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## **FIRE SERVICE CREDIT UNION LTD**

### **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

**For year ended 30 June 2025**

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Cuscal Ltd  
Customer Owned Banking Association  
Data Action Pty Ltd  
Calm Wealth Management Pty Ltd  
Allianz Australia Insurance Ltd  
Convera Australia Pty Ltd  
Mastercard Prepaid Management Services  
Shared Lending Pty Ltd

#### **Auditors**

Crowe Audit Australia  
491 Smollett St, Albury NSW

#### **Solicitors**

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## Fire Service Credit Union – Year in Review

It is with great pride and gratitude that I present the annual report for the Fire Service Credit Union, highlighting our milestones, challenges, and triumphs over the past year. This year has been one of transformation and achievement, underscored by the unwavering commitment of our staff and the support of our valued members.

### Financial Performance

I am pleased to report a modest profit of \$100,000 after tax, demonstrating the Credit Union's resilience and ability to navigate financial complexities while maintaining stability. Our assets have grown impressively to over \$105,000,000, reflecting our dedication to prudent financial management and growth. Member deposits have also grown by 10% to over \$98M.

### Challenges and Opportunities

The financial landscape has presented us with significant challenges this year, notably the increasing compliance requirements and compulsory participation in the New Payments Platform. These demands have required adaptability and diligence from our team, and I commend them for their dedication in ensuring we meet these obligations effectively.

Another noteworthy development has been the long-awaited movement in interest rates, which has resulted in positive momentum within our loans portfolio. This shift has provided opportunities to better serve our members' financial needs and bolster our lending operations.

### Innovation and Service

In our ongoing commitment to enhancing member experience, we introduced a new mobile app this year. This innovation offers a more customised and streamlined banking experience, allowing members to manage their finances with greater ease and flexibility. This step aligns with our vision of staying at the forefront of technological advancements while addressing the evolving needs of our community.

### Acknowledgements

Our achievements would not be possible without the tireless efforts of our dedicated staff. Their hard work, professionalism, and passion form the backbone of this Credit Union, and I extend my deepest thanks to each team member.

Thank you to my fellow Board members for their time, expertise and commitment to their role and more broadly to the Credit Union membership.

I would also like to express my gratitude to our members for their continued trust and support. Your loyalty inspires us to strive for excellence in everything we do.

### Looking Ahead

As we look to the future, we remain committed to fostering growth, innovation, and member satisfaction, while navigating the challenges of an ever-changing financial environment. With a renewed sense of purpose and a strong leadership team in place, the Fire Service Credit Union is well-positioned to achieve even greater success in the years to come.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. Together, we will continue to build a bright and prosperous future for the Fire Service Credit Union.

Sincerely,  
Paul Fletcher, Chair, Fire Service Credit Union

# Fire Service Credit Union Ltd

## Director's Report

### For the year ended 30 June 2025

#### 1. Directors

The directors of the Credit Union at any time during or since the end of the financial year are:

##### **Paul M Fletcher – Chair**

Retired Deputy Chief Officer - SAMFS  
Diploma of Engineering  
GIFireE

Masters of Leadership Management

##### **Jeffrey D Swann – Deputy Chair**

Chief Officer – SAMFS  
Masters of Business Administration (Finance)  
Graduate, Australian Institute of Company Directors  
Diploma of Management

##### **Noel L Johnson – Director**

Senior Associate, Financial Services Institute of Australia (Life Member)  
Fellow, Institute of Public Accountants (Life Member)  
Manager of Fire Service Fund

##### **Eugene D Holzbauer - Director**

Fellow of the National Tax and Accountants' Association  
Bachelor of Arts Accountancy  
Diploma in Financial Services (SMSF Advice Only)  
Registered Tax Agent  
Registered SMSF Auditor

##### **Alexander Karapetian - Director**

Capital Planning Manager, Adelaide Airport Limited  
Bachelor of Finance  
Graduate Certificate in Finance

##### **Elizabeth Lew - Director**

Chief Financial Officer, Art Gallery of South Australia  
Masters of Business Administration  
Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice  
Bachelor of Laws  
Bachelor of Commerce  
CPA

##### **Adam J Waller - Director**

Commander - SAMFS  
Master of Business Administration  
Graduate, Australian Institute of Company Directors  
Master of Applied Project Mgmt(ConMgmt)  
Member Australian Institute of Project Managers  
Certified Practicing Project Professional

##### **Robert M McKeon - Director**

Graduate, Australian Institute of Company Directors  
Certified Information Systems Auditor

##### **Mahen Fernando - Director**

Senior Program Leader - CFS  
Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)

##### **Tricia E Ireland - Company Secretary**

Chief Executive Officer  
Diploma of Banking Services Management

Appointed to the Board March 2011  
Member of Audit Committee  
Appointed as Deputy Chair January 2015  
Appointed as Acting Chair March 2015  
Appointed as Chair October 2015  
Appointed to the Board March 2011  
Appointed Deputy Chair October 2015

Appointed to the Board in March 2005  
Member of Audit Committee

Appointed to the Board in March 2007  
Chair of Audit Committee

Appointed to the Board December 2013  
Member of Risk Committee

Appointed to the Board November 2015  
Chair of Risk Committee

Appointed to the Board February 2023  
Member of Risk Committee

Appointed to the Board January 2024  
Member of Risk Committee  
Resigned from the Board March 2025

Appointed to the Board November 2024  
Member of Audit committee

Appointed as CEO January 2010

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**2. Director Meetings**

Director	Board meetings		Audit Committee meetings		Risk Committee meetings	
	A	B	A	B	A	B
Paul Fletcher	10	12	3	4	-	-
Jeffrey Swann	10	12	-	1	-	-
Noel Johnson	12	12	4	4	-	-
Eugene Holzbauer	11	12	4	4	-	-
Alexander Karapetian	7	12	-	-	2	4
Elizabeth Lew	12	12	-	-	4	4
Adam Waller	12	12	-	-	4	4
Robert McKeon	3	8	-	-	1	3
Mahen Fernando	7	8	2	2	-	-

**A** – Number of meetings attended

**B** – Number of meetings held during the time the director held office during the year

**3. Corporate Governance Statement**

**Board of Directors**

During the year there was a maximum of 8 directors. The Board has operated within the rules of the Credit Union constitution with 8 directors elected by members. The primary role of the Board of Directors is to protect the interest of the members. It is responsible for the overall conduct of business by performing its duties in accordance with the approved Board Terms of Reference.

