Celebrating 20 years in the community

Annual Report 2023

Tugun & District Finances Limited

Community Bank Tugun ABN 57 102 056 306



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Chairman's report

For year ending 30 June 2023



I am thrilled to share that our financial performance in the past year has been truly exceptional. Our commitment to sound financial practices, strategic community engagement and investments, and strong corporate governance has placed us in the strongest financial position we have been in since inception.

Chairman's Report - the 20th Anniversary Edition!

Dear Shareholders, Stakeholders, and Friends of Tugun & District Finances,

I am delighted and privileged to report to you on the occasion that marks our 20th anniversary, as we reflect on the journey that has brought us to this remarkable milestone. The past year has undoubtedly been a challenging one operationally, but it has also been exceptional in terms of our financial performance and our commitment to supporting our community.

We celebrated our 20th anniversary at the Tom Atkin Hall with a night of reflection on the path we have forged since 2003. We acknowledged the wonderful work and dedication of the original steering commitee and all the Directors since then. From the pioneers of the foundation of Tugun & District Finances Limited, right up to the current Board of Directors, all have provided their time and talent on a volunteer basis, born out of their passion and commitment to giving back to our community.

Operational Challenges and Resilience

The year 2022-23 was marked by operational challenges, including global and local economic uncertainties, an increasing interest rate climate that we have not seen since our Community Bank Tugun opened, the local impacts of the national cost of living pressures and evolving customer needs.

Despite these challenges, I am proud to report that our Board of Directors and especially the branch team rose to the occasion admirably. Through solid and experienced management, led by our Branch Manager Allan Merlehan and supported by the dedication of our great staff, we weathered the challenges and remained focused on providing great service to our local community.

Exceptional Financial Results

I am thrilled to share that our financial performance in the past year has been truly exceptional. Our commitment to sound financial practices, strategic community engagement and investments, and strong corporate governance has placed us in the strongest financial position we have been in since inception. We achieved record profits, a testament to the trust and confidence you have placed in us.

Our profit growth not only strengthens the financial foundation of our bank but also ensures that we can continue to support our community in meaningful ways.

I am proud to announce that for FY23, TDFL have supported our community with \$333,910 in funding for projects, grants, events and sponsorships across 30+ community groups and organisations. Due to the strength of our financial position, we have also placed \$400,000 in the Community Enterprise Foundation[™], to go towards future community needs over the coming years.

Your community company posted a net profit after tax of \$323,591 after the above community investments and due to this pleasing result, the Board is proud to announce a shareholder dividend of 7 cents fully franked.

Furthermore, thanks to the prudent financial management by the Board, a bonus divided of 7 cents will also be forthcoming. The bonus dividend is in recognition of our shareholders ongoing support and to honour the milestone of the company's 20th anniversary.

Community Funding and Impact

At Tugun & District Finances Limited, community has always been at the heart of what we do. As mentioned, this year, we took our commitment to community funding to new heights. TDFL increased community funding by supporting local projects, organisations, and initiatives that make a difference in the lives of our locals and neighbours.

Our 20th anniversary is not just a celebration of our longevity but a reminder of the incredible impact we've had on Tugun and the surrounding community. We are dedicated to continuing this legacy of giving back.

Gratitude and Looking Ahead

As we celebrate our 20th anniversary, I extend my heartielt gratitude to two of our Directors who stepped down from the Board in the past year. Lisa Fitzgerald who served for 10 years, holding several roles such as Board Co-Chair for many years and Chair of the Community Engagement Commitee. We also farewelled Kelly Sawden who was our long-standing company treasurer for five years and provided her invaluable financial skills during this time. To both Lisa and Kelly, you both oversaw some amazing growth of our business as well as guiding the company through the global pandemic, which was a period of such uncertainty and challenge. Your unwavering support, trust, and collaboration have been the driving force behind our success and we are extremely grateful for your service.

Looking ahead, we remain commited to our mission of feeding into the prosperity of our community – and not off it, through providing quality and competitive Bendigo and Adelaide Bank financial services.

Into the next year, we will continue to explore opportunities to ensure our collaboration with the community will keep us relevant and supportive of the changing needs of our community. I'm excited by a couple of key projects we are investigating presently and hopeful that we can share more about these in the near future!

In conclusion, I am immensely proud of what TDFL has accomplished together last year and over the last 20 years. Our journey has been a testament to the power of community, resilience, and financial stewardship. I am confident that the years ahead hold even greater promise for Tugun & District Finances Limited and the community we serve.

Thank you for being a part of this remarkable journey so far.

Sincerely,

Peter Dirkx Chairman, Tugun & District Finances Limited

Manager's report

For year ending 30 June 2023



I would like to thank the branch staff for their efforts throughout the year in what was a challenging year for all. The staff also worked as volunteers in our community engagement activities throughout the year, which has helped the success of our sponsorship and grant programs.

The financial year ending 2023 was a challenge for all businesses and families, both locally and nationally as we dealt with rising inflation, interest rates, cost of living and supply issues affecting families and businesses.

The property market locally has continued to see a decline in activity as rising interest rates have impacted the borrowing capacity of potential borrowers and the number of listings has also fallen.

Whilst there have been many challenges, there has been much to be excited and proud of.

A few positive highlights for the year include;

- Gross Margin is \$1,865,328, an increase of \$886,255 on the previous year
- Profit of \$1,141,443 before community contributions and income tax expense, exceeded \$1 million for the first time
- · Celebration of 20 years in operation
- · Sponsorships, grants and charitable donations of \$698,878 included a deposit to the Community Enterprise Foundation™ account of \$400,000 for future community contributions
- Total business increased by \$5.4 million, against a budget of \$6 million. A good effort given the limited growth opportunities affected by staffing levels throughout the year and a decline in lending activity
- Lending approvals of \$19 million, whilst down from \$28 million the previous year, it was still a good effort considering the staffing challenges throughout the year.

