

# Annual Report 2023

2023 Annual Report

Western Port Community  
Enterprises Limited

Community Bank  
Hastings & District

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# Chairman's report

For year ending 30 June 2023

Once again it is my pleasure to report to shareholders on the performance, and state, of their Company for the year ended 30 June 2023, the 15th anniversary of Western Port Community Enterprises Limited (WPCEL).

You will recall that in the post COVID times, whilst we endured very fine margins and therefore lower incomes, we held our nerve and watched our costs, waiting for better times ahead. I have often used the farming analogy during drought times, waiting on the rain to come.

The rain did come in the past 12 months and continues to this time. We have continued to grow our business during these times, generating healthy profits.

The last 12 months have provided record profits for WPCEL, and this has allowed us to not only return greater funds to the Community, positioning our Community Bank Company to be better equipped to handle the future. We are now in the best shape possible.

During June we:

- Renewed our Franchise with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited for a further five years
- Renewed the lease on our premises for a further 10 years
- Completed a refurbishment on our premises.

Just further evidence that we are here for the long term, not just for tomorrow.

In addition, during June we employed our own Mobile Lender, Colin Fogelman. Colin joins us with wonderful experience in the lending area and we welcome him to our Community Bank Hastings & District Branch team. Colin is available to meet you or your friends, at a venue of their choosing and can be contacted through the branch.

Amongst all these positives there have also been some negatives during the year.

In the company of the majority of businesses in Australia, we were understaffed for the greater part of the year. With resignations due to illness etc, we just could not source replacement staff. Whilst we were able to avoid closing the Branch at any time, we

chose to close for lunch etc, and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. We simply did not have any other options available to us. I am sure the Branch Manager Scott Kruger will mention this in his report also.

The good news is that we are now in full employment and training up new personnel, enabling us to handle both existing and new business, during what we expect to be a very busy year.

So much of my thanks go to Scott and his small staff during those difficult times. It has been far from easy, and the Board appreciate their efforts in keeping the Branch open. Our thanks to Scott, Deanne, and Desiree.

As always, I am immensely proud of our Board and what they have achieved in the past 15 years. It is an absolute pleasure to work with the support of these fine people.

For our patient shareholders, you too should be very proud of what you have allowed to happen over the past 15 years. Without your investment and trust, we simply would not be in this position.

To this end, the Board has declared a dividend this year of 5%, fully franked at 25% as recognition of your support. This dividend will be paid in November.

And finally, to our valuable customers. Whilst we can provide the facilities and services, it is those coming through the doors that make it happen. We continue to grow with your help.

Please keep up the support.

I look forward to reporting on another successful year at this time next year.



**Vic Rodwell OAM**  
**Chairman**

# Manager's report

For year ending 30 June 2023

It is with pleasure that I submit my annual report to the shareholders for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

I'm proud to share that over the past year Community Bank Hastings & District achieved 106% of our overall business growth target, which includes deposits and personal lending. This is a fantastic result considering the ongoing challenges the branch faced throughout the year, with staffing being the biggest challenge issue.

We now have around 3,700 customer profiles, which is an increase of 5% from the previous year. In branch transactions has increased by 15%, which shows not only growth but a need for face-to-face banking in our community. The support for our unique Bendigo Bank model has come from all sectors of our community, including personal and business.

Our branch continues to grow, as existing customers become our advocates, and promote the benefits of supporting Community Bank Hastings & District. This advocacy is being led particularly by the many not-for-profit groups that we have partnered since opening. These organisations are already seeing the rewards that banking with Community Bank Hastings & District can bring to them. Over the next 12 months Community Bank Hastings & District remain committed to further developing partnerships with these not-for-profit customers, so that we can all continue to share in the building of a stronger and more financially secure local community. With the support of these groups and our existing customers, I am confident that we can continue to grow our business.

There has been a few new additions to the team at Community Bank Hastings & District in 2023, which now consists of myself, Deanne Wilson, Rebecca Ellis, Desiree Van De Beek-Harker, Milly May, Nadia Cuelho and our mobile lender Colin Fogelman. I would like to recognise the excellent support and service they provide to our customers, our Board, our Bendigo Bank regional support team, and myself.

