, acting in a management or decision making capacity for the company, acting as an advocate for the company or jointly sharing risks and rewards.

Auditor's independence declaration

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

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors, pursuant to section 298(2)(a) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

On behalf of the directors



Aaron Leigh Heck
Chair

10 October 2025

Auditor's independence declaration



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Independent auditor's independence declaration under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* to the Directors of Somerset Region Community Enterprises Limited

As lead auditor for the audit of Somerset Region Community Enterprises Limited for the year ended 30 June 2025, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

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

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

Andrew Frewin Stewart
61 Bull Street, Bendigo, Vic, 3550
Dated: 10 October 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jessica Ritchie'.

Jessica Ritchie
Lead Auditor

Financial statements

Somerset Region Community Enterprises Limited 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	1,301,644	1,238,217
Finance revenue		38,476	8,263
Total revenue		<u>1,340,120</u>	<u>1,246,480</u>
Employee benefits expense	7	(559,304)	(492,831)
Advertising and marketing costs		(12,173)	(10,545)
Occupancy and associated costs		(28,561)	(26,565)
System costs		(18,426)	(23,567)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	7	(66,472)	(61,110)
Finance costs		(12,837)	(6,076)
General administration expenses		(96,738)	(83,407)
Total expenses before community contributions and income tax expense		<u>(794,511)</u>	<u>(704,101)</u>
Profit before community contributions and income tax expense		545,609	542,379
Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense	7	<u>(331,338)</u>	<u>(183,399)</u>
Profit before income tax expense		214,271	358,980
Income tax expense	8	<u>(54,781)</u>	<u>(88,832)</u>
Profit after income tax expense for the year		159,490	270,148
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>159,490</u>	<u>270,148</u>
		Cents	Cents
Basic earnings per share	25	26.26	44.48
Diluted earnings per share	25	26.26	44.48

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

Financial statements (continued)

Somerset Region Community Enterprises Limited Statement of financial position As at 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	67,922	87,656
Trade and other receivables	10	110,383	100,383
Investments	11	577,485	605,551
Current tax assets	8	11,531	-
Total current assets		<u>767,321</u>	<u>793,590</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	12	167,081	180,060
Right-of-use assets	13	474,162	66,954
Intangible assets	14	67,543	9,665
Deferred tax assets	8	1,178	2,464
Total non-current assets		<u>709,964</u>	<u>259,143</u>
Total assets		<u>1,477,285</u>	<u>1,052,733</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	15	28,090	29,647
Lease liabilities	16	49,951	35,926
Current tax liabilities	8	-	67,489
Employee benefits		41,989	43,852
Total current liabilities		<u>120,030</u>	<u>176,914</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	16	446,008	40,275
Employee benefits		13,956	10,631
Provisions		7,986	22,209
Total non-current liabilities		<u>467,950</u>	<u>73,115</u>
Total liabilities		<u>587,980</u>	<u>250,029</u>
Net assets		<u>889,305</u>	<u>802,704</u>
Equity			
Issued capital	17	585,786	585,786
Retained earnings		<u>303,519</u>	<u>216,918</u>
Total equity		<u>889,305</u>	<u>802,704</u>

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

Financial statements (continued)

Somerset Region Community Enterprises Limited Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	Issued capital \$	Retained earnings \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2023		585,786	19,659	605,445
Profit after income tax expense		-	270,148	270,148
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	270,148	270,148
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i>				
Dividends provided for or paid	19	-	(72,889)	(72,889)
Balance at 30 June 2024		<u>585,786</u>	<u>216,918</u>	<u>802,704</u>
Balance at 1 July 2024		585,786	216,918	802,704
Profit after income tax expense		-	159,490	159,490
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	159,490	159,490
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i>				
Dividends provided for or paid	19	-	(72,889)	(72,889)
Balance at 30 June 2025		<u>585,786</u>	<u>303,519</u>	<u>889,305</u>

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

Financial statements (continued)

Somerset Region Community Enterprises Limited Statement of cash flows For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)		1,434,465	1,377,795
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(1,179,657)	(947,314)
Interest received		28,617	8,263
Interest and other finance costs paid		(325)	-
Income taxes paid		(132,515)	(64,359)
Net cash provided by operating activities	24	150,585	374,385
Cash flows from investing activities			
Redemption of/(investment in) term deposits		28,066	(210,807)
Payments for property, plant and equipment	12	(6,360)	(107,701)
Payments for intangibles		(70,946)	-
Net cash used in investing activities		(49,240)	(318,508)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Interest and other finance costs paid		(11,518)	(5,058)
Dividends paid	19	(72,889)	(72,889)
Repayment of lease liabilities		(36,672)	(40,647)
Net cash used in financing activities		(121,079)	(118,594)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(19,734)	(62,717)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		87,656	150,373
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	9	67,922	87,656