Tugun & District Finances Limited provided sponsorships and donations of \$333,910 in the last 12 months to the following worthwhile local community groups:

| Agape Outreach Inc | PBC Alliance | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| Coolamon Chorale | PBC State High School P&C | | |
| Currumbin Happy Group | Rotary Club Currumbin Coolangatta Twee | | |
| Currumbin RSL Young Veteran Support Services | Scholarship Program | | |
| Currumbin Vikings SLSC | Shout Out Fest | | |
| Currumbin Wildlife Hospital | Southern Beaches Community Garden | | |
| Elanora State High School P&C | Southern Business Women Connect | | |
| Everybody NOW | SWELL Sculpture Festival | | |
| Fight 4 Youth | The Outrigger Canoe Club | | |
| Friends with Dignity | Tugun Progress Association | | |
| Green Heroes | Tugun Seahawks JRLFC | | |
| | | | |

Manager's report (continued)

| HubbleGC | Tugun SLSC |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Laurie Lawrence Swim Club | Volunteer Marine Rescue |
| Pacific SLSC | Walk With Us |
| Palm Beach SLSC | Youth Music Venture |
| PBC Alleygators | |

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors, the Community Engagement Committee, the Finance Committee and their families for their ongoing support on a volunteer basis, which has enabled our business to continue to grow and be successful in our local community.

I would like to thank Maris Dirkx, Executive Assistant to the Board, who has worked tirelessly for the Board and our branch over the last 18 years to coordinate our marketing and sponsorship events.

Over the last 12 months we have seen some stability in the branch compared to previous years, although still short on the staff number required to effectively operate the business;

- · Dorri Janusz has been promoted to the Customer Relationship Manager.
- · Taylah Woodward has been promoted to the Customer Relationship Officer.

I would like to thank the branch staff for their efforts throughout the year in what was a challenging year for all. The staff also worked as volunteers in our community engagement activities throughout the year, which has helped the success of our sponsorship and grant programs.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge all the people involved in the steering committee some 25 year ago that had the intestinal fortitude to do something about local bank closures and worked tirelessly to get Tugun & District Finances Limited off the ground. The Directors and Committee members over the last 20 years that have guided and steered the business, we owe you a great deal of thanks.

We look forward to another successful year ahead, the staff at Community Bank Tugun encourage our shareholders and customers to continue to tell their family and friends about us and what being a customer of our branch can do for this wonderful community.

Allan Merlehan Branch Manager

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank report

For year ending 30 June 2022

Community continues to be core to who we are at Bendigo and Adelaide Bank.

With your support, we are enabling community infrastructure to be built, strengthening the arts and culturally diverse communities, improving educational outcomes, and growing healthy places for Australians to live and work. On behalf of the Bank, thank you for continuing to play a vital role in supporting your community.

As we emerge from the pandemic and navigate a shifting economic landscape, the investments our Community Banks make in the future of the communities in which they operate has never been more important.

We are proud that more Australians are choosing to do their banking with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank – and importantly trust us with their financial needs. We are Australia's most trusted bank (Roy Morgan, May 2022), an outcome that you have all contributed to and should feel proud of.

Our purpose has never been more important; we remain committed to continuing to feed into the prosperity of our customers and communities, and not off them.

Your ongoing support as a shareholder is essential to the success of your local community. Together, we will continue to grow sustainably and make a positive impact for generations to come.

Warmest regards,

Justine Minne Bendigo and Adelaide Bank

Directors' report

30 June 2023

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the company for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Directors

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

| Name: Title: Experience and expertise: | Peter Anthony Dirkx Non-executive director Peter has 16 years in Senior Management positions with Bendigo & Adelaide Bank, with over 10 years in the Community Banking team. He has over 30 years in management roles within the Banking and Finance sector. He has extensive experience on community consultation and engagement and in community banking and not for profit governance and strategic planning. Peter has attended and facilitated numerous Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) and Governance Institute of Australia (GIA) workshops, forums and seminars. He has expertise in facilitating community forums, director education workshops and conferences. Currently working as Partnerships Manager to a Gold Coast Arts & Cultural organisation that provide visual and performing arts, cultural performances and programs, entertainment and hospitality services. Tertiary and formal qualifications include Financial Analysis for Officers & Directors (Governance Institute of Australia), Not-for-Profit Financial Management & Regulatory Compliance (Governance Institute of Australia), Dites of Officers and Directors (Governance Institute of Australia), Duties of Officers and Directors (Governance Institute of Australia), Director Development Program (Australian Institute of Company Directors), Certificate IV Business, Advanced Leadership Management, Certificate III Small Business Management, Certificate IV Financials Services and Certificate III Small Business Management, Certificate IV Financials Services and Certificate III |
|---|---|
| Special responsibilities: | Co-Chair and Consultant to both the Finance Risk & Audit Committee and Community Engagement Committee |
| Name: Title: Experience and expertise: | Cameron Kenneth Window Non-executive director Bachelor of Business - QUT. Bachelor of Applied Science - QUT. Diploma of Financial Markets - AFMA. Occupations: Executive Manager - Fixed Income - MINT Partners (current). Associate Director - Fixed Income - FIIG Securities (2012 - 2016). Project Manager and Analyst - Flight Centre (2010 - 2012). Area Operations Leader - Flight Centre (2005 - 2010). Skills: Financial markets trading and analysis. Relationship/account management. Business operations and project management. |
| Special responsibilities: | Finance Risk & Audit Committee |
| Name: Title: Experience and expertise: Special responsibilities: | Robert William Marshall Non-executive director Retired solicitor. Secretary |
| Name: Title: Experience and expertise: | Norbert Anthony Benton Non-executive director Over twenty years professional experience in environmental management and sustainability, including in his current role as Environment Manager - Studies and Engagement at Queensland Airports Limited. Through his professional career and having completed a Bachelor of Science at Central Queensland University has equipped Norbert with skills and knowledge in environmental management, sustainable development, governance and risk management practices along with forming good working relationships with an array of stakeholders including industry, government agencies and community groups. |
| Special responsibilities: | Finance Risk & Audit Committee |