I would also like to thank my Board of Directors who have worked tirelessly in promoting Community Bank Hastings & District, along with our Bendigo Bank regional support team, including our specialist Business Bankers. They have all supported both the staff and myself in our efforts to continue to grow our business.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank all of our customers and shareholders who have supported Community Bank Hastings & District this year as in previous years. Without your support we would not have been able to achieve the great results we have to date. I continue to ask that you be advocates for our branch and encourage your family, friends, and associates, to also support our branch. The difference with the Community Bank model is that every time people bank with Community Bank Hastings & District, the profits generated enable contributions to the community contributions and dividends to shareholders.

I look forward to the year ahead, and the many challenges I am sure it will bring. Please feel free to contact us anytime at Community Bank Hastings & District.



**Scott Kruger**  
**Branch Manager**

# 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: Victor Charles Rodwell OAM  
Title: Non-executive director  
Experience and expertise: Holds a CPA, Small Business Owner for 40 years. Treasurer of W.C.C.I and President of W.C.C.I on two occasions.  
Special responsibilities: Chair, Company Secretary, Assistant Treasurer

Name: John Thomas Crough  
Title: Non-executive director  
Experience and expertise: Worked in the finance industry for over 41 years, held the position of Victorian State Manager in a major bank and similar positions in Western Australia and Queensland, as well as being the Chief Executive Officer's representative for the state of Western Australia. Was a Member on a retail board of management for 10 years and a Director of various internal companies.  
Special responsibilities: Treasurer

Name: Stephen Robert Dowling  
Title: Non-executive director  
Experience and expertise: Steve is a successful businessman with extensive experience in both retail & wholesale operations. A director of his own companies in Australia and New Zealand for many years. His background of community service includes working with both community groups and NFPs. He was President of 4WD Victoria for 4 years, was a Military Officer and a Scout leader, is a supporter of The Royal Flying Doctor Service, a former Director of the Gawler Foundation and currently involved with a start up NFP which will work on innovation programs.  
Special responsibilities: Vice-Chair and Community Investment Sub Committee Chair

Name: Andrew Venturini  
Title: Non-executive director  
Experience and expertise: Diploma of Business, Former Real Estate Agent, Management in Trade/Plumbing Hardware. Owner/Operator of Small Business and Manager of Electrical/Air Conditioning Business.  
Special responsibilities: Community Investment & Building Sub-Committees

Name: Trevor Donald Coleman  
Title: Non-executive director  
Experience and expertise: Previously worked in Finance and Insurance industries. Vast experience with management and sales in both industries. Prior to retirement Trevor had his own company which specialised in sales training and management.  
Special responsibilities: Community Investment Sub-Committee and HR

Name: Jason Shaun Dowler  
Title: Non-executive director  
Experience and expertise: Real Estate business owner, Sales person 17 years, Business Degree (Marketing), Licenced Estate Agent President of the Westernport Chamber of Commerce and Industry, involvement 8 years.  
Special responsibilities: Business Development Committee

## Directors' report (continued)

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Name:	Amy Campion
Title:	Non-executive director
Experience and expertise:	Marketing and Communications Consultant, Writer. BA (Hons) Communication Arts; Post Grad Cert in Strategic Foresight. An experienced marketing and communications specialist across a wide range of industries with a focus on values driven and ethical organisations. A published writer, radio host on local station RPP FM. Involved in voluntary roles including Poets Corner, Mornington Peninsula Women in Business and Art Red Hill.
Special responsibilities:	Marketing Sub-Committee

No directors have material interest in contracts or proposed contracts with the company.

### Company secretary

The company secretary is Victor Rodwell. Victor was appointed to the position of company secretary on 30 November 2011.

### 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 \$318,573 (30 June 2022: loss of \$11,215).

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 \$
Unfranked dividend of 5 cents per share (2022: 1.5 cents)	<u>39,088</u>

### Significant changes in the state of affairs

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

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

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.