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

Notes to the financial statements

Somerset Region Community Enterprises Limited **Notes to the financial statements** **30 June 2025**

Note 1. Reporting entity

The financial statements cover Somerset Region Community Enterprises Limited (the company) as an individual entity, which is a for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The company is an unlisted public company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is Shop 15/6 Walter Street, Lowood QLD 4311.

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 10 October 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.

Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

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

Accounting standards issued but not yet effective

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have 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.

Impairment of financial assets

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

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

Notes to the financial statements

Somerset Region Community Enterprises Limited **Notes to the financial statements** **30 June 2025**

Note 3. Material accounting policy information (continued)

Impairment of non-financial assets

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

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

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

Note 4. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

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

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

Judgements

Timing of revenue recognition associated with trail commission

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

Allowance for expected credit losses on trade and other receivables

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

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

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

Impairment of non-financial assets

The company assesses impairment of non-financial assets 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.

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

Lease term

The lease term is a significant component in the measurement of both the right-of-use asset and lease liability. Judgement is exercised in determining whether there is reasonable certainty that an option to extend the lease will be exercised, or an option to terminate the lease will not be exercised, when ascertaining the periods to be included in the lease term.

In determining the lease term, all facts and circumstances that create an economical incentive to exercise an extension option, or not to exercise a termination option, are considered at the lease commencement date. Factors considered may include the importance of the asset to the company's operations, comparison of terms and conditions to prevailing market rates, incurrence of significant penalties, existence of significant leasehold improvements and the costs and disruption to replace the asset. The company reassesses whether it is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option, if there is a significant event or significant change in circumstances.

The company includes extension options applicable to the lease of branch premises in its calculations of both the right-of-use asset and lease liability except where the company is reasonably certain it will not exercise the extension option. This is due to the significant disruption of relocating premises and the loss on disposal of leasehold improvements fitted out in the leased premises.

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.

Incremental borrowing rate

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

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 March 2030.

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.

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Note 5. Economic dependency (continued)

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

- the design, layout and fit out of the Community Bank premises
- training for the branch manager and other employees in banking, management systems and interface protocol
- methods and procedures for the sale of products and provision of services
- security and cash logistic controls
- calculation of company revenue and payment of many operating and administrative expenses
- the formulation and implementation of advertising and promotional programs
- sales techniques and proper customer relations
- providing payroll services.

Note 6. Revenue from contracts with customers

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Margin income	1,143,801	1,071,155
Fee income	86,090	91,259
Commission income	71,753	75,803
	<u>1,301,644</u>	<u>1,238,217</u>

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:

<u>Revenue stream</u>	<u>Includes</u>	<u>Performance obligation</u>	<u>Timing of recognition</u>
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.

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Note 6. Revenue from contracts with customers (continued)

Margin income

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

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

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

Commission income

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

Fee income

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

Core banking products

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

Ability to change financial return

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

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

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

Note 7. Expenses

Employee benefits expense

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Wages and salaries	466,163	411,934
Non-cash benefits	8,333	4,551
Superannuation contributions	55,228	46,637
Expenses related to long service leave	7,321	182
Other expenses	22,259	29,527
	<u>559,304</u>	<u>492,831</u>

Accounting policy for employee benefits

The company seconded employees from Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited. The total cost of these employees, including an allowance for accrued annual and long service leave, is charged to the company by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited by offsetting against the monthly profit share arrangement. The company recognises these costs as an expense on a monthly basis.

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Note 7. Expenses (continued)

Depreciation and amortisation expense

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<i>Depreciation of non-current assets</i>		
Leasehold improvements	16,252	12,096
Plant and equipment	3,087	2,357
	<u>19,339</u>	<u>14,453</u>
<i>Depreciation of right-of-use assets</i>		
Leased land and buildings	<u>34,065</u>	<u>33,589</u>
<i>Amortisation of intangible assets</i>		
Franchise fee	2,178	2,178
Franchise renewal fee	10,890	10,890
	<u>13,068</u>	<u>13,068</u>
	<u>66,472</u>	<u>61,110</u>

Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Direct donation, sponsorship and grant payments	30,285	25,504
Contribution to the Community Enterprise Foundation™	<u>301,053</u>	<u>157,895</u>
	<u>331,338</u>	<u>183,399</u>

The overarching philosophy of the Community Bank model, is to support the local community in which the company operates. This is achieved by circulating the flow of financial capital into the local economy through community contributions (such as donations, sponsorships and grants).