In accordance with these Terms of Reference the board governance includes:

*Strategic Planning*

The strategic planning direction of the Credit Union is analysed each year and the business plan is prepared and reviewed at board Planning Days.

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#### *Risk Management*

In conjunction with management, risk management systems are reviewed on a regular basis. Key areas considered include:

- Review and monitor interest rates;
- Ratify loans within a delegated authority;
- Formulate and review risk management policies annually;
- Review remuneration and performance of senior management;
- Monitor the performance of the Credit Union;
- Report against strategic goals;
- Review and enhance Board reporting.

#### *Approving budgets and capital expenses*

Budgets are prepared annually by management and approved by the Board. Performance compared to key indicators is reported by management to the Board on a monthly basis.

#### *Ethical conduct*

Ethical conduct is of paramount importance for the Board as this forms the basis of a strong bond with our members and maintains the integrity of the Credit Union.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee comprises 4 non-executive directors with an independent Chair. The responsibilities of the Audit Committee are to:

- Monitor reporting to the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA);
- Review risk management systems;
- Oversee the independence of the external auditors;
- Review the findings of the external auditors; and
- Review the annual financial report and recommend Board approval.

#### **Risk Committee**

The Risk Committee comprises 4 non-executive directors. The responsibilities of the Risk Committee are to assist the Board in providing objective non-executive oversight of the implementation and operation of the Credit Union's risk management, taking into account the Credit Union's Risk Appetite Statement, the overall business strategy and management expertise. This includes the establishment, implementation, review and monitoring of risk systems and policies for the following:

- Market and Investment Rate Risk;
- Liquidity and Funding Risk;
- Credit Risk;
- Insurance Risk;
- Risks arising from the Credit Union's strategic objectives and business plans;
- Fraud Risk;
- Data Risk (security and data integrity);
- Reputational Risk;
- Operational Risk; and
- Other risks that in isolation or in combination with different risks may have a material impact on the Credit Union.



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#### **Ethical Standards**

All directors, management and staff are expected to act with the utmost integrity, striving to enhance the credibility and performance of the Credit Union. In this regard the Credit Union directors must abide by a conflicts of interest policy. Where an actual or potential conflict arises, the director must remove themselves from any discussion or decision making with respect to matters where there is such a conflict or potential conflict.

#### **Communication with Members**

Members are encouraged to participate in the Annual General Meetings to ensure a high level of accountability.

Annual reports are available from the Credit Union Office and the Credit Union's website ([www.fscu.com.au](http://www.fscu.com.au)).

The Credit Union keeps in touch with members through a variety of channels, including social media, the credit union's website, accounts statements, and regular station visits, to ensure important updates and information are always accessible.

#### **3. Operating and financial review**

The profit after tax of the Credit Union for the year ended 30 June 2025 was \$100K (30 June 2024: \$236K). The Credit Union continues to meet all statutory and regulatory obligations including APRA's liquidity and capital requirements.

#### **4. Significant changes in the state of affairs**

In the opinion of the directors there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Credit Union that occurred during the financial year under review.

#### **5. Principal activities**

The principal activities of the Credit Union during the course of the financial year were the provision of retail financial services to our members and acting as an insurance agent.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the activities of the Credit Union during the year.

#### **6. Dividends**

The Credit Union has not paid or declared a dividend out of Share Capital during the year ended 30 June 2025 (2024: nil).

#### **7. Environmental regulations**

The Credit Union's operation is not subject to any significant environmental regulations under either Commonwealth or State legislation. However, the Board believes that the Credit Union has adequate systems in place for the management of its environmental requirements and is not aware of any breach of those environmental requirements as they may apply to the Credit Union during the year covered by this report.

#### **8. Likely developments**

The Credit Union will continue to provide services to members and does not anticipate any significant developments in the foreseeable future.

#### **9. Directors' interests**

During the financial year, no directors of the Credit Union have received or become entitled to receive any benefit other than a benefit included in the aggregated amount of remuneration received or due by directors shown in the financial statements by reason of contract made by the Credit Union or with any director or with a firm of which a director is a member, or with any entity of which a director has a substantial interest.

Each Director holds one share in the Credit Union in their capacity as a member.

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**10. Indemnification and insurance of officers**

The Credit Union holds a Directors' and Officers' insurance policy on behalf of directors for the year ended 30 June 2025, which was paid by the Credit Union.

The policy indemnifies directors against damages, legal costs and expenses arising from any claim made against them jointly or separately in relation to their duties as directors of the Credit Union.

The insurance policy does not cover the external auditor.

**11. Lead auditor's independence declaration**

The lead auditor's independence declaration is set out on page 9 and forms part of the Directors' report for financial year ended 30 June 2025.

