

Inner East Community Finance Limited

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Dear Sir/Madam

2024 INTERIM REPORT

Inner East Community Finance Limited (NSX: IEC) attaches its Interim Report for the half-year ended 31 December 2023.

Yours sincerely

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Inner East Community Finance Ltd

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Interim Financial Report for the half-year ended 31 December 2023

Inner East Community Finance Ltd

Directors' Report

For the half-year ended 31 December 2023

The Directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on Inner East Community Finance Ltd for the half-year ended 31 December 2023.

Directors

The following persons were Directors of Inner East Community Finance Ltd during or since the end of the half-year:

Juliann Ruth Byron	Nicholas Coker
Coral Therese Ross	Robert Einar Stensholt
Neil Jonathan Dalrymple - appointed 22 Aug 2023	

Principal activities

The principal activities of the company during the course of the financial period were providing Community Bank branch services under management rights to operate four franchised branches of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited (Bendigo Bank) at Ashburton, Balwyn, Canterbury, and Surrey Hills.

Review and results of operations

Operations have continued to perform in line with expectations. The net profit of the company for the financial period was \$536,781 (2022 profit: \$1,175,287)

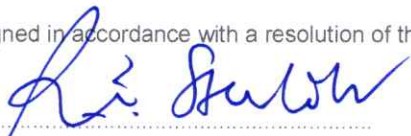
Matters subsequent to the end of the reporting period

There are no matters or circumstances that have arisen since the end of the half year reporting period that have significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company.

Auditor's independence declaration

The auditor's independence declaration under Section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 2 for the half year ended 31 December 2023.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors at Canterbury.


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Robert Stensholt
Director

Dated: 28 February 2024



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Auditors Independence Declaration under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* to the Directors of Inner East Community Finance Limited

In accordance with s 307C of the Corporations Act 2001, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of Inner East Community Finance Limited. As the lead audit partner for the review of the financial report of Inner East Community Finance Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 2023, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) The auditor independence requirements set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review; and
- (ii) Any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

RSD Audit

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Mahesh Silva
Partner
41A Breen Street
Bendigo VIC 3550

Dated: 29/02/2024

Inner East Community Finance Ltd

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the half-year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Revenue	4,144,048	3,790,726
Expenses		
Employment expenses	2,031,091	1,336,426
Depreciation and amortisation	376,214	287,986
Administration and general costs	275,671	223,050
Interest on finance leases	39,319	55,714
Occupancy expenses	208,040	51,373
IT expenses	66,237	47,968
ATM expenses	8,043	8,023
	3,004,615	2,010,540
Profit before charitable donations & sponsorship	1,139,433	1,780,186
Charitable donations and sponsorship	310,823	191,253
Profit before income tax expense	828,610	1,588,933
Income tax expense	291,829	413,646
Profit after income tax expense	536,781	1,175,287
Total comprehensive income attributable to the ordinary shareholders of the company	536,781	1,175,287
Earnings per share	¢	¢
- Basic earnings per share	0.20	0.43

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Inner East Community Finance Ltd

Statement of Financial Position

As at the half-year ended 31 December 2023

	31 December 2023	30 June 2023
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,735,382	1,059,720
Trade and other receivables	738,760	883,023
Financial assets	2,800,000	2,100,000
Other assets	165,689	126,121
Total Current Assets	5,439,831	4,168,864
Non-Current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	1,003,320	1,030,221
Right-of-use assets	2,030,279	2,149,073
Intangible assets	1,624,518	1,761,023
Total Non-Current Assets	4,658,117	4,940,317
Total Assets	10,097,948	9,109,181
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	776,880	452,991
Accrued Franchise Fees	14,000	-
Current tax liability	1,111,942	754,931
Lease liabilities	194,128	209,817
Employee benefits	367,337	237,691
Total Current Liabilities	2,464,287	1,655,430
Non-Current Liabilities		
Accrued Franchise Fees	78,875	-
Lease liabilities	2,048,482	2,124,326
Employee benefits	55,583	15,963
Deferred tax liability	67,625	132,807
Total Non-Current Liabilities	2,250,565	2,273,096
Total Liabilities	4,714,852	3,928,526
Net Assets	5,383,096	5,180,655
Equity		
Issued capital	1,143,008	1,208,927
Retained earnings	4,240,088	3,971,728
Total Equity	5,383,096	5,180,655

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Statement of Changes in Equity