| Name: Title: Experience and expertise: | Sean David Powell Non-executive director Sean is a Partner at Robbins Watson Solicitors, Burleigh Waters. Previously working as Solicitor - Property & commercial; wills and estates; family law; litigation. He holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) Queensland University of Technology, Bachelor Business (Marketing) Queensland University of Technology, Graduate Diploma (Legal Practice) Australian National University, Queensland Legal Practising Certificate. Admitted to Supreme Court of Queensland and High Court of Australia as a Lawyer. Principal Practising Certificate - Queensland Law Society. Memberships include Gold Coast District Law Association, Queensland Law Society, New South Wales Law Society, Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP). |
|---|---|
| Special responsibilities: | Nil |
| Name: Title: Experience and expertise: | Georgina Louise Tomlinson Non-executive director (appointed 31 May 2023) Georgina has a Bachelor of Commerce - Australian National University. She has a background in Marketing & Events and Apprenticeship & Traineeship Support. Georgina has worked in the Department of Education and currently at the Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing & Water. |
| Special responsibilities: | Community Engagement Committee |
| Name: Title: Experience and expertise: Special responsibilities: | Benjamin John Cropmton Non-executive director (appointed 1 March 2023) Benjamin is an Accountant and Solicitor and owns a small combined practice in Tugun. Benjamin is a current board member of Koala Research Foundation Australia and a former board member of Connecting Southern Gold Coast. Treasurer |
| Name: Title: Experience and expertise: Special responsibilities: | Gabrielle White Non-executive director (resigned 26 October 2022) Gabrielle holds a Bachelor International Business/Bachelor Government & International Relations. Graduate Human Resources Officer (present) - Glencore. Administration Officer (past) - Queensland Airports Limited. Administration Officer (past) - AECOM. Nil |
| | |
| Name: Title: Experience and expertise: | Colin Raymond Woodward Non-executive director (resigned 4 December 2022) Bachelor of Business, Fellow of CPA Australia, Fellow of Taxation Institute of Australia, Justice of the Peace (Qualified). |
| Special responsibilities: | Finance Risk & Audit Committee |
| Name: Title: Experience and expertise: | Kelly Marie Sawden Non-executive director (resiged 12 April 2023) Bachelor of Commerce (UQ), Bachelor of Laws (Hons) (UQ), Chartered Accountant, Registered Tax Agent. Managing Director of Ascend Financial Management (current). Previous roles include International Tax Manager at Billabong International Ltd, General Manager Corporate Services and Financial Controller at Queensland Airports Limited, and Corporate Tax Consultant at PricewaterhouseCoopers. Skills include accounting, tax, audit, corporate structuring, cashflow management, budgets and forecasts, financial and management reporting, financial control and business improvement. |
| Special responsibilities: | Treasurer, Finance Risk & Audit Committee (up until resignation) |

| Name: Title: | Lisa Kathleen Fitz Gerald Non-executive director (resigned 30 June 2023) |
|---------------------------|---|
| Experience and expertise: | Present - Client Liaison - Grower Services Support. 1989 to present - Special event |
| | and conference organiser. 2016 - 2011 - On a Mission & Adrenalin Festival |
| | Foundation Committee. 2009 - 2011 - St. Clare's Parish School Canteen Convenor. |
| | 2002 - 2006 - Mission Beach Outrigger Canoe Club Secretary. 1998 - 2002 - Tully |
| | Tennis Club Committee. 1998 - 2003 - St. Clare's Catholic Church Fundraising Co- |
| | ordinator Church renovation. Currently a Swim Teacher. |
| Special responsibilities: | Co-chair, Community Engagement Committee Chair |

Company secretary

The company secretary is Robert William Marshall. Robert was appointed to the position of company secretary on 23 January 2008.

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 \$323,591 (30 June 2022: \$96,830).

The company has seen a significant increase in its revenue during the financial year. This is a result of the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) increasing the cash rate by 3.25% during the financial year moving from 0.85% to 4.10% as at 30 June 2023. The increased cash rate has had a direct impact on the revenue received by the company, increasing the net interest margin income received under the revenue share arrangement the company has with Bendigo Bank.

Dividends

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

| | 2023 \$ |
|---|------------|
| Fully franked dividend of 7 cents per share (2022: 7 cents) | 42,000 |

Significant changes in the state of affairs

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

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2023 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

Likely developments

The company will continue its policy of facilitating banking services to the community.

Environmental regulation

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

Meetings of directors

The number of directors meetings (including meetings of committees of directors) attended by each of the directors of the company during the financial year were:

| | | | Finance R | isk & Audit | Comn | , |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------|
| | Board | | Finance Risk & Audit Committee | | Engagement Committee | |
| | | | | | | |
| | Eligible | Attended | Eligible | Attended | Eligible | Attended |
| Peter Anthony Dirkx | 11 | 10 | - | - | - | - |
| Cameron Kenneth Window | 11 | 9 | 9 | 1 | - | - |
| Robert William Marshall | 11 | 9 | 9 | 9 | - | - |
| Norbert Anthony Benton | 11 | 3 | 9 | 3 | - | - |
| Sean David Powell | 11 | 10 | 9 | 2 | - | - |
| Georgina Louise Tomlinson | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| Benjamin John Cropmton | 5 | 4 | 2 | 2 | - | - |
| Gabrielle White | 4 | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| Colin Raymond Woodward | 5 | 4 | - | - | - | - |
| Kelly Marie Sawden | 8 | 6 | 8 | 6 | - | - |
| Lisa Kathleen Fitz Gerald | 11 | 10 | - | - | 10 | 8 |

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.