**12. Rounding off**

The amounts contained in this report and in the financial statements have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars (unless otherwise stated) in accordance with Instrument 2016/191 issued by Australian Securities and Investment Commission dated 24 March 2016, as the Credit Union has total assets greater than \$10,000,000.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors:



Mr Paul Fletcher

Chair

Dated at Adelaide this 25th day of September 2025



## **Auditor Independence Declaration Under S307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* to the Directors of Fire Service Credit Union Ltd**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit for the financial year ended 30 June 2025 there have been no contraventions of:

- 1) The auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- 2) Any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

**CROWE AUDIT AUSTRALIA**

**BRADLEY D BOHUN**  
**Partner**

25<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
Albury

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Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income  
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	Note	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Interest Revenue	4	5,117	4,702
Interest Expense	4	(2,566)	(2,104)
<b>Net interest income</b>		<b>2,551</b>	<b>2,598</b>
Other revenue	5	322	310
Personnel expenses	6	(1,167)	(997)
Other expenses	7	(1,590)	(1,562)
<b>Profit before income tax</b>		<b>116</b>	<b>349</b>
Income tax expense	8	(16)	(113)
<b>Profit for the year</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>236</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>236</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to:</b>			
Members of the Credit Union		100	236
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>236</b>

The notes on pages 15 to 45 are an integral part of these financial statements

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Statement of financial position  
As at 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	10	8,951	6,728
FRN/NCD Premium		64	87
Prepayments		69	78
Clearing accounts		124	75
Investment receivables	11	207	249
Loans and advances	12	62,009	62,083
Investments	13	34,672	27,062
Deferred tax assets	16	90	60
Plant and equipment	14	97	152
Intangible assets	15	112	-
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>106,395</b>	<b>96,574</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Members' deposits	17	99,214	89,590
Interest payable		470	370
Lease liability	9	-	24
Trade and other payables	18	266	162
Employee benefits	19	226	268
Income tax payable		9	50
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>100,185</b>	<b>90,464</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>6,210</b>	<b>6,110</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Redeemed preference shares reserve	20	-	32
Retained earnings		6,210	6,078
<b>Total members' funds</b>		<b>6,210</b>	<b>6,110</b>

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Statement of changes in equity  
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	Redeemed preference shares reserve \$'000	Retained earnings \$'000	Total equity \$'000
<b>Balance at 1 July 2023</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5,843</b>	<b>5,874</b>
Profit for the year	-	236	236
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>6,079</b>	<b>6,110</b>
Transfer to / (from) retained earnings	1	(1)	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2024</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>6,078</b>	<b>6,110</b>
 <b>Balance at 1 July 2024</b>	 <b>32</b>	 <b>6,078</b>	 <b>6,110</b>
Profit for the year	-	100	100
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>6,178</b>	<b>6,210</b>
Transfer to / (from) retained earnings	(32)	32	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2025</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,210</b>	<b>6,210</b>

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Statement of cash flows  
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	Note	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Interest received		5,206	4,628
Net increase in loans and advances		73	(9,216)
Net increase/(decrease) in deposit accounts		9,624	8,816
Interest paid to members		(2,466)	(1,933)
Receipts from other services		331	310
Income taxes paid		(27)	(128)
Cash paid to suppliers and employees		(2,588)	(2,234)
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	10	10,153	243
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Acquisition of plant and equipment and intangibles	14 & 15	(249)	(58)
Net movement in investments		(7,654)	77
<b>Net cash flows from / (used in) investing activities</b>		(7,903)	19
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Payment of lease liability		(26)	(24)
<b>Net cash flows from / (used in) financing activities</b>		(26)	(24)
Net increase cash and cash equivalents		2,223	238
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		6,728	6,490
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	10	8,951	6,728

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Consolidated Entity Disclosure Statement  
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Fire Service Credit Union Ltd does not have any controlled entities and is therefore not required by the Australian Accounting Standards to prepare consolidated financial statements. Therefore, section 295(3A) of the *Corporations Act 2001* does not apply to the entity.

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**1. Reporting entity**

Fire Service Credit Union Ltd (the 'Credit Union') is an entity domiciled in Australia. The address of the Credit Union's registered office is 22 Chancery Lane, Adelaide, 5000.

The Credit Union is a for-profit entity and is primarily involved in the provision of retail financial services to our members and acting as an insurance agent.

**2. Basis of preparation**

**(a) Statement of compliance**

The financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Corporations Act 2001*. The financial report of the Credit Union complies with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and interpretations adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The financial report was authorised for issue by the directors on 25th September 2025.

**(b) Basis of measurement**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for certain investments as per Note 13.

**(c) Functional and presentation currency and rounding**

These financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Credit Union's functional currency.

The Credit Union is of a kind referred to in ASIC Instrument 2016/191 dated 24 March 2016 and in accordance with that instrument, all financial information presented in Australian dollars has been rounded to the nearest thousand unless otherwise stated.

**(d) Use of estimates and judgements**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRSs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates. These accounting policies have been consistently applied by the Credit Union.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the year in which the estimate is revised and in any future years affected.

In particular, significant areas of estimation uncertainty and critical areas where judgement has been applied are as follows:

- loans and advances are carried net of impairment provisions, which are based on the estimated recoverable amount, refer to Note 3(a).

**(e) Basis of preparation**

Unless otherwise stated, all accounting policies are consistent with those applied in the prior year. Where appropriate, comparative figures have been amended to accord with current presentation, and disclosure has been made of any material changes to comparatives.



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**3. Material accounting policies**

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all years presented in these financial statements.

**(a) Financial instruments**

**Initial recognition and measurement**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the statement of financial position when the Credit Union becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument, which is generally on trade date. Loans and advances are recognised when cash is advanced (or settled) to borrowers. Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs.

**Classification and subsequent measurement**

Financial assets are disclosed in the statement of financial position at a carrying amount which reflects the Credit Union's business model for managing assets.

The Credit Union's asset management model is that of holding financial assets with the objective of collecting contractual cash flows and where the contractual terms give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest.