For the half-year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Issued capital \$	Retained earnings \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2023		<u>1,208,927</u>	<u>3,971,728</u>	<u>5,180,655</u>
<i>Comprehensive income for the half year</i>				
Profit for the half year		-	536,781	536,781
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners</i>				
Share buy-backs		(65,919)	-	(65,919)
Dividends paid or provided	5	-	(268,421)	(268,421)
Balance at 31 December 2023		<u>1,143,008</u>	<u>4,240,088</u>	<u>5,383,096</u>
Balance at 1 July 2022		<u>1,226,767</u>	<u>2,131,761</u>	<u>3,358,528</u>
<i>Comprehensive income for the half year</i>				
Profit for the half year		-	1,175,287	1,175,287
<i>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners</i>				
Dividends paid or provided	5	-	(189,668)	(189,668)
Balance at 31 December 2022		<u>1,226,767</u>	<u>3,117,380</u>	<u>4,344,147</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the half-year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers	4,576,190	3,894,461
Interest received	79,050	6,509
Payments to suppliers and employees	(2,674,152)	(1,960,723)
Interest paid	(39,319)	(55,714)
Income tax refund	-	40,918
Net cash flows generated by operating activities	1,941,769	1,925,451
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(41,043)	(2,284)
Purchase of intangible assets	(78,890)	(64,890)
Purchase of financial assets	(700,000)	-
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(819,933)	(67,174)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities		
Repayment of leases	(111,833)	(135,329)
Dividends paid	(268,421)	(189,668)
Payment for share buy-back	(65,919)	-
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(446,173)	(324,997)
Net increase in cash held	675,663	1,533,280
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,059,720	448,717
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	1,735,383	1,981,997

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

These general purpose interim financial statements for the half-year reporting period ended 31 December 2023 have been prepared in accordance with requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134: *Interim Financial Reporting*. The Company is a for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

This interim financial report is intended to provide users with an update on the latest annual financial statements of Inner East Community Finance Ltd (the Company). As such, it does not contain information that represents relatively insignificant changes occurring during the half-year within the Company

This financial report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report. Accordingly the report shall be read in conjunction with the annual financial report for the year ended 30 June 2023 and any public announcements made by the company during the period.

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont.)

(b) Accounting Policies

The same accounting policies and methods of computation have been followed in this interim financial report as were applied in the most recent annual financial statements.

The Company has considered the implications of new or amended Accounting Standards, but determined that their application to the financial statements is either not relevant or not material.

(c) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

When preparing the interim financial statements, management undertakes a number of judgements, estimates and assumptions about recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The actual results may differ from the judgements, estimates and assumptions made by management, and will seldom equal the estimated results.

The judgements, estimates and assumptions applied in the interim financial statements, including the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those applied in the Company's last annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Note 2: Events after the End of the Interim Period

There have been no events subsequent to reporting date that would materially affect the financial statements at the reporting date.

Note 3: Contingent Assets and Liabilities

Since the last annual reporting date there has been no material change of any contingent assets or contingent liabilities.

Note 4: Segment Reporting

The economic entity operates in a single service sector where it facilitates community banking services in Canterbury, Surrey Hills, Ashburton, and Balwyn, in the state of Victoria pursuant to franchise agreements with Bendigo Bank.

Note 5: Dividends

A final fully franked dividend of 10 cents per share for the year ended 30 June 2023 was declared in the half year period to 31 December 2023 (Dec 2022: 7 cents)

	2023 \$	2022 \$
	(268,421)	(189,668)

Note 6: Earnings per Share

Basic earnings per share (cents)

	0.20	0.43
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Earnings used in calculating basic earnings per share

	536,781	1,175,287
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Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic earnings per share.

	2,673,174	2,709,547
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Directors Declaration

For the half-year ended 31 December 2023

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Inner East Community Finance Ltd, the Directors of the Company declare that:

- (1) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 3 to 8 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (a) complying with Accounting Standards, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements, and
 - (b) giving a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and;
- (2) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Robert Stensholt
Director

Dated this 28 February 2024

Independent Auditor's Review Report to the Members of Inner East Community Finance Limited

Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of Inner East Community Finance Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the accompanying half-year financial report of Inner East Community Finance Limited does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Inner East Community Finance Limited financial position as at 31 December 2023 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Conclusion

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

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

Directors' Responsibility for the Half-Year Financial Report

The directors of Inner East Community Finance Limited are responsible for the preparation of the half-year financial report that 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 half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. *ASRE 2410* requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

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



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Dated: 29/02/2024