## Directors' report (continued)

### Meetings of directors

The number of directors meetings attended by each of the directors of the company during the financial year were:

	Board Eligible	Attended
Victor Charles Rodwell OAM	9	9
John Thomas Crough*	9	3
Stephen Robert Dowling	9	5
Andrew Venturini	9	9
Trevor Donald Coleman	9	9
Jason Shaun Dowler	9	4
Amy Campion	9	9

\* Leave of absence from June 2022 - October 2022

### 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
Victor Charles Rodwell OAM	50,001	-	50,001
John Thomas Crough	-	-	-
Stephen Robert Dowling	10,000	-	10,000
Andrew Venturini	20,000	-	20,000
Trevor Donald Coleman	-	-	-
Jason Shaun Dowler	-	-	-
Amy Campion	-	-	-

### 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.

## Directors' report (continued)

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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:

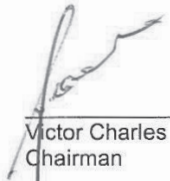
- all non-audit services have been reviewed by the board to ensure they do not impact on the impartiality, integrity and objectivity of the auditor
- the non-audit services provided do not undermine the general principles relating to auditor independence as set out in *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional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

### **Auditor's independence declaration**

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

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

On behalf of the directors



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Victor Charles Rodwell OAM  
Chairman

21 September 2023



# Auditor's independence declaration



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

As lead auditor for the audit of Western Port Community Enterprises 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.

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

**Andrew Frewin Stewart**  
61 Bull Street, Bendigo, Vic, 3550  
Dated: 21 September 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joshua Griffin'.

**Joshua Griffin**  
Lead Auditor



# Financial statements

## Western Port Community Enterprises 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	1,245,191	545,462
Other revenue		8,333	15,000
Total revenue		<u>1,253,524</u>	<u>560,462</u>
Employee benefits expense	7	(424,405)	(367,950)
Advertising and marketing costs		(8,677)	(3,874)
Occupancy and associated costs		(47,337)	(19,973)
System costs		(24,686)	(17,641)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	7	(66,892)	(65,238)
Finance costs	7	(13,463)	(14,474)
General administration expenses		(74,351)	(76,526)
Total expenses before community contributions and income tax expense		<u>(659,811)</u>	<u>(565,676)</u>
<b>Profit/(loss) before community contributions and income tax (expense)/benefit</b>		593,713	(5,214)
Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense	7	<u>(168,949)</u>	<u>(9,740)</u>
<b>Profit/(loss) before income tax (expense)/benefit</b>		424,764	(14,954)
Income tax (expense)/benefit	8	<u>(106,191)</u>	<u>3,739</u>
<b>Profit/(loss) after income tax (expense)/benefit for the year</b>	19	318,573	(11,215)
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<u><u>318,573</u></u>	<u><u>(11,215)</u></u>
		<b>Cents</b>	<b>Cents</b>
Basic earnings per share	27	40.75	(1.43)
Diluted earnings per share	27	40.75	(1.43)

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

## Financial statements (continued)

### Western Port Community Enterprises Limited Statement of financial position As at 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	502,737	170,257
Trade and other receivables	10	125,314	54,639
Total current assets		<u>628,051</u>	<u>224,896</u>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	11	70,937	51,320
Right-of-use assets	12	358,589	248,729
Intangible assets	13	69,698	13,222
Deferred tax assets	8	10,558	116,749
Total non-current assets		<u>509,782</u>	<u>430,020</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>1,137,833</u>	<u>654,916</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	14	86,843	61,209
Lease liabilities	15	22,890	38,521
Employee benefits	16	7,823	17,099
Total current liabilities		<u>117,556</u>	<u>116,829</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	14	61,334	-
Lease liabilities	15	354,476	218,629
Employee benefits	16	15,705	3,549
Lease make good provision	17	12,135	18,767
Total non-current liabilities		<u>443,650</u>	<u>240,945</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>561,206</u>	<u>357,774</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>576,627</u>	<u>297,142</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Issued capital	18	769,898	769,898
Accumulated losses	19	(193,271)	(472,756)
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>576,627</u>	<u>297,142</u>

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

## Financial statements (continued)

### Western Port Community Enterprises Limited Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	Issued capital \$	Accumulated losses \$	Total equity \$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2021</b>		769,898	(449,815)	320,083
Loss after income tax		-	(11,215)	(11,215)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	(11,215)	(11,215)
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i>				
Dividends provided for	21	-	(11,726)	(11,726)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2022</b>		<u>769,898</u>	<u>(472,756)</u>	<u>297,142</u>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2022</b>		769,898	(472,756)	297,142
Profit after income tax expense		-	318,573	318,573
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	318,573	318,573
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</i>				
Dividends provided for	21	-	(39,088)	(39,088)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2023</b>		<u>769,898</u>	<u>(193,271)</u>	<u>576,627</u>