These financial instruments are, subsequent to initial measurement, measured at 'amortised cost' using the effective interest rate method or 'cost'.

**Measurement**

**Financial instruments measured at amortised cost**

Amortised cost is calculated as the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition less principal repayments plus or minus the cumulative amortisation of the difference, if any, between the amount initially recognised and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest rate method and less any reduction for impairment.

The effective interest rate method is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts over the expected life of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying value with a consequential recognition of an income or expense item in income and expenditure.

**Financial Liabilities**

Non-derivative financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in income and expenditure through the amortisation process and when the financial liability is derecognised.

**Derecognition of financial instruments**

The Credit Union derecognises a financial asset when the contractual cash flows from the asset expire or it transfers its rights to receive contractual cash flows from the financial asset in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred. Any interest in transferred financial assets that is created or retained by the Credit Union is recognised as a separate asset or liability.

The Credit Union removes a financial liability from the balance sheet when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

**3. Material accounting policies (continued)**

**(a) Financial instruments (continued)**

**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and deposits held with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

**INVESTMENT RECEIVABLES**

Investment receivables are investments and are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost, as they are held in a business model with the objective of collecting contractual cash flows. The contractual terms of these investments give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

**RECEIVABLES AND OTHER ASSETS**

Receivables and other assets are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs and are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

**SHARES IN UNLISTED ENTITIES**

The Credit Union has elected to measure the investments in equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income. All fair value changes are recognised in the investment revaluation reserve and are never reclassified to profit or loss, even on disposal. Dividends on the investment are recognised in profit or loss. The investment in equity instruments do not have a quoted market price in an active market and the Credit Union establishes fair value by using historical arm's length transactions. Investment securities are recognised/derecognised by the Credit Union on the date it commits to purchase/sell the investments.

**LOANS AND ADVANCES**

Loans and advances feature contract terms which give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. Loans and advances are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs directly attributable to the origination of the loan or advance. These costs are amortised over the estimated life of the loan. Subsequently, loans and advances are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, net of any provision for credit impairment.

**MEMBERS' DEPOSITS**

Members' deposits are initially recognised at fair value less directly attributable transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

**TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES**

Interest and other payables are initially recognised at cost and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

**PROVISION FOR EXPECTED CREDIT LOSSES**

AASB 9 requires the Credit Union to recognise 'expected credit losses' on financial instruments. Expected credit losses represent a probability-weighted estimate of the present value of credit losses as a result of default. The Credit Union assesses default to have occurred where a contractual payment is more than 90 days past due.

Financial assets to which the expected credit losses model are applied have been categorised as follows:

Stage	Measurement basis
Stage 1	Assets whose credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition.
Stage 2	Assets whose credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, other than those assessed as credit-impaired.
Stage 3	Assets which are credit-impaired

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**3. Material accounting policies (continued)**

**(a) Financial instruments (continued)**

Expected credit losses on Stage 1 assets represent the portion of lifetime expected credit losses that result from default events that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date.

Expected credit losses on Stage 2 and Stage 3 assets represent lifetime expected credit losses resulting from all possible default events over the expected life of the financial asset.

Financial assets are assessed for significant increases in credit risk on an individual basis based on a variety of factors, including past events, current conditions and forward-looking information at both an individual counterparty level and a collective and macroeconomic level.

Financial assets which become past due by 30 days or more are presumed to have suffered a significant increase in credit risk in the absence of reasonable and supportable information which may rebut this presumption. The Credit Union assesses an amount as past due where a contractual payment has not been met.

Expected credit losses on Stage 1 and Stage 2 financial assets are measured on a collective basis. Financial instruments are grouped by instrument type and on the basis of shared credit risk characteristics.

**Measurement of expected credit losses – AASB 9**

Expected credit loss calculations are based on historical loss rates, adjusted for current conditions and forward-looking information at both an individual counterparty level and a macroeconomic level.

Expected credit losses are the present value of the difference between all contractual cash flows due to the Credit Union and all the cash flows that the Credit Union expects to receive.

Mortgages over freehold property and other security are held in relation to a portion of the Credit Union's loans receivable. The existence of these security instruments is highly relevant to the estimation of expected credit losses.

**Credit-impaired financial assets**

A financial asset or a group of financial assets is deemed to be impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that financial asset have occurred.

In the case of financial assets carried at amortised cost, loss events may include: significant financial difficulty of the borrower; breach of contract, such as default or past due event; granting of concessions to a borrower due to the borrower's financial difficulty which the Credit Union would not otherwise consider; indications that it is probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation.

Financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment at the end of each reporting period. The amount of the impairment loss is measured as the difference between the asset's gross carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. Any adjustment is recognised as an impairment gain or loss.

The amount of any loss is recognised as part of the provision for expected credit losses.

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**3. Material accounting policies (continued)**

**(a) Financial instruments (continued)**

**Write-off of financial instruments**

Financial assets are written off where there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the entirety or a portion of the gross carrying amount of a financial asset. The Credit Union generally determines that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery where the counterparty no longer has sufficient assets or cash flows to repay any further amounts, and collateral and guarantees held by the Credit Union to secure the exposure have been exhausted. Recovery of amounts previously written off (for example, due to continuing enforcement activity) reduce any loan impairment expense recognised for the reporting period.

**Collateral and other credit enhancements**

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Credit Union. The Credit Union has adopted a policy of only dealing with credit worthy counterparties and obtaining sufficient collateral or other security where appropriate, as a means of mitigating the risk of financial loss from defaults. The Credit Union's maximum exposure to credit risk at balance date in relation to each class of recognised financial assets is the carrying amount of those assets as indicated in the Statement of Financial Position. The maximum credit exposure does not take into account the value of any collateral or other security held in the event other entities/parties fail to perform their obligations under the financial instruments in question. The value of collateral held against individual exposures is generally only assessed at the time of borrowing or when a specific review of that exposure is undertaken in accordance with policy.

