

# SHAREHOLDER UPDATE

May 2025



## Message from the Chair

It is with great pleasure that I share our half-year update for the 2024/25 financial year, marking another significant step forward for Inner East Community Finance Limited. For the six months ended 31 December 2024, we delivered a solid financial result, and maintained our commitment to community investment. Revenue for the half-year reached just under \$4 million, a reduction of \$150,000 compared to the same period last year.

Tighter margins and a competitive market contributed to this result. However, our operating expenses were down, resulting in a similar outcome (before community investments and tax) to the corresponding period last year.

Most importantly, our financial success has enabled us to give back even more this year to our community organisations. In the first half of the year, we invested over \$590,000 in local community initiatives—nearly 90 percent more than the \$311,000 we provided at the same time last year. We have supported mental health programs, school scholarships, grassroots sports, seniors, festivals and neighbourhood houses. These investments are not just numbers on a page—they represent real impact in the lives of people in our neighbourhoods. They are part of the now over \$10 million that we have invested to more than 400 local community organisations, since we opened our first branch in Surrey Hills over 22 years ago.

Our profit after income tax for the half year was \$365,000. While this is substantially less than the corresponding result last year of \$537,000 it is because we have increased in our community investment over the same period, which you as shareholders expected us to do when you first invested in our community banking company.

Looking ahead, we will continue to focus on sustainable growth, operational resilience, and strengthening our community partnerships. On behalf of the Board, thank you for your continued support as shareholders and community advocates. Together, we are building something truly meaningful.

Bob Stensholt, Chair

## Interim Financial Results

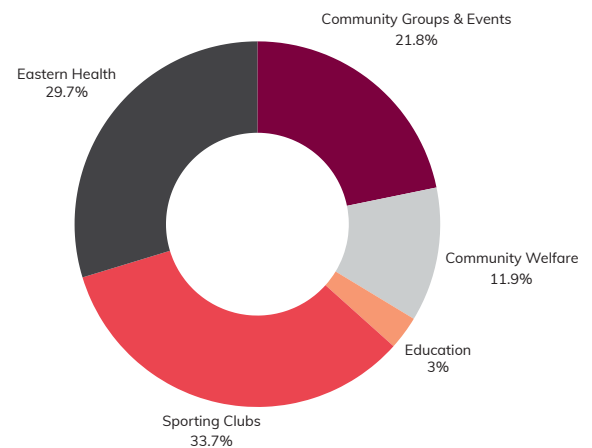
for half year ended 31 December 2024

	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
Revenue	\$3,976,639	\$4,144,048
Expenses	2,873,033	3,004,615
Charitable donations & sponsorships	\$590,489	\$310,823
Profit/(loss) after income tax expense	\$365,256	\$536,781

To view the full interim financial report please visit to the NSX website, [www.nsx.com.au](http://www.nsx.com.au). Company code: IEC

## Community Investment Program

*We are pleased to have been able to return more than \$590,000 in Community Investment funding in the first six months of the financial year. Our total community investment now exceeds \$10 million.*



We are pleased to present a summary of our community investment activities over the past six months. As part of our commitment to building strong, vibrant, and connected communities, we have provided meaningful support across a range of initiatives. Our investments have spanned sporting clubs, community groups, educational institutions, and welfare organisations, aligning with our values and long-term vision for social impact.

We have continued to support numerous local sporting clubs, which serve as important hubs for community engagement and youth development. Many clubs have received funding to install new electronic scoreboards, enhancing both the player and spectator experience and helping clubs remain competitive and sustainable.

We proudly supported local schools through their annual fetes, fairs, and art shows. These events not only raise crucial funds for school programs but also encourage creativity, learning, and community participation.

A significant portion of our welfare investment was directed to Eastern Health, enabling advancements in multiple critical areas of healthcare. Our partnership with Eastern Health was motivated by a strong desire to increase our business's impact in the health sector and to ensure that high-quality public health services remain accessible to all residents of Melbourne's Inner East, both now and in the future. The funds we have contributed will lead to immediate, tangible improvements, including the acquisition of new equipment.

We remain committed to strengthening our investment in community initiatives and partnerships that deliver lasting, tangible outcomes.



## 2025 Share-Buy-Back Program

At last year's Annual General Meeting, shareholders approved the Company's on-market Share Buy-Back Program for the 2025 calendar year. We have appointed Pritchard Partners Pty Limited to administer the Program for this year. The Buy-Back Program is an on-market Program, which means that the Company purchases shares via the National Stock Exchange (NSX). The shares will be purchased at the market price available from time to time. Any shareholder wishing to sell their shares via the Program will need to appoint a NSX share broker to sell them on the market on your behalf. Details of NSX brokers can be found at [www.nsx.com.au/investing/broker-directory](http://www.nsx.com.au/investing/broker-directory). Once you have appointed a broker, they can guide you through the selling process, including how much you will be paid. Further details about the Share Buy-Back Program can be found on our website, <https://iecf.com.au/investor-relations>. If you have any questions about your shareholding, please contact our share registry. BoardRoom Pty Ltd, on 1300 737 760 or via email to: [enquiries@boardroomlimited.com.au](mailto:enquiries@boardroomlimited.com.au).