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

## Financial statements (continued)

### Western Port Community Enterprises Limited Statement of cash flows For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of GST)		1,308,201	596,038
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of GST)		(853,608)	(542,869)
Interest and other finance costs paid		(499)	(120)
		<u>454,094</u>	<u>53,049</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	26		
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Payments for property, plant and equipment	11	(30,408)	-
Payments for intangible assets		-	(13,222)
		<u>(30,408)</u>	<u>(13,222)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities			
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Dividends paid	21	(39,088)	(11,726)
Repayment of lease liabilities	15	(52,118)	(50,201)
		<u>(91,206)</u>	<u>(61,927)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities			
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		332,480	(22,100)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		170,257	192,357
		<u>502,737</u>	<u>170,257</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	9		

*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 Western Port Community Enterprises Limited (the company) as an individual entity, which is a for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The company is an unlisted public company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is 2 High Street, Hastings VIC 3915.

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 21 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.

### **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.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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### Note 3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

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 recoverable 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.

#### *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.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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

#### *Lease term*

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

#### *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.

#### *Employee benefits provision*

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

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

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

#### *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 June 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.

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.



## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 5. Economic dependency (continued)

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

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

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

### Note 6. Revenue from contracts with customers

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Margin income	1,139,572	445,820
Fee income	41,822	43,163
Commission income	57,801	53,131
ATM income	5,996	3,348
	<u>1,245,191</u>	<u>545,462</u>

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

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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### 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, interest rates and funds transfer pricing and other factors, such as economic and local conditions.

#### *Margin income*

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

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

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

#### *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.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 7. Expenses

#### Employee benefits expense

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Wages and salaries	361,759	333,240
Workcover reimbursement	-	(7,066)
Superannuation contributions	39,167	32,530
Expenses related to long service leave	12,156	(3,152)
Other expenses	11,323	12,398
	<u>424,405</u>	<u>367,950</u>

#### Depreciation and amortisation expense

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<i>Depreciation of non-current assets</i>		
Leasehold improvements	9,785	9,867
Plant and equipment	361	413
Furniture and fittings	195	244
Computer equipment	18	37
Motor vehicles	432	-
	<u>10,791</u>	<u>10,561</u>
<i>Depreciation of right-of-use assets</i>		
Leased land and buildings	42,879	41,455
<i>Amortisation of intangible assets</i>		
Franchise fee	2,204	2,203
Franchise renewal fee	11,018	11,019
	<u>13,222</u>	<u>13,222</u>
	<u>66,892</u>	<u>65,238</u>

#### Finance costs

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Lease interest expense	12,045	13,478
Unwinding of make-good provision	919	876
Other	499	120
	<u>13,463</u>	<u>14,474</u>

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

#### Leases recognition exemption

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Expenses relating to low-value leases	<u>10,538</u>	<u>6,830</u>

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.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 7. Expenses (continued)

#### Charitable donations, sponsorships and grants expense

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Direct donation, sponsorship and grant payments	88,949	9,740
Contribution to the Community Enterprise Foundation™	80,000	-
	<u>168,949</u>	<u>9,740</u>

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

The funds contributed to and 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/(benefit)</i>		
Movement in deferred tax	5,999	103
Recoupment of prior year tax losses	100,192	-
Future income tax benefit attributable to losses	-	(3,842)
Aggregate income tax expense/(benefit)	<u>106,191</u>	<u>(3,739)</u>
<i>Prima facie income tax reconciliation</i>		
Profit/(loss) before income tax (expense)/benefit	424,764	(14,954)
Tax at the statutory tax rate of 25%	106,191	(3,739)
Income tax expense/(benefit)	<u>106,191</u>	<u>(3,739)</u>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<i>Deferred tax assets/(liabilities)</i>		
Tax losses	3,525	103,719
Employee benefits	5,882	5,162
Lease liabilities	94,342	64,287
Provision for lease make good	3,034	4,692
Accrued expenses	908	1,071
Right-of-use assets	(89,647)	(62,182)
Property, plant and equipment	(7,486)	-
Deferred tax asset	<u>10,558</u>	<u>116,749</u>

#### Accounting policy for income tax

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

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 8. Income tax (continued)

#### *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	<u>502,737</u>	<u>170,257</u>

#### *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	119,885	48,667
Prepayments	<u>5,429</u>	<u>5,972</u>
	<u>125,314</u>	<u>54,639</u>

#### *Accounting policy for trade and other receivables*

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

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 11. Property, plant and equipment