The Credit Union holds collateral against loans and advances to members in the form of mortgage interests over real property. Estimates of fair value are based on the value of collateral assessed at the time of borrowing and generally are not updated except when a loan is individually assessed as impaired.

**(b) Plant and equipment**

**(i) Recognition and measurement**

Items of plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset.

**(ii) Subsequent costs**

The cost of replacing part of an item of plant and equipment is recognised in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the Credit Union and its cost can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. The costs of the day-to-day servicing of plant and equipment are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

**(iii) Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated over the depreciable amount, which is the cost of an asset less its residual value.

Depreciation is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of property, plant and equipment, since this most closely reflects the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the asset.

The estimated depreciation rate for the current and comparative years are as follows:

	2025	2024
• Fixtures and fittings	10%	10%
• Office machines and furniture	10%	10%
• Motor vehicles	25%	25%

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



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**3. Material accounting policies (continued)**

**(c) Intangible assets**

Software, website and VISA license costs are recognised at cost less amortisation and impairment losses (refer to note 3(e)).

Amortisation is calculated to allocate the cost of intangible assets less their estimated residual value using the straight line method over their effective useful lives and is generally recognised in profit or loss.

The estimated amortisation rate for the current and comparative years are as follows:

	2025	2024
• Software	33%	33%
• Website	33%	33%
• VISA License	20%	20%

**(d) Leases**

The Credit Union recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date. The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the end of the lease term. The lease liability is initially measured using the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date.

**(e) Impairment of non financial assets**

The carrying amount of the Credit Union's assets, other than deferred tax assets, are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

An impairment loss is recognised whenever the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount.

Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, unless an asset has previously been revalued, in which case the impairment loss is recognised as a reversal to the extent of that previous revaluation with any excess recognised through the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

**(f) Employee benefits**

**(i) Long service leave**

The Credit Union's net obligation in respect of long service leave is the amount of future benefits that employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior years. The obligation is calculated using expected future increases in wage and salary rates including the related on-costs. The benefit is discounted to determine its present value.

The discount rate is the yield at the reporting date on Australian high quality corporate bonds that have maturity dates approximating the terms of the Credit Union's obligations.

**(ii) Wages, salaries, and annual leave**

Liabilities for employee benefits for wages, salaries and annual leave represent the present obligation resulting from employees' service provided to reporting date. For annual leave expected to be settled within 12 months, the provision is calculated at undiscounted amounts based on remuneration wage and salary rates that the Credit Union expects to pay as at reporting date including related on-costs, such as workers compensation insurance and payroll tax. For annual leave not expected to be settled within 12 months, the provision is calculated based on expected future wage increases including related on costs at expected settlement dates based on historical usage dates and is discounted to its present value.

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**3. Material accounting policies (continued)**

**(f) Employee benefits (continued)**

*(iii) Superannuation*

The Credit Union contributes to defined contribution superannuation funds. The Credit Union has no legal or constructive obligation to fund any shortfall in the fund's assets to meet payments due to employees. Employer contributions are based on various percentages of employees' gross salaries. Obligations for contributions are recognised as an expense in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income when they are due.

**(g) Revenue**

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that economic benefits will flow to the Credit Union and that revenue can be reliably measured. The principal sources of revenue are interest income, fees and commissions.

*(i) Interest revenue*

Interest income from loans and advances is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest rate method. The effective interest rate (EIR) is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the loan or advance or, when appropriate, a shorter period, to the gross carrying amount of the loan or advance.

*(ii) Dividend income*

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive the dividend has been established, which in the case of unlisted securities is when the dividend is declared.

*(iii) Commissions*

Insurance fees and commissions are earned by the Credit Union for acting in the capacity as an agent and referring insurance policies on to the relevant providers. The Credit Union's contracted performance obligations is limited to initial referrals.

*(iv) Loan, access and other fee income*

For the fees to which AASB 15 applies, the Credit Union has assessed that the performance obligations are satisfied either over time or at a point in time. This income will continue to be recognised either at the point it is received or over the periods in which the services are provided.

Loan fee income is an integral part of the EIR of the loan and as such is recognised over the expected life of the loan. Performance obligations related to access fee income are completed at a point in time when a transaction takes place.

Access fee income is recognised when the performance obligation has been completed.

Performance obligations related to other fee income, predominately service related, are completed over time. Other fee income is recognised over the period that the service is provided.

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**3. Material accounting policies (continued)**

**(h) Income tax**

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Current and deferred tax are recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity or in other comprehensive income.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is provided using the balance sheet liability method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. The initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting nor taxable profit are not provided for. The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities, but they intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or their tax assets and liabilities will be realised simultaneously.

**(i) Goods and services tax**

As a financial institution, the Credit Union is input taxed on all income except for income from commissions and some fees. An input taxed supply is not subject to GST collection, and similarly the GST paid on related or apportioned purchases cannot be recovered. As some income is charged GST, the GST on purchases are generally recovered on a proportionate basis. In addition, certain prescribed purchases are subject to reduced input tax credits (RITC), of which 75% of the GST paid is recoverable.

**(j) New Standards and interpretations not yet adopted.**

There are no new accounting standards or interpretations expected to have any significant impact on the Credit Union's financial report that are issued and not yet applicable.