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 |
|---|--|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Peter Anthony Dirkx | 1,000 | - | 1,000 |
| Cameron Kenneth Window Robert William Marshall | 10,500 5,500 | - | 10,500 5,500 |
| Norbert Anthony Benton Sean David Powell | - | - | - |
| Georgina Louise Tomlinson | - | - | - |
| Benjamin John Cropmton Gabrielle White | - | - | - |
| Colin Raymond Woodward Kelly Marie Sawden | 1,000 | - | 1,000 |
| Lisa Kathleen Fitz Gerald | 3,000 | - | 3,000 |

Indemnity and insurance of directors and officers

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

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

Proceedings on behalf of the company

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

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

Indemnity and insurance of auditor

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

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

Non-audit services

The company may decide to employ the auditor on assignments additional to their statutory duties where the auditor's expertise and experience with the company are important. Details of the amounts paid or payable to the auditor (Andrew Frewin Stewart) for audit and non-audit services provided during the year are set out in note 25 to the accounts.

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

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

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

Peter Anthony Dirkx

Chair

27 September 2023

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

Independent auditor's independence declaration under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* to the Directors of Tugun & District Finances Limited

As lead auditor for the audit of Tugun & District Finances Limited for the year ended 30 June 2023, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

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

Andrew Frewin Stewart 61 Bull Street, Bendigo, Vic, 3550 Dated: 27 September 2023

Joshua Griffin Lead Auditor

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Financial statements

Tugun & District Finances Limited Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income For the year ended 30 June 2023

| | Note | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|--|------|------------|------------|
| Revenue from contracts with customers | 6 | 2,049,544 | 1,144,183 |
| Other revenue | | 3,309 | 6,767 |
| Finance revenue | | 18,348 | 2,245 |
| Fair value gains/(losses) on financial assets | | 56 | (1,305) |
| Total revenue | | 2,071,257 | 1,151,890 |
| Employee benefits expense | 7 | (577,218) | (575,714) |
| Advertising and marketing costs | | (28,016) | (12,803) |
| Occupancy and associated costs | | (22,396) | (27,056) |
| System costs | _ | (17,681) | (20,273) |
| Depreciation and amortisation expense | 7 | (127,995) | (128,568) |
| Finance costs | 7 | (18,261) | (21,035) |
| General administration expenses | | (138,247) | (125,108) |
| Total expenses before community contributions and income tax expense | | (929,814) | (910,557) |
| Profit before community contributions and income tax expense | | 1,141,443 | 241,333 |
| Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense | 7 | (698,878) | (102,227) |
| Profit before income tax expense | | 442,565 | 139,106 |
| Income tax expense | 8 | (118,974) | (42,276) |
| Profit after income tax expense for the year | 18 | 323,591 | 96,830 |
| Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax | | <u>-</u> | |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | : | 323,591 | 96,830 |
| | | Cents | Cents |
| Basic earnings per share | 27 | 53.93 | 16.14 |
| Diluted earnings per share | 27 | 53.93 | 16.14 |

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

Tugun & District Finances Limited Statement of financial position As at 30 June 2023

| | Note | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|--|---------------------|---|--|
| Assets | | | |
| Current assets Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables Financial assets Total current assets | 9 10 11 | 659,888 174,129 55,859 889,876 | 317,524 80,949 75,804 474,277 |
| Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment Right-of-use assets Intangible assets Deferred tax assets Total non-current assets | 12 13 14 8 | 67,533 280,848 320,988 1,299 670,668 | 86,158 358,705 299,713 - 744,576 |
| Total assets | | 1,560,544 | 1,218,853 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Current liabilities Trade and other payables Lease liabilities Current tax liabilities Total current liabilities | 15 16 8 | 23,144 60,286 95,660 179,090 | 21,566 56,841 10,872 89,279 |
| Non-current liabilities Trade and other payables Lease liabilities Deferred tax liabilities Lease make good provision Total non-current liabilities | 15 16 8 | 43,768 261,036 - - 24,100 - 328,904 | 330,959 4,681 22,975 358,615 |
| Total liabilities | | 507,994 | 447,894 |
| Net assets | | 1,052,550 | 770,959 |
| Equity Issued capital Retained earnings Total equity | 17 18 | 600,000 452,550 1,052,550 | 600,000 170,959 770,959 |

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

Tugun & District Finances Limited Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 30 June 2023

| | Note | lssued capital \$ | Retained earnings \$ | Total equity \$ |
|--|------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Balance at 1 July 2021 | | 600,000 | 116,129 | 716,129 |
| Profit after income tax expense Other comprehensive income, net of tax | | - | 96,830 | 96,830 |
| Total comprehensive income | | | 96,830 | 96,830 |
| <i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i> Dividends provided for | 20 | | (42,000) | (42,000) |
| Balance at 30 June 2022 | | 600,000 | 170,959 | 770,959 |
| | | | | |
| Balance at 1 July 2022 | | 600,000 | 170,959 | 770,959 |
| Profit after income tax expense Other comprehensive income, net of tax | | - | 323,591 - | 323,591 |
| Total comprehensive income | | | 323,591 | 323,591 |
| <i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i> Dividends provided for | 20 | <u>-</u> | (42,000) | (42,000) |
| Balance at 30 June 2023 | | 600,000 | 452,550 | 1,052,550 |

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

Tugun & District Finances Limited Statement of cash flows For the year ended 30 June 2023

| | Note | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|---|----------|--|---|
| Cash flows from operating activities Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST) Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST) Interest received Income taxes paid | | 2,196,527 (1,706,795) 18,147 (40,166) | 1,246,674 (1,003,272) 2,245 (45,877) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 26 | 467,713 | 199,770 |
| Cash flows from investing activities Payments for property, plant and equipment Payments for intangible assets | | (1,321) (13,263) | (32,351) (13,735) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | | (14,584) | (46,086) |
| Cash flows from financing activities Dividends paid Repayment of lease liabilities | 20 16 | (42,000) (68,765) | (42,000) (72,394) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | | (110,765) | (114,394) |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year | | 342,364 317,524 | 39,290 278,234 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year | 9 | 659,888 | 317,524 |

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

Notes to the financial statements

30 June 2023

Note 1. Reporting entity

The financial statements cover Tugun & District Finances Limited (the company) as an individual entity, which is a for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

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

Registered office

Principal place of business

Occulus Accounting Pty Ltd, 39 Wharf Street, Tweed Heads Shop 1 to 3, 482 Golden Four Drive, Tugun QLD. South NSW

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

Note 2. Basis of preparation and statement of compliance

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

The financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of directors, on 27 September 2023. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

Note 3. Significant accounting policies

The company has consistently applied the following accounting policies to all periods presented in these financial statements.