The funds contributed to and are held by the Community Enterprise Foundation™ (CEF) and are available for distribution as grants to eligible applicants for a specific purpose in consultation with the directors.

When the company pays a contribution in to the CEF, the company loses control over the funds at that point. While the directors are involved in the payment of grants, the funds are not refundable to the company.

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Note 8. Income tax

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<i>Income tax expense</i>		
Current tax	53,495	81,793
Movement in deferred tax	1,286	8,141
Under/over adjustment	-	(1,102)
Aggregate income tax expense	<u>54,781</u>	<u>88,832</u>
<i>Prima facie income tax reconciliation</i>		
Profit before income tax expense	<u>214,271</u>	<u>358,980</u>
Tax at the statutory tax rate of 25%	53,568	89,745
Tax effect of:		
Non-deductible expenses	<u>1,213</u>	<u>189</u>
Under/over adjustment	<u>54,781</u>	<u>89,934</u>
Income tax expense	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,102)</u>
	<u>54,781</u>	<u>88,832</u>
	2025 \$	2024 \$
<i>Deferred tax assets/(liabilities)</i>		
Property, plant and equipment	(18,909)	(21,465)
Employee benefits	13,986	13,621
Provision for lease make good	1,997	5,552
Accrued expenses	1,225	2,551
Income accruals	(2,571)	(106)
Lease liabilities	123,990	19,050
Right-of-use assets	(118,540)	(16,739)
Deferred tax asset	<u>1,178</u>	<u>2,464</u>
	2025 \$	2024 \$
Income tax refund due	<u>11,531</u>	<u>-</u>
	2025 \$	2024 \$
Provision for income tax	<u>-</u>	<u>67,489</u>

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.

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Note 8. Income tax (continued)

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 9. Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Cash at bank and on hand	<u>67,922</u>	<u>87,656</u>

Note 10. Trade and other receivables

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Trade receivables	<u>92,810</u>	<u>95,467</u>
Accrued income	10,283	424
Prepayments	<u>7,290</u>	<u>4,492</u>
	<u>17,573</u>	<u>4,916</u>
	<u>110,383</u>	<u>100,383</u>

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 11. Investments

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<i>Current assets</i>		
Term deposits	<u>577,485</u>	<u>605,551</u>

Note 12. Property, plant and equipment

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Leasehold improvements - at cost	285,080	285,080
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(138,063)</u>	<u>(121,811)</u>
	<u>147,017</u>	<u>163,269</u>
Plant and equipment - at cost	83,388	77,028
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(63,324)</u>	<u>(60,237)</u>
	<u>20,064</u>	<u>16,791</u>
	<u>167,081</u>	<u>180,060</u>

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Note 12. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

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

	Leasehold improvements \$	Plant and equipment \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2023	74,026	12,786	86,812
Additions	101,339	6,362	107,701
Depreciation	(12,096)	(2,357)	(14,453)
Balance at 30 June 2024	163,269	16,791	180,060
Additions	-	6,360	6,360
Depreciation	(16,252)	(3,087)	(19,339)
Balance at 30 June 2025	<u>147,017</u>	<u>20,064</u>	<u>167,081</u>

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

Leasehold improvements	10 to 40 years
Plant and equipment	2.5 to 40 years

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

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

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 13. Right-of-use assets

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Land and buildings - right-of-use	644,998	203,725
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(170,836)</u>	<u>(136,771)</u>
	<u>474,162</u>	<u>66,954</u>

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

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

	Land and buildings \$
Balance at 1 July 2023	94,605
Remeasurement adjustments	5,938
Depreciation expense	(33,589)
Balance at 30 June 2024	66,954
Remeasurement adjustments	441,273
Depreciation expense	(34,065)
Balance at 30 June 2025	<u>474,162</u>

Accounting policy for right-of-use assets

Right-of-use assets are initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the unexpired period of the lease. Right-of-use assets are subject to impairment and are adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

Refer to note 16 for more information on lease arrangements.