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	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>4. Interest revenue &amp; expense</b>		
<b>Interest revenue</b>		
Interest on loans	3,564	3,331
Interest on investments	1,553	1,371
	<u>5,117</u>	<u>4,702</u>
<b>Interest expense</b>		
Member deposits	2,565	2,100
Lease liabilities	1	4
	<u>2,566</u>	<u>2,104</u>
<b>5. Other revenue</b>		
Member fee revenue	93	97
Commissions	229	211
Grant income	-	2
	<u>322</u>	<u>310</u>
<b>6. Personnel expenses</b>		
Wages and salaries	1,064	857
Superannuation expenses	148	118
Increase (Decrease) in provision for employee benefits	(45)	22
	<u>1,167</u>	<u>997</u>
<b>7. Other expenses</b>		
Depreciation and amortisation	168	110
Computer system related expenses	445	532
Marketing expenses	26	34
Distribution expenses	418	424
Administration expenses	187	162
Professional fee expenses	205	154
Impairment	1	6
Other Expenses	140	140
	<u>1,590</u>	<u>1,562</u>

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	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>8. Income tax expense</b>		
<b>Current tax expense</b>		
Current year	42	125
Under / (over) provision of previous year	4	(2)
Increase in deferred tax asset	(30)	(10)
	<u>16</u>	<u>113</u>
<b>Deferred tax expense</b>		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	(10)	(10)
Over provision of previous year	-	-
Total income tax expense	<u>113</u>	<u>113</u>
<b>Numerical reconciliation between tax expense and pre-tax accounting profit</b>		
Profit before tax	116	349
Income tax using the Credit Union's statutory income tax rate of 25% (2024: 25%)	29	87
Tax effect on permanent differences:		
Non-assessable income	(17)	28
Under / (over) provision of previous year	4	(2)
	<u>16</u>	<u>113</u>

For income tax purposes, Credit Unions are classified into 3 categories. Credit Unions with a notional taxable income of \$150,000 and over are taxed at 25%. On this basis, for the year ended 30 June 2025, the Credit Union's taxable income is taxed at 25%.

**9. Lease Liability**

<b>Current</b>		
Not later than 1 years	<u>-</u>	<u>24</u>
<b>Non-current</b>		
Later than 1 year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**Extension options**

The Credit Union includes options in leases to provide flexibility and certainty to the Credit Union's operations. The extensions are at the Credit Union's discretion. At commencement date and each subsequent reporting date, the Credit Union assess where it is reasonably certain that the extension options will be exercised.

As at 30 June 2025, there are \$nil in potential future lease payments which are not included in lease liabilities as the Credit Union has no extension options.

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**9. Lease Liability (continued)**

**2025**  
**\$'000**

**2024**  
**\$'000**

**Income statement**

The amounts recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income relating to leases where the Credit Union is a lessee are shown below:

Interest expense on lease liabilities	1	4
Statement of cash flows		
Total cash outflow for leases	26	24

**Exemptions applied**

The Credit Union has applied the exemptions relating to short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. As at 30 June 2025, the Credit Union is not committed to any short-term leases (2024: Nil).

**Key assumptions used in calculations**

The calculation of the right-of-use assets and lease liabilities are dependent on the following critical accounting judgements:

Assessment of lease term – as discussed above, this includes consideration of extension options by lease basis. Determination of the appropriate rate to discount the leases is not known. The Credit Union's assessed incremental borrowing rate was determined based on consideration of reference rates for commercial lending, lease term and a lease specific adjustment considering the secured borrowing element of the lease.

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	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>10. Cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Bank balances	2,269	2,081
Cash deposits	6,591	4,591
Teller cash	91	56
Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of cash flows	<u>8,951</u>	<u>6,728</u>

The Credit Union's exposure to interest rate risk and a sensitivity analysis for financial assets and liabilities are disclosed in Note 21.

**Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities**

**Cash flows from operating activities**

Profit for the year	100	236
Adjustments for depreciation and amortisation	193	110
Provision for impairment	1	6
Provision for employee benefits	(42)	28
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase) / decrease in other assets	71	105
(Increase) / decrease in deferred tax asset	(30)	(10)
Increase / (decrease) in income tax payable	(41)	(25)
Increase / (decrease) in trade and other payables	204	193
<b>Net cash from revenue activities</b>	<u>456</u>	<u>643</u>
<b>Add / (deduct) non-revenue operations</b>		
(Increase) / decrease in loans and advances	73	(9,216)
Increase / (decrease) in deposits	9,624	8,816
<b>Net cash from / (used in) operating activities</b>	<u>10,153</u>	<u>243</u>

**Bank overdraft facility**

The Credit Union has access to an overdraft facility provided by Cuscal Limited ('Cuscal') to the extent of \$500,000 (2024: \$500,000) and incurs an interest rate of 7.60% (2024: 8.10%). This overdraft facility is secured by a separate security deposit with Cuscal for \$500,000. As at 30 June 2025, this facility was unused (2024: facility unused).

	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>11. Investment receivables</b>		
Interest due from investments	207	249
	<u>207</u>	<u>249</u>

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**12. Loans and advances**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Overdrafts (including lines of credit)	1,329	781
Term loans (excluding lines of credit)	60,773	61,394
Gross loans and advances	62,102	62,175
Provision for impairment	(93)	(92)
Net loans and advances	62,009	62,083
<i>(a) Loans by purpose</i>		
Residential loans	58,521	58,820
Personal loans	3,581	3,355
	62,102	62,175
<i>(b) Loans by security</i>		
Secured by mortgage	58,521	58,820
Unsecured	3,581	3,355
	62,102	62,175
<i>(c) Loans by interest rate type</i>		
Variable rate loans	62,102	62,175
	62,102	62,175
<i>(d) Loans by geographical location</i>		
South Australia	61,082	61,372
Interstate	1,020	803
	62,102	62,175
<i>(e) There are no non-accrual loans where interest has been suspended</i>	-	-
<i>(f) Balance of loans outstanding greater than 90 days on which interest is being charged (2025: No loan - 2024: No loan)</i>	-	-
<i>(g) The Statement of Financial Position does not take into account unused overdraft limits.</i>	2,121	1,263
<i>(h) Concentration of loans</i>		
The Credit Union has an exposure to groupings of individual loans which concentrate risk and create exposure to particular segments as follows:		
South Australia	61,080	61,372
Aggregate value of individual loans which exceed 10% of Total Members Funds in aggregate	8,534	6,013