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Leasehold improvements - at cost	313,361	313,361
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(274,471)</u>	<u>(264,686)</u>
	38,890	48,675
Plant and equipment - at cost	6,144	4,372
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,100)</u>	<u>(2,739)</u>
	3,044	1,633
Furniture and fittings - at cost	3,411	3,411
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,631)</u>	<u>(2,436)</u>
	780	975
Motor vehicles - at cost	28,636	-
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(432)</u>	<u>-</u>
	28,204	-
Computer equipment - at cost	3,307	3,307
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,288)</u>	<u>(3,270)</u>
	19	37
	<u>70,937</u>	<u>51,320</u>

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 \$	Furniture and fittings \$	Computer equipment \$	Motor vehicle \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2021	58,542	2,046	1,219	74	-	61,881
Depreciation	<u>(9,867)</u>	<u>(413)</u>	<u>(244)</u>	<u>(37)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,561)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2022	48,675	1,633	975	37	-	51,320
Additions	-	1,772	-	-	28,636	30,408
Depreciation	<u>(9,785)</u>	<u>(361)</u>	<u>(195)</u>	<u>(18)</u>	<u>(432)</u>	<u>(10,791)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2023	<u>38,890</u>	<u>3,044</u>	<u>780</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>28,204</u>	<u>70,937</u>

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

Leasehold improvements	5 to 20 years
Plant and equipment	5 years
Furniture, fixtures and fittings	2 to 5 years
Computer equipment	2 years
Motor vehicle	4 years

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 11. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

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.

#### *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 12. Right-of-use assets

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Land and buildings - right-of-use	563,840	411,101
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(205,251)</u>	<u>(162,372)</u>
	<u>358,589</u>	<u>248,729</u>

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	290,184
Depreciation expense	<u>(41,455)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2022	248,729
Remeasurement adjustments	152,739
Depreciation expense	<u>(42,879)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2023	<u>358,589</u>

#### *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 15 for more information on lease arrangements.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 13. Intangible assets

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Franchise fee	44,171	32,555
Less: Accumulated amortisation	<u>(32,555)</u>	<u>(30,351)</u>
	11,616	2,204
Franchise renewal fee	170,859	112,777
Less: Accumulated amortisation	<u>(112,777)</u>	<u>(101,759)</u>
	58,082	11,018
	<u>69,698</u>	<u>13,222</u>

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

	Franchise fee \$	Franchise renewal fee \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2021	4,407	22,037	26,444
Amortisation expense	<u>(2,203)</u>	<u>(11,019)</u>	<u>(13,222)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2022	2,204	11,018	13,222
Additions	11,616	58,082	69,698
Amortisation expense	<u>(2,204)</u>	<u>(11,018)</u>	<u>(13,222)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2023	<u>11,616</u>	<u>58,082</u>	<u>69,698</u>

#### Additions

During the previous financial year the Hastings & District franchise fee was renewed. This is to be amortised over five years to June 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.

The estimated useful life and amortisation method for the current and comparative periods are as follows:

<u>Asset class</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>Useful life</u>	<u>Expiry/renewal date</u>
Franchise fee	Straight-line	Over the franchise term (5 years)	June 2028
Franchise renewal fee	Straight-line	Over the franchise term (5 years)	June 2028

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.



## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 14. Trade and other payables

	2023 \$	2022 \$
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Trade payables	37,752	14,684
Other payables and accruals	49,091	46,525
	<u>86,843</u>	<u>61,209</u>
<i>Non-current liabilities</i>		
Other payables and accruals	<u>61,334</u>	<u>-</u>

#### *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 15. Lease liabilities

	2023 \$	2022 \$
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Land and buildings lease liabilities	49,661	50,200
Unexpired interest	(26,771)	(11,679)
	<u>22,890</u>	<u>38,521</u>
<i>Non-current liabilities</i>		
Land and buildings lease liabilities	483,645	246,817
Unexpired interest	(129,169)	(28,188)
	<u>354,476</u>	<u>218,629</u>
<i>Reconciliation of lease liabilities</i>		
	2023 \$	2022 \$
Opening balance	257,150	293,873
Remeasurement adjustments	160,289	-
Lease interest expense	12,045	13,478
Lease payments - total cash outflow	(52,118)	(50,201)
	<u>377,366</u>	<u>257,150</u>

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 15. Lease liabilities (continued)