Changes in accounting policies, standards and interpretations

There are a number of amendments to accounting standards issued by the AASB that became mandatorily effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2022, and are therefore relevant for the current financial year. The amendments did not have any impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods and are not expected to significantly affect the current or future periods.

Current and non-current classification

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

An asset is classified as current when, it is expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the company's normal operating cycle, it is held primarily for the purpose of trading, it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is classified as current when, it is either expected to be settled in the company's normal operating cycle, it is held primarily for the purpose of trading, it is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period or there is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are always classified as non-current.

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.

Note 3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Impairment

Non-derivative financial assets

Expected credit losses (ECL) are the probability-weighted estimate of credit losses over the expected life of a financial instrument. A credit loss is the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due and all cash flows expected to be received. At each reporting date, the entity recognises the movement in the ECL (if any) as an impairment gain or loss in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

The company's trade receivables are limited to the monthly profit share distribution from Bendigo Bank, which is received 10 business days post month end. Due to the reliance on Bendigo Bank the company has reviewed credit ratings provided by Standard & Poors, Moody's and Fitch Ratings to determine the level of credit exposure to the company. The company also performed a historical assessment of receivables from Bendigo Bank and found no instances of default. As a result no ECL has been made in relation to trade receivables as at 30 June 2023.

Non-financial assets

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

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

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except when the amount of GST incurred on a sale or purchase of assets or services is not payable to or recoverable from the taxation authority. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the revenue or expense item.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST receivable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position. Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority.

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which are recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as part of operating cash flows.

Note 4. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events that it believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. Differences between the accounting judgements and estimates and actual results and outcomes are accounted for in future reporting periods. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

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.

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

Estimation of useful lives of assets

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

Impairment of non-financial assets

The company assesses impairment of non-financial assets at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the company and to the particular asset that may lead to impairment. If an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined as the higher of its fair value less costs of disposal or value-in-use, each of which incorporate a number of key estimates and assumptions.

Recovery of deferred tax assets

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

Lease term

The lease term is a significant component in the measurement of both the right-of-use asset and lease liability. Judgement is exercised in determining whether there is reasonable certainty that an option to extend the lease will be exercised, or an option to terminate the lease will not be exercised, when ascertaining the periods to be included in the lease term. In determining the lease term, all facts and circumstances that create an economical incentive to exercise an extension option, or not to exercise a termination option, are considered at the lease commencement date. Factors considered may include the importance of the asset to the company's operations, comparison of terms and conditions to prevailing market rates, incurrence of significant penalties, existence of significant leasehold improvements and the costs and disruption to replace the asset. The company reassesses whether it is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option, if there is a significant event or significant change in circumstances.

Incremental borrowing rate

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

Lease make good provision

A provision has been made for the present value of anticipated costs for future restoration of leased premises. The provision includes future cost estimates associated with closure of the premises. The calculation of this provision requires assumptions such as application of closure dates and cost estimates. The provision recognised for each site is periodically reviewed and updated based on the facts and circumstances available at the time. Changes to the estimated future costs for sites are recognised in the statement of financial position by adjusting the asset and the provision. Reductions in the provision that exceed the carrying amount of the asset will be recognised in profit or loss.

Note 5. Economic dependency

The company has entered into a franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank that governs the management of the Community Bank. The company is economically dependent on the ongoing receipt of income under the franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank. The directors have no reason to believe a new franchise arrangement under mutually acceptable terms will not be forthcoming following expiry in February 2028.

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.

Note 5. Economic dependency (continued)

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

Note 6. Revenue from contracts with customers

| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Margin income Fee income Commission income | 1,865,328 74,936 109,280 | 979,073 72,555 92,555 |
| | 2,049,544 | 1,144,183 |

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

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

Revenue is recognised on an accruals basis, at the fair value of consideration specified in the franchise agreement. Under AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15), revenue recognition for the company's revenue stream is as follows:

| <u>Revenue stream</u> | Includes | its obligation to arrange for | monthly and paid within 10 business days after the end of |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Franchise agreement profit | Margin, commission, and fee | the services to be provided to | |
| share | income | the customer by the supplier | |
| | | | each month. |

Note 6. Revenue from contracts with customers (continued)

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. It may also be affected by other factors, such as economic and local conditions, for example, interest rates.

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
 any deposit returns i.e. interest return applied by Bendigo Bank for a deposit
 minus: any costs of funds i.e. interest applied by Bendigo Bank to fund a loan.

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

Commission income

Commission income is in the form of commission generated for products and services sold. This commission is recognised at a point in time which reflects when the company has fulfilled its performance obligation.

The company receives trailing commission for products and services sold. Ongoing trailing commission payments are recognised on receipt as there is insufficient detail readily available to estimate the most likely amount of income without a high probability of significant reversal in a subsequent reporting period. The receipt of ongoing trailing commission income is outside the control of the company, and is a significant judgement area.

Fee income

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

Core banking products

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

Ability to change financial return

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

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

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

Note 7. Expenses

Employee benefits expense

| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|--|------------|------------|
| Wages and salaries | 541,396 | 524,165 |
| Superannuation contributions | 4.647 | 194 |
| Expenses related to long service leave | (21,889) | 385 |
| Other expenses | 53,064 | 50,970 |
| | 577,218 | 575,714 |

Accounting policy for seconded employee benefits

Bendigo Bank seconds employees to work for the company. Bendigo Bank charges the cost of these employees through the monthly profit share arrangement. The company recognises these expenses when recording the monthly invoice. No annual leave or long service leave liabilities are recognised for the company as these are Bendigo Bank employees.