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12. Loans and advances (continued)	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
(i) Concentration of loans (continued)		
Number of such loans	12	9
(j) Impairment of loans and advances		
<b>Total provision comprises of:</b>		
Expected credit loss allowance	93	92
	<u>93</u>	<u>92</u>

Reconciliation of allowance for impairment

The reconciliations from the opening to the closing balance of the allowance for impairment by class of financial instrument is shown below:

2025	Stage 1 12-month ECL \$'000	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL \$'000	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>Movement category</b>				
Balance as at 1 July 2024	92	-	-	92
Movement due to increase in loans & advances	1	-	-	1
Movement due to change in credit risk	-	-	-	-
Bad debts written off from provision	-	-	-	-
Changes in model / risk parameters	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>93</b>

During the 2024 financial year, there was no significant change to the gross carrying amount of financial instruments subject to the expected credit loss provision.

2024	Stage 1 12-month ECL \$'000	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL \$'000	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>Movement category</b>				
Balance as at 1 July 2023	86	-	-	86
Movement due to increase in loans & advances	6	-	-	6
Movement due to change in credit risk	-	-	-	-
Bad debts written off from provision	-	-	-	-
Changes in model / risk parameters	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>92</b>

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	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>13. Investments</b>		
Interest earning deposits	34,672	27,042
Shares in unlisted companies		
- Other	-	20
	<u>34,672</u>	<u>27,062</u>

The Credit Union has elected to measure the investments in equity instruments at Fair value through other comprehensive income. The investment in equity instruments do not have a quoted market price in an active market and the Credit Union establishes fair value by using recent arm's length transactions. Investment securities are classified as level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

The Credit Union's exposure to credit and interest rate risks related to other investments is disclosed in note 21.



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14. Plant and equipment

	Right-of-use asset	Motor Vehicles	Office machines & furniture	Fixtures & fittings	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Cost or deemed cost</b>					
Balance at 1 July 2023	220	52	49	191	512
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	55	3	-	58
Balance at 30 June 2024	220	107	52	191	570
Balance at 1 July 2024	220	107	52	191	570
Disposal	-	-	-	(9)	(9)
Additions	-	-	-	10	10
Balance at 30 June 2025	220	107	52	192	571
<b>Depreciation and impairment losses</b>					
Balance at 1 July 2023	171	4	49	134	358
Depreciation	24	27	3	6	60
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2024	195	31	52	140	418
Balance at 1 July 2024	195	31	52	140	418
Depreciation	25	32	-	8	66
Disposal	-	-	-	(9)	(9)
Balance at 30 June 2025	220	63	52	139	475
<b>Carrying amounts</b>					
At 1 July 2023	49	48	-	57	154
At 30 June 2024	25	76	-	51	152
At 1 July 2024	25	76	-	51	152
At 30 June 2025	-	44	-	53	97

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15. Intangible assets

**Cost**

Balance at 1 July 2023  
Disposal  
Addition  
Balance at 30 June 2024

Balance at 1 July 2024  
Disposal  
Addition  
Balance at 30 June 2025

**Amortisation and impairment losses**

Balance at 1 July 2023  
Amortisation for the year  
Disposal  
Balance at 30 June 2024

Balance at 1 July 2024  
Amortisation for the year  
Disposal  
Balance at 30 June 2025

**Carrying amounts**

At 1 July 2023  
At 30 June 2024  
At 1 July 2024  
At 30 June 2025

Software \$'000	Website \$'000	VISA License \$'000	Total \$'000
222	6	76	304
(16)	-	-	(16)
-	-	-	-
206	6	76	288
206	6	76	288
-	-	-	-
239	-	-	239
445	6	76	527
174	4	76	254
48	2	-	50
(16)	-	-	(16)
206	6	76	288
206	6	76	288
127	-	-	127
-	-	-	-
333	6	76	415
48	2	-	50
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
112	-	-	112

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	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>16. Deferred tax asset/liability</b>		
Deferred tax assets comprise:		
Employee benefits	56	67
Provision for doubtful debts	23	23
Property, plant and intangibles	12	(32)
Trade and other payables	9	6
Other assets	(10)	(4)
	<u>90</u>	<u>60</u>
<b>17. Members' deposits</b>		
Call deposits	63,015	60,346
Term deposits	36,162	29,208
Members shares	37	36
	<u>99,214</u>	<u>89,590</u>
<i>Deposits by geographical locations</i>		
South Australia	96,133	86,213
Interstate	2,842	3,277
Overseas	239	100
	<u>99,214</u>	<u>89,590</u>
<i>Concentration of deposits</i>		
There are no members' deposits comprising major concentration of more than 10% of total liabilities.		
Due to the nature of the Credit Union's membership base there is significant concentration of deposits held by members of the South Australian Emergency Services.		
<b>18. Trade and other payables</b>		
Accrued expenses	266	130
Corporate cheques	-	32
	<u>266</u>	<u>162</u>
<b>19. Employee benefits</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Liability for annual leave	144	129
Liability for long service leave	74	124
Total employee benefits – current	<u>218</u>	<u>253</u>
<b>Non-Current</b>		
Liability for long service leave	8	15
Total employee benefits – non-current	<u>8</u>	<u>15</u>
<b>Total employee benefits</b>	<u>226</u>	<u>268</u>

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	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>20. Reserves</b>		
<b>Redeemed preference share reserve</b>		
Opening balance	32	31
Transfer from retained earnings	(32)	1
Closing balance	-	32

ASIC withdrew Regulatory Guide 68 in February 2024 and therefore the holding of the redeemed share capital reserve in a separate reserve is no longer required. In the 2025 financial year the Board approved the transfer of the redeemed share capital reserve to General Reserves.