Note 14. Intangible assets

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Franchise fee	44,057	32,233
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(32,800)	(30,622)
	<u>11,257</u>	<u>1,611</u>
Franchise renewal fee	170,285	111,163
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(113,999)	(103,109)
	<u>56,286</u>	<u>8,054</u>
	<u>67,543</u>	<u>9,665</u>

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	3,789	18,944	22,733
Amortisation expense	(2,178)	(10,890)	(13,068)
Balance at 30 June 2024	1,611	8,054	9,665
Additions	11,824	59,122	70,946
Amortisation expense	(2,178)	(10,890)	(13,068)
Balance at 30 June 2025	<u>11,257</u>	<u>56,286</u>	<u>67,543</u>

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Note 14. Intangible assets (continued)

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:

<u>Asset class</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>Useful life</u>	<u>Expiry/renewal date</u>
Franchise fee	Straight-line	Over the franchise term (5 years)	March 2030
Franchise renewal fee	Straight-line	Over the franchise term (5 years)	March 2030

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

Note 15. Trade and other payables

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Trade payables	10,090	7,404
Other payables and accruals	18,000	22,243
	<u>28,090</u>	<u>29,647</u>
	2025 \$	2024 \$
<i>Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as trade and other payables</i>		
Total trade and other payables	28,090	29,647
GST (payable to)/refundable from the ATO, included in trade and other payables	6,265	(7,628)
	<u>34,355</u>	<u>22,019</u>

Note 16. Lease liabilities

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Land and buildings lease liabilities	<u>49,951</u>	<u>35,926</u>
<i>Non-current liabilities</i>		
Land and buildings lease liabilities	<u>446,008</u>	<u>40,275</u>

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Note 16. Lease liabilities (continued)

Reconciliation of lease liabilities

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Opening balance	76,201	111,027
Remeasurement adjustments	456,430	5,821
Lease interest expense	11,518	5,058
Lease payments - total cash outflow	(48,190)	(45,705)
	<u>495,959</u>	<u>76,201</u>

Accounting policy for lease liabilities

A lease liability is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments to be made over the term of the lease, including renewal options if the company is reasonably certain to exercise such options, discounted using the company's incremental borrowing rate.

The company has applied the following accounting policy choices in relation to lease liabilities:

- The company has elected not to separate lease and non-lease components when calculating the lease liability for property leases.
- The company has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases and low-value assets, which include the company's lease of information technology equipment. The company recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

The company's lease portfolio includes:

Lease	Discount rate	Non-cancellable term	Renewal options available	Reasonably certain to exercise options	Lease term end date used in calculations
Lowood Branch	7.43%	5 years	2 x 5 years	Yes	March 2040
Storage Shed	7.43%	5 years	1 x 5 years	Yes	March 2035

Note 17. Issued capital

	2025 Shares	2024 Shares	2025 \$	2024 \$
Ordinary shares - fully paid	607,407	607,407	607,407	607,407
Less: Equity raising costs	-	-	(21,621)	(21,621)
	<u>607,407</u>	<u>607,407</u>	<u>585,786</u>	<u>585,786</u>

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.

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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 any of the following applies:

- They control or own 10% or more of the shares in the company (the "10% limit").
- In the opinion of the board they do not have a close connection to the community or communities in which the company predominantly carries on business (the "close connection test").

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.

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Note 18. Capital management (continued)

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

The distribution limit is the greater of:

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

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

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

Note 19. Dividends

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

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Fully franked dividend of 12 cents per share (2024: 12 cents)	72,889	72,889

Franking credits

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Franking account balance at the beginning of the financial year	115,756	75,693
Franking credits (debits) arising from income taxes paid (refunded)	132,515	64,359
Franking debits from the payment of franked distributions	(24,296)	(24,296)
	223,975	115,756

Franking transactions that will arise subsequent to the financial year end:

Balance at the end of the financial year	223,975	115,756
Franking credits (debits) that will arise from payment (refund) of income tax	(11,531)	67,489
Franking credits available for future reporting periods	212,444	183,245

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

Accounting policy for dividends

Dividends are recognised in the financial year they are declared.

Note 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.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Somerset Region Community Enterprises Limited Notes to the financial statements 30 June 2025

Note 20. Financial risk management (continued)

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

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

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

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Financial assets at amortised cost		
Trade and other receivables excluding prepayments (note 10)	103,093	95,891
Cash and cash equivalents (note 9)	67,922	87,656
Investments (note 11)	577,485	605,551
	<u>748,500</u>	<u>789,098</u>
Financial liabilities at amortised cost		
Trade and other payables (note 15)	34,355	22,019
Lease liabilities (note 16)	495,959	76,201
	<u>530,314</u>	<u>98,220</u>

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

Accounting policy for financial instruments

Financial assets

Classification

The company measures its financial assets at amortised cost.