#### Maturity analysis

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Not later than 12 months	49,661	50,200
Between 12 months and 5 years	214,953	200,800
Greater than 5 years	268,692	46,017
	<u>533,306</u>	<u>297,017</u>

#### 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 in-substance 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 right-of-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
Hastings branch	7.25%	5 years	1 x 5 years	Yes	June 2033

#### Additions

During the financial year the company renewed their lease for the branch premises. As such an adjustment was required for the recognition of an additional lease liability and right-of-use asset.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 16. Employee benefits

	2023 \$	2022 \$
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Annual leave	<u>7,823</u>	<u>17,099</u>
<i>Non-current liabilities</i>		
Long service leave	<u>15,705</u>	<u>3,549</u>

#### *Accounting policy for employee benefits*

Short-term employee benefits are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognised for salary and wages where the employee has provided the service but payment has not yet occurred at the reporting date. They are measured at amounts expected to be paid, plus related on-costs. Non-accumulating sick leave is expensed when the leave is taken and measured at the rates paid or payable.

An annual leave liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid if the company has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be reliably estimated. The company's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as salaries and wages are recognised as part of current trade and other payables in the statement of financial position. The company's obligations for employees' annual leave and long service leave entitlements are recognised in employee benefits in the statement of financial position.

#### *Superannuation contributions*

Contributions to superannuation plans are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

#### *Short-term employee benefits*

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

#### *Other long-term employee benefits*

The company's net obligation in respect of long-term employee benefits is the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior reporting periods.

That benefit is discounted to determine its present value. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels plus related on-costs, experience of employee departures, and years of service achieved. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on high quality corporate bonds with terms to maturity and currencies that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

Remeasurements are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

### Note 17. Lease make good provision

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Lease make good	<u>12,135</u>	<u>18,767</u>

#### *Lease make good*

In accordance with the branch lease agreement, the company must restore the leased premises to the original condition before the expiry of the lease term. The company has estimated the provision to be \$25,000 for the Hastings Branch lease, based on experience and consideration of the expected future costs to remove all fittings and the ATM as well as the cost to remedy any damages caused during the removal process. The lease is due to expire on 30 June 2033 at which time it is expected the face-value costs to restore the premises will fall due.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 17. Lease make good provision (continued)

#### *Accounting policy for provisions*

Provisions are recognised when the company has a present (legal or constructive) obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable the company will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. The provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate specific to the liability. The increase in the provision resulting from the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost.

### Note 18. Issued capital

	2023 Shares	2022 Shares	2023 \$	2022 \$
Ordinary shares - fully paid	781,762	781,762	781,762	781,762
Less: Equity raising costs	-	-	(11,864)	(11,864)
	<u>781,762</u>	<u>781,762</u>	<u>769,898</u>	<u>769,898</u>

#### *Accounting policy for issued capital*

Ordinary shares are recognised at the fair value of the consideration received by the company being \$1 per share. Any transaction costs arising on the issue of ordinary shares are recognised directly in equity as a reduction of the share proceeds received.

#### ***Rights attached to issued capital***

##### *Ordinary shares*

##### Voting rights

Subject to some limited exceptions, each member has the right to vote at a general meeting.

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.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 18. Issued capital (continued)

In summary, a person has a prohibited shareholding interest if any of the following applies:

- They control or own 10% or more of the shares in the company (the "10% limit").
- In the opinion of the board they do not have a close connection to the community or communities in which the company predominantly carries on business (the "close connection test").
- Where the person is a shareholder, after the transfer of shares in the company to that person the number of shareholders in the company is (or would be) lower than the base number (the "base number test"). The base number is 190. As at the date of this report, the company had 201 shareholders (2022: 201 shareholders).

As with voting rights, the purpose of this prohibited shareholding provision is to reflect the community-based nature of the company.

Where a person has a prohibited shareholding interest, the voting and dividend rights attaching to the shares in which the person (and their associates) has a prohibited shareholding interest in are suspended.

The board has the power to request information from a person who has (or is suspected by the board of having) a legal or beneficial interest in any shares in the company or any voting power in the company, for the purpose of determining whether a person has a prohibited shareholding interest. If the board becomes aware that a member has a prohibited shareholding interest, it must serve a notice requiring the member (or the member's associate) to dispose of the number of shares the board considers necessary to remedy the breach. If a person fails to comply with such a notice within a specified period (that must be between three and six months), the board is authorised to sell the specified shares on behalf of that person. The holder will be entitled to the consideration from the sale of the shares, less any expenses incurred by the board in selling or otherwise dealing with those shares.