Depreciation and amortisation expense

| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Depreciation of non-current assets | 0.005 | 0 700 |
| Leasehold improvements Plant and equipment | 8,865 4,915 | 8,739 |
| Motor vehicles | 6,166 | 4,381 6,163 |
| | 19,946 | 19,283 |
| Depreciation of right-of-use assets | | |
| Leased land and buildings | 63,008 | 64,245 |
| Amortisation of intangible assets | | |
| Franchise fee | 2,202 | 2,204 |
| Franchise renewal fee | 11,021 | 11,018 |
| Domiciled customer accounts | 31,818 | 31,818 |
| | 45,041 | 45,040 |
| | 127,995 | 128,568 |
| Finance costs | | |
| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
| Lease interest expense | 17,136 | 19,962 |
| Unwinding of make-good provision | 1,125 | 1,073 |
| | 18,261 | 21,035 |

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

Leases recognition exemption

| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Expenses relating to low-value leases | 6,552 | 7,615 |

Note 7. Expenses (continued)

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

Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense

| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| Direct donation, sponsorship and grant payments Contribution to the Community Enterprise Foundation™ | 51,510 647,368 | 55,911 46,316 |
| | 698,878 | 102,227 |

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

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

Note 8. Income tax

| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Income tax expense</i> Current tax Movement in deferred tax Net benefit of franking credits on distributions received | 125,652 (5,980) (698) | 38,900 3,981 (605) |
| Aggregate income tax expense | 118,974 | 42,276 |
| Prima facie income tax reconciliation Profit before income tax expense | 442,565 | 139,106 |
| Tax at the statutory tax rate of 25% | 110,641 | 34,777 |
| Tax effect of: Non-deductible expenses Other assessable income Net benefit of franking credits on distributions received | 8,856 175 (698) | 7,955 149 (605) |
| Income tax expense | 118,974 | 42,276 |

Note 8. Income tax (continued)

| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|--|---|--|
| Deferred tax attributable to: Expense accruals Provision for lease make good Lease liabilities Property, plant and equipment Investment market value unrealised gain Right-of-use assets Tax losses | 50 (6,025) (80,330) 14,680 215 70,212 (101) | 20 (5,744) (96,951) 17,580 100 89,676 |
| Deferred tax asset/(liability) | (1,299) 2023 | 4,681 2022 |
| Provision for income tax | \$ 95,660 | \$ 10,872 |

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

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

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

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

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

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

Note 9. Cash and cash equivalents

| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Cash at bank and on hand Term deposits Sandhurst Select 90 Fund | 153,885 51,289 454,714 | 266,549 50,975 - |
| | 659,888 | 317,524 |

Note 9. Cash and cash equivalents (continued)

Accounting policy for cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and deposits held with banks.

Note 10. Trade and other receivables

| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| Trade receivables | 125,916 | 64,100 |
| Other receivables and accruals Accrued income Prepayments | 39,647 201 <u>8,365</u> 48,213 | 7,399 9,450 16,849 |
| | 174,129 | 80,949 |

Accounting policy for trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any allowance for expected credit losses. Trade receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

Note 11. Financial assets

| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|---|------------|------------|
| Equity securities - designated at fair value through profit or loss | 55,859 | 75,804 |

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.

Accounting policy for financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income

Financial assets are recognised at fair value. The company has made an irrevocable election to recognise fair value movements of its investment class through other comprehensive income. The company designated the equity securities shown below as at fair value through other comprehensive income because these equity securities represent financial assets that the company intends to hold for the long term for strategic purposes.

Note 12. Property, plant and equipment

| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Leasehold improvements - at cost Less: Accumulated depreciation | 179,873 (149,395) 30,478 | 179,873 (140,530) 39,343 |
| Plant and equipment - at cost Less: Accumulated depreciation | 160,340 (134,985) 25,355 | 159,018 (130,069) 28,949 |
| Motor vehicles - at cost Less: Accumulated depreciation | 30,817 (19,117) 11,700 | 30,817 (12,951) 17,866 |
| | 67,533 | 86,158 |

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 \$ | Motor vehicles \$ | Total \$ |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Balance at 1 July 2021 | 37,882 | 11,179 | 24,029 | 73,090 |
| Additions | 10,200 | 22,151 | _ | 32,351 |
| Depreciation | (8,739) | (4,381) | (6,163) | (19,283) |
| Balance at 30 June 2022 | 39,343 | 28,949 | 17,866 | 86,158 |
| Additions | - | 1,321 | _ | 1,321 |
| Depreciation | (8,865) | (4,915) | (6,166) | (19,946) |
| Balance at 30 June 2023 | 30,478 | 25,355 | 11,700 | 67,533 |

Accounting policy for property, plant and equipment

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost or fair value as applicable, less accumulated depreciation. Any gain or loss on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised in profit or loss.

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

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

| Leasehold improvements | 5 to 20 years |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Plant and equipment | 3 to 10 years |
| Motor vehicles | 3 to 5 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 12. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Changes in estimates

During the financial year, the company assessed estimates used for property, plant and equipment including useful lives, residual values, and depreciation methods. There were no changes in estimates for the current reporting period.

Note 13. Right-of-use assets

| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Land and buildings - right-of-use Less: Accumulated depreciation | 536,593 (255,745) | 551,440 (192,735) |
| | 280,848 | 358,705 |

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

| | Land and buildings \$ |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Balance at 1 July 2021 | 422,950 |
| Depreciation expense | (64,245) |
| Balance at 30 June 2022 | 358,705 |
| Remeasurement adjustments | (14,849) |
| Depreciation expense | <u>(63,008)</u> |
| Balance at 30 June 2023 | 280,848 |

Accounting policy for right-of-use assets

A right-of-use asset is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the asset, whichever is the shorter. Right-of-use assets are subject to impairment or adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

Refer to note 16 for more information on lease arrangements.