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

Derecognition

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

Impairment of trade and other receivables

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

Financial liabilities

Classification

The company measures its financial liabilities at amortised cost.

The company's financial liabilities comprise trade and other payables and lease liabilities.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Somerset Region Community Enterprises Limited Notes to the financial statements 30 June 2025

Note 20. Financial risk management (continued)

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. The company held cash and cash equivalents of \$67,922 and term deposits of \$577,485 at 30 June 2025 (2024: \$87,656 and \$605,551).

Price risk

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

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	34,355	-	-	34,355
Lease liabilities	51,619	211,387	547,977	810,983
Total non-derivatives	85,974	211,387	547,977	845,338
	1 year or less \$	Between 1 and 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	Remaining contractual maturities \$
2024				
Trade and other payables	22,019	-	-	22,019
Lease liabilities	36,563	23,200	33,350	93,113
Total non-derivatives	58,582	23,200	33,350	115,132

Note 21. Key management personnel disclosures

The following persons were directors of Somerset Region Community Enterprises Limited during the financial year and/or up to the date of signing of these Financial Statements.

Aaron Leigh Heck
Sharyn Marree Voss
Mark Edward Leahy
Laurisa Anne Wendt
Sarah Moulds
Russel John Donaldson Ogilvie

Anne Louise Utz
Brett Wayne Freese
Malcom John Sippel
Chrisann Ting Ling Lee
Jean Bray

No director of the company receives remuneration for services as a company director or committee member.

There are no executives within the company whose remuneration is required to be disclosed.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Somerset Region Community Enterprises Limited Notes to the financial statements 30 June 2025

Note 22. Related party transactions

Key management personnel

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

Receivable from and payable to related parties

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

Terms and conditions of transactions with related parties

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

Transactions with related parties

The following transactions occurred with related parties:

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Brett Freese is Vice President of Glamorgan Vale Community Hall which the company provide grants for Christmas and Easter carnivals. The total provided was:	-	1,700

Note 23. Remuneration of auditors

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

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<i>Audit services</i>		
Audit or review of the financial statements	8,140	7,220
<i>Other services</i>		
Taxation advice and tax compliance services	1,124	1,514
General advisory services	5,640	4,450
Share registry services	4,712	4,521
	11,476	10,485
	19,616	17,705

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Somerset Region Community Enterprises Limited Notes to the financial statements 30 June 2025

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

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Profit after income tax expense for the year	159,490	270,148
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	66,472	61,110
Lease liabilities interest	11,518	5,058
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	(10,000)	11,851
Increase in income tax refund due	(11,531)	-
Decrease in deferred tax assets	1,286	8,141
Decrease in trade and other payables	(1,557)	(1,496)
Increase/(decrease) in provision for income tax	(67,489)	16,332
Increase in employee benefits	1,462	2,223
Increase in other provisions	934	1,018
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>150,585</u>	<u>374,385</u>

Note 25. Earnings per share

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Profit after income tax	<u>159,490</u>	<u>270,148</u>
	Number	Number
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share	<u>607,407</u>	<u>607,407</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted earnings per share	<u>607,407</u>	<u>607,407</u>
	Cents	Cents
Basic earnings per share	26.26	44.48
Diluted earnings per share	26.26	44.48

Note 26. Commitments

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

Note 27. Contingencies

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

Note 28. Events after the reporting period

On 9 October 2025, the board announced a dividend of 15 cents per share, totalling \$91,111. This dividend was not recognised as a liability at 30 June 2025, as it was declared after the reporting period. The dividend is to be paid on 6 November 2025.

On 1 July 2025, Sue Pitkin was appointed as a non-executive director of the company.

No other 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

Somerset Region Community Enterprises Limited **Directors' declaration** **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



Aaron Leigh Heck
Chair

10 October 2025

Independent audit report



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

Report on the audit of the financial report

Our opinion

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

- i. giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 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 Somerset Region Community Enterprises Limited (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.

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.

Independent audit report



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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.

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: <http://www.auasb.gov.au/home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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

Andrew Frewin Stewart
61 Bull Street, Bendigo, Vic, 3550
Dated: 10 October 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jessica Ritchie'.