In the constitution, members acknowledge and recognise that the exercise of the powers given to the board may cause considerable disadvantage to individual members, but that such a result may be necessary to enforce the prohibition.

### Note 19. Accumulated losses

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Accumulated losses at the beginning of the financial year	(472,756)	(449,815)
Profit/(loss) after income tax (expense)/benefit for the year	318,573	(11,215)
Dividends paid (note 21)	<u>(39,088)</u>	<u>(11,726)</u>
Accumulated losses at the end of the financial year	<u>(193,271)</u>	<u>(472,756)</u>

### Note 20. 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%.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 20. Capital management (continued)

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

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

### Note 21. 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 \$
Unfranked dividend of 5 cents per share (2022: 1.5 cents)	<u>39,088</u>	<u>11,726</u>

#### *Accounting policy for dividends*

Dividends are recognised in the financial year they are declared.

### Note 22. Financial instruments

	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Trade and other receivables	119,885	48,667
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>502,737</u>	<u>170,257</u>
	<u>622,622</u>	<u>218,924</u>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	148,177	61,209
Lease liabilities	<u>377,366</u>	<u>257,150</u>
	<u>525,543</u>	<u>318,359</u>

#### *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 and lease liabilities.

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.

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.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 22. Financial instruments (continued)

#### 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 \$502,737 at 30 June 2023 (2022: \$170,257).

#### Price risk

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

#### 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.

	1 year or less \$	Between 1 and 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	Remaining contractual maturities \$
<b>2023</b>				
Trade and other payables	86,843	61,334	-	148,177
Lease liabilities	49,661	214,953	268,692	533,306
Total non-derivatives	136,504	276,287	268,692	681,483
	1 year or less \$	Between 1 and 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	Remaining contractual maturities \$
<b>2022</b>				
Trade and other payables	61,209	-	-	61,209
Lease liabilities	50,200	200,800	46,017	297,017
Total non-derivatives	111,409	200,800	46,017	358,226

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 23. Key management personnel disclosures

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

Victor Charles Rodwell OAM  
John Thomas Crough  
Stephen Robert Dowling  
Andrew Venturini

Trevor Donald Coleman  
Jason Shaun Dowler  
Amy Champion

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 \$
<i>Audit services</i>		
Audit or review of the financial statements	5,400	5,200
<i>Other services</i>		
General advisory services	3,030	2,130
Share registry services	3,833	3,525
	<u>6,863</u>	<u>5,655</u>
	<u>12,263</u>	<u>10,855</u>

### Note 26. Reconciliation of profit/(loss) after income tax to net cash provided by operating activities

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Profit/(loss) after income tax (expense)/benefit for the year	318,573	(11,215)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	66,892	65,238
Lease liabilities interest	12,045	13,478
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Increase in trade and other receivables	(70,675)	(21,559)
Decrease/(increase) in deferred tax assets	106,191	(3,739)
Increase in trade and other payables	17,270	15,636
Increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	2,880	(5,666)
Increase in other provisions	918	876
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>454,094</u>	<u>53,049</u>



## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### Note 27. Earnings per share

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Profit/(loss) after income tax	<u>318,573</u>	<u>(11,215)</u>
	Number	Number
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share	<u>781,762</u>	<u>781,762</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted earnings per share	<u>781,762</u>	<u>781,762</u>
	Cents	Cents
Basic earnings per share	40.75	(1.43)
Diluted earnings per share	40.75	(1.43)

#### *Accounting policy for earnings per share*

Basic and diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to the owners of Western Port Community Enterprises Limited, by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year.

### Note 28. Commitments

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

### Note 29. Contingencies

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

### Note 30. Events after the reporting period

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.

# Directors' declaration

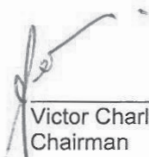
**30 June 2023**

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



Victor Charles Rodwell OAM  
Chairman

21 September 2023

# Independent audit report



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## Independent auditor's report to the Directors of Western Port Community Enterprises Limited

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Western Port Community Enterprises 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 Western Port Community Enterprises Limited, is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 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.

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**Andrew Frewin Stewart**  
61 Bull Street, Bendigo, Vic, 3550  
Dated: 21 September 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joshua Griffin'.

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