Note 14. Intangible assets

| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|---|---|--|
| Domiciled customer accounts Less: Accumulated amortisation | 350,000 (90,921) 259,079 | 350,000 (59,103) 290,897 |
| Franchise fee Less: Accumulated amortisation | 105,112 (94,793) 10,319 | 94,059 (92,591) 1,468 |
| Franchise renewal fee Less: Accumulated amortisation | 225,445 (173,855) 51,590 320,988 | 170,182 (162,834) 7,348 299,713 |

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

| | Domiciled customer accounts \$ | Franchise fee \$ | Franchise renewal fee \$ | Total \$ |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance at 1 July 2021 | 322,715 | 3,672 | 18,366 | 344,753 |
| Amortisation expense | (31,818) | (2,204) | (11,018) | (45,040) |
| Balance at 30 June 2022 | 290,897 | 1,468 | 7,348 | 299,713 |
| Additions | - | 11,053 | 55,263 | 66,316 |
| Amortisation expense | (31,818) | (2,202) | (11,021) | (45,041) |
| Balance at 30 June 2023 | 259,079 | 10,319 | 51,590 | 320,988 |

Additions

During the financial year the franchise fees were renewed and are being amortised over five years to February 2028.

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.

Domiciled customer accounts acquired are recognised at cost at the date of acquisition and are assessed as having a useful life and are amortised over their useful life. They are tested for impairment at each reporting period and 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> | Method | <u>Useful life</u> | Expiry/renewal date |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Franchise fee | Straight-line | Over the franchise term (5 years) | February 2028 |
| Franchise renewal fee | Straight-line | Over the franchise term (5 years) | February 2028 |
| Domiciled customer accounts | Straight-line | 11 years | June 2032 |

Note 14. Intangible assets (continued)

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

| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|---|------------|------------|
| Current liabilities | | |
| Trade payables | 10,763 | 1,967 |
| Other payables and accruals | 12,381 | 19,599 |
| | 23,144 | 21,566 |
| <i>Non-current liabilities</i> Other payables and accruals | 43,768 | _ |

Accounting policy for trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the company prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

Where the company is liable to settle the amount within 12 months of the reporting date, the liability is classified as current. All other obligations are classified as non-current.

Note 16. Lease liabilities

| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Current liabilities</i> Land and buildings lease liabilities Unexpired interest | 74,379 (14,093) | 74,197 (17,356) |
| | 60,286 | 56,841 |
| <i>Non-current liabilities</i> Land and buildings lease liabilities | 285,021 | 370,179 |
| Unexpired interest | (23,985) | (39,220) 330,959 |
| Reconciliation of lease liabilities | | |
| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
| Opening balance Remeasurement adjustments | 387,800 (14,849) | 440,232 |
| Lease interest expense Lease payments - total cash outflow | 17,136 (68,765) | 19,962 (72,394) |
| | 321,322 | 387,800 |

Note 16. Lease liabilities (continued)

| Maturity analysis | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Not later than 12 months Between 12 months and 5 years | 74,379 285.021 | 74,197 370,179 |
| | 359,400 | 444,376 |

Accounting policy for lease liabilities

Lease liabilities were measured at amounts equal to the present value of enforceable future payments of the term reasonably expected to be exercised, discounted at the appropriate incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate and lease payments in a renewal option if the company is reasonably certain to exercise that option. For leases of property the company has elected not to separate lease and non-lease components when calculating the lease liability.

The company has applied judgement in estimating the remaining lease term including the effects of any extension options reasonably expected to be exercised, applying hindsight where appropriate.

The lease liability is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if the company changes its assessment of whether it will exercise an extension option or if there is a revised insubstance fixed lease payment.

The company assesses at the lease commencement date whether it is reasonably certain to exercise extension options. The company reassesses whether it is reasonably certain to exercise the options if there is a significant event or significant change in circumstances within its control.

Where the company is a lessee for the premises to conduct its business, extension options are included in the lease term except when the company is reasonably certain not to exercise the extension option. This is due to the significant disruption of relocating premises and the loss on disposal of leasehold improvements fitted out in the leased premises.

When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the rightof-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to nil.

The company's lease portfolio includes:

| Lease | Discount rate | Non-cancellable term | Renewal options available | Reasonably certain to exercise options | Lease term end date used in calculations |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| Tugun Branch | 4.79% | 5 years | N/A | N/A | February 2028 |
| Note 17. Issued capit | tal | | | | |
| | | | 2023 Shares | 2022 202 Shares \$ | |
| Ordinary shares - fully | paid | | 600,000 | 600,000 60 | 00,000 600,000 |

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

Note 17. Issued capital (continued)

Ordinary shares

<u>Voting rights</u> Subject to some limited exceptions, each member has the right to vote at a general meeting.

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

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

Dividends

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

Transfer

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

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

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. Retained earnings

| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year Profit after income tax expense for the year Dividends paid (note 20) | 170,959 323,591 (42,000) | 116,129 96,830 (42,000) |
| Retained earnings at the end of the financial year | 452,550 | 170,959 |

Note 19. Capital management

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

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

The distribution limit is the greater of:

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

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

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

Note 20. Dividends

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

| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|---|--|--|
| Fully franked dividend of 7 cents per share (2022: 7 cents) | 42,000 | 42,000 |
| Franking credits | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
| Franking account balance at the beginning of the financial year Franking credits (debits) arising from income taxes paid (refunded) Franking debits from the payment of franked distributions Franking credits from franked distributions received | 152,096 40,166 (14,000) <u>698</u> 178,960 | 119,613 45,878 (14,000) <u>605</u> 152,096 |
| Franking transactions that will arise subsequent to the financial year end: Balance at the end of the financial year Franking credits (debits) that will arise from payment (refund) of income tax Franking credits available for future reporting periods | 178,960 95,660 274,620 | 152,096 10,872 162,968 |