Jessica Ritchie
Lead Auditor

Sponsorship and Grants 2024-2025

<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Grant/sponsorship</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
<i>Lowood Community Kindergarten Assoc</i>	<i>\$ 2,500 sponsorship</i>	<i>Annual Fete</i>
<i>Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane Valley</i>	<i>\$ 5,000 grant</i>	<i>Restoration of Historic Premises</i>
<i>Gatton Show Society</i>	<i>\$ 1,000 sponsorship</i>	<i>Regional Finals Showgirl & Ambassador</i>
<i>Lowood Memorial Bowls Club</i>	<i>\$ 1,000 sponsorship</i>	<i>Annual Bowls Carnival</i>
<i>Fernvale SS P & C Association</i>	<i>\$ 5,000 grant</i>	<i>150th Legacy Project</i>
<i>Glamorgan Vale Community Hall Assoc</i>	<i>\$ 990 sponsorship</i>	<i>Petting Zoo Christmas Carnival</i>
<i>Minden SS P & C Association</i>	<i>\$ 2,000 sponsorship</i>	<i>Minden Summer Festival</i>
<i>Lowood Fernvale Uniting Church</i>	<i>\$ 600 grant</i>	<i>Christmas Lights</i>
<i>Toogoolawah District Progress Assoc</i>	<i>\$ 1,000 sponsorship</i>	<i>Annual Christmas Carnival</i>
<i>Lowood Community Kindergarten Assoc</i>	<i>\$ 2,900 grant</i>	<i>Office Refresh</i>
<i>Valley of the Lakes</i>	<i>\$ 2000 sponsorship</i>	<i>Esk garden Fair</i>
<i>West Moreton Landcare</i>	<i>\$ 4,714 grant</i>	<i>Water Tank</i>
<i>Lowood Lions</i>	<i>\$ 2,011 grant</i>	<i>Laser Printer</i>
<i>Somerset Regional Council</i>	<i>\$ 500 sponsorship</i>	<i>Christmas Lights Competition</i>
<i>Esk Bowls & Community</i>	<i>\$ 1,500 sponsorship</i>	<i>75th Anniversary Carnival</i>
<i>QLD Country Womens Assoc Lowood</i>	<i>\$ 3,226 grant</i>	<i>Electronic Equipment</i>
<i>Lowood Tarampa Rugby League Club</i>	<i>\$ 600 sponsorship</i>	<i>Jerseys</i>
<i>Lowood Show Society</i>	<i>\$ 8,000 grant</i>	<i>Grandstand</i>
<i>Football Academy</i>	<i>\$ 300 grant</i>	<i>3 x player Burserys</i>
<i>Patrick Estate State School</i>	<i>\$ 3,000 grant</i>	<i>School Orchard</i>
<i>Lowood Swimming Club</i>	<i>\$4,000 grant</i>	<i>Club Equipment</i>
<i>Fernvale Community Inc</i>	<i>\$4,105 grant</i>	<i>Printing of History Books</i>
<i>Lowood Show Society</i>	<i>\$5,500 sponsorship</i>	<i>Show & Show Ball</i>
<i>Minden District Baptist Church</i>	<i>\$6,600 grant</i>	<i>Church Kitchen</i>
<i>Lowood SHS P & C</i>	<i>\$2,193.20 grant</i>	<i>Bus for Careers Expo</i>
<i>Fernvale Lowood Uniting Church</i>	<i>\$1219 grant</i>	<i>Garden Blower</i>
<i>Lowood Fernvale Dist Hack & Pony Club</i>	<i>\$10,251 grant</i>	<i>Equipment Upgrade</i>
<i>Lowood Community Kindergarten Assoc</i>	<i>\$2500 sponsorship</i>	<i>Annual Fete</i>
<i>Toogoolawah & Dist History Group Inc</i>	<i>\$3,086.63 grant</i>	<i>Somerset Model Railway Bris Valley Line</i>
<i>Esk Pastoral Agriculture Ass</i>	<i>\$2,200 sponsorship</i>	<i>Show, Show Ball & Cattlemen's Dinner</i>
<i>Thunder Cricket Club</i>	<i>\$5,000 grant</i>	<i>Sight Screens</i>
<i>Somerset Storm Netball Club</i>	<i>\$1,500 grant</i>	<i>Development Expo</i>
<i>Somerset Regional Council</i>	<i>\$11,000 sponsorship</i>	<i>Mayor's Ball</i>
<i>Esk Bowls & Community Club</i>	<i>\$ 200 sponsorship</i>	<i>Dachshund Race Event</i>
<i>Lowood RSL Sub Branch</i>	<i>\$15,128 grant</i>	<i>Ride on Mower</i>

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