Note 20. Dividends (continued)

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 21. Financial instruments

| Financial assets |
|---|
| Trade and other receivables 165,764 71,49 |
| Cash and cash equivalents 659,888 317,52 |
| Financial assets 55,859 75,80 |
| 881,511 464,82 |
| Financial liabilities |
| Trade and other payables 66,912 21,56 |
| Lease liabilities 321,322 387,80 |
| 388,234 409,36 |

Accounting policy for financial instruments

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

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

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

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the company currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and intends either to settle them on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial risk management

The company has exposure to credit, liquidity and market risk arising from financial instruments. The company's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the company. The company does not use derivative instruments. Risk management is carried out directly by the Board.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices - e.g. foreign exchange rates, interest rates, and equity prices - will affect the company's income or the value of its holdings in financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return. The company has no exposure to any transactions denominated in a currency other than Australian dollars.

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 \$659,888 at 30 June 2023 (2022: \$317,524).

Note 21. Financial instruments (continued)

Equity Price risk

All of the company's equity investments are listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX). Changes in equity securities value is recognised through profit or loss or other comprehensive income. Based on the value of investments at 30 June 2023 the company is not exposed to a significant equity securities price risk.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations, and arises principally from the company's receivables from customers.

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 BBB+ on Standard & Poor's credit ratings.

Liquidity risk

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

Exposure to liquidity risk

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

| 2023 | 1 year or less \$ | Between 1 and 5 years \$ | Over 5 years \$ | Remaining contractual maturities \$ |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Trade and other payables | 23,144 | 43,768 | - | 66,912 |
| Lease liabilities | 74,379 | 285,021 | | 359,400 |
| Total non-derivatives | 97,523 | 328,789 | | 426,312 |
| 2022 | 1 year or less \$ | Between 1 and 5 years \$ | Over 5 years \$ | Remaining contractual maturities \$ |
| Trade and other payables | 21,566 | - | - | 21,566 |
| Lease liabilities | 74,197 | 370,179 | - | 444,376 |
| Total non-derivatives | 95,763 | 370,179 | - | 465,942 |

Note 22. 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

| 2023 | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|--|----------|--------------|----------|------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| <i>Assets</i> Equity securities Total assets | <u> </u> | <u>-</u> | <u> </u> | 55,859 55,859 |
| 2022 | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| <i>Assets</i> Equity securities Total assets | 75,804 | - | | 75,804 75,804 |

There were no transfers between levels during the financial year.

Note 23. Key management personnel disclosures

The following persons were directors of Tugun & District Finances Limited during the financial year:

| Peter Anthony Dirkx | Benjamin John Cropmton |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Cameron Kenneth Window | Gabrielle White |
| Robert William Marshall | Colin Raymond Woodward |
| Norbert Anthony Benton | Kelly Marie Sawden |
| Sean David Powell | Lisa Kathleen Fitz Gerald |
| Georgina Louise Tomlinson | |

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

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

Note 24. Related party transactions

There were no transactions with related parties during the current and previous financial year.

Note 25. Remuneration of auditors

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

| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|---|------------|------------------|
| Audit services | | |
| Audit or review of the financial statements | 5,400 | 5,200 |
| Other services | | |
| Taxation advice and tax compliance services | 660 | 600 |
| General advisory services | 7,505 | 2,080 |
| Share registry services | 3,804 | 3,578 |
| | 11,969 | 6,258 |
| | 17,369 | 11,458 |
| Note 26. Reconciliation of profit after income tax to net cash provided by operating acti | | |
| | 2023 | 2022 ¢ |
| | \$ | \$ |
| Profit after income tax expense for the year | 323,591 | 96,830 |
| Adjustments for: | | |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 127,995 | 128,568 |
| (Increase)/decrease in fair value of equity instruments designated at FVTPL | 56 | 1,305 |
| Lease liabilities interest | 17,136 | 19,962 |
| Change in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Increase in trade and other receivables | (73,235) | (25,856) |
| Increase in deferred tax assets | (1,299) | - |
| Decrease in trade and other payables | (7,763) | (8,567) |
| Increase/(decrease) in provision for income tax | 84,788 | (7,583) |
| Increase/(decrease) in deferred tax liabilities Decrease in employee benefits | (4,681) | 3,982 (9,944) |
| Increase in other provisions | - 1,125 | (9,944) 1,073 |
| | 1,120 | 1,070 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 467,713 | 199,770 |
| Note 27. Earnings per share | | |
| | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
| Profit after income tax | 323,591 | 96,830 |
| | Number | Number |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share | 600,000 | 600,000 |

Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted earnings per share 600,000

600,000

Directors' declaration

30 June 2023

In the directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the *Corporations Act 2001*, the Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board as described in the notes to the financial statements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

On behalf of the directors

Peter Anthony Dirkx Chair

27 September 2023

Independent audit report



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Independent auditor's report to the Directors of Tugun & District Finances Limited

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Tugun & District Finances Limited (the company), which comprises:

- Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023
- Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
- Statement of changes in equity
- Statement of cash flows
- Notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies
- The directors' declaration of the company.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Tugun & District Finances Limited, is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

Basis for Opinion

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

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

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

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Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the company's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2023, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon. The annual report may also include "other information" on the company's operations and financial results and financial position as set out in the financial report, typically in a Chairman's report and Manager's report, and reports covering governance and shareholder matters.

The directors are responsible for the other information. The annual report is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

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

Our responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If we identify that a material inconsistency appears to exist when we read the annual report (or become aware that the other information appears to be materially misstated), we will discuss the matter with the directors and where we believe that a material misstatement of the other information exists, we will request management to correct the other information. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

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

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

The directors are responsible for overseeing the company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

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

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Andrew Frewin Stewart 61 Bull Street, Bendigo, Vic, 3550 Dated: 27 September 2023

Joshua Griffin Lead Auditor

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