## **21. Financial risk management and financial instruments**

### **Overview**

The Credit Union has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- credit risk;
- liquidity risk;
- interest rate risk; and
- operational risk.

This note presents information about the Credit Union's exposure to each of the above risks, their objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the management of capital.

### **Risk management framework**

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the risk management framework. Our approach to risk management is built on formal governance processes and relies on individual responsibility and reporting.

Risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced by the Credit Union, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the Credit Union's activities. The Credit Union, through their training and management standards and procedures, aim to develop a disciplined and constructive control environment in which all employees understand their roles and obligations.

### **Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Credit Union if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations.

### **Management of credit risk**

In relation to loans and advances, the Credit Union has clearly defined credit policies for the approval and management of credit risk. Current credit risk policies incorporate an assessment of a counterparty's repayment capacity and security, and specify acceptable terms and conditions for all types of loan products.

Secured residential loans have a maximum loan-to-security valuation ratio of 80% unless mortgage protection insurance is purchased by the counterparty. Consumer and revolving credit is generally unsecured.

A proactive approach to the identification and control of loan impairment is maintained on a weekly basis and reported to the Board monthly.

Lending policies and limits are reviewed and approved annually by the Board. The Board ensures that any exposures to credit risk, and significant changes in policy remain within the overall risk exposure levels as agreed by the Board.

The Credit Union limits its exposure on its investments by only investing in funds with authorised deposit taking institutions (ADIs) which are regulated by APRA. All High Quality Liquid Asset investments are held with institutions with a BBB- or higher credit rating. Some non-High Quality Liquid Asset (HQLA) are held with unrated ADIs.

APRA has also enforced concentration limits upon the Credit Union in respect of its lending and investment activities under the terms of the Credit Union's financial services licence.

### **Credit risk exposure**

The maximum exposure to credit risk by class of recognised financial assets at balance date is equivalent to the carrying value and classification of those financial assets as presented in the statement of financial position, plus loans approved but not yet advanced and undrawn overdraft facilities.

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**21. Financial risk management and financial instruments (continued)**

The table below shows the gross credit risk exposures to which the expected credit losses model is applied, grouped by financial asset type and credit risk rating grade. Loans and advances are internally rated based on a variety of factors, including past events, current conditions and forward-looking information at both an individual counterparty level and a collective and macroeconomic level. Debt securities are externally rated in accordance with credit rating grades provided by rating agencies.

2025	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL Not credit impaired	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL Credit impaired	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Loans – Firefighters &amp; other</b>				
Low risk	62,102	-	-	62,102
Moderate risk	-	-	-	-
Higher risk	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,102</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,102</b>
<b>Investments</b>				
AAA to AA-	9,784	-	-	9,784
A+ to A-	2,290	-	-	2,290
BBB+ to BBB-	11,888	-	-	11,888
Not rated	13,000	-	-	13,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,962</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,962</b>

  

2024	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL Not credit impaired	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL Credit impaired	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Loans – Firefighters &amp; other</b>				
Low risk	62,175	-	-	62,175
Moderate risk	-	-	-	-
Higher risk	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,175</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,175</b>
<b>Investments</b>				
AAA to AA-	13,584	-	-	13,584
A+ to A-	2,390	-	-	2,390
BBB+ to BBB-	4,458	-	-	4,458
Not rated	8,500	-	-	8,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,932</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,932</b>

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21. Financial risk management and financial instruments (continued)

**Exposure to credit risk**

The carrying amount of the Credit Union's financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure. The Credit Union's maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was:

	Note	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Investments – interest earning deposits	13	34,672	27,042
Loans and receivables	12	62,102	62,175
Cash and cash equivalents	10	8,951	6,728
		<b>105,725</b>	<b>95,945</b>

**Impairment losses**

The ageing of the Credit Union's loans and advances at the reporting date was:

Not past due	61,464	62,174
Past due 0 – 30 days	508	1
Past due above 30 days	130	-
	<b>62,102</b>	<b>62,175</b>

During 2025 the Credit Union wrote off loans totalling \$nil (2024: \$nil).

"Non-accrual loans" are loans and advances where the recovery of all interest and principal is considered to be reasonably doubtful and there is insufficient security. Unsecured loans are treated as non-accrual once they are 180 days in arrears. The category also includes any credit risk facility for which a specific provision for impairment has been raised.

"Restructured loans" arise when the borrower is granted a concession due to continuing difficulties in meeting the original terms, and the revised terms are not comparable to new facilities. Loans with revised terms are included in non-accrual loans when impairment provisions are required or the collection and recovery of all interest and principal is considered to be reasonably doubtful. There were no restructured loans as at 30 June 2025 (2024: nil).

"Assets acquired through the enforcement of security" are assets acquired in full or partial settlement of a loan or similar facility through the enforcement of security arrangements. The recoverable value of such assets form part of the net value of loans and advances.

"Past due loans" are loans which the member fails to make a payment when it is contractually due. Full recovery of both principal and interest is expected. If an impairment provision is required or the collection and recovery of all interest and principal is considered to be reasonably doubtful, the loan is included in non-accrual loans.

There was no impairment loss recognised with respect to investments during the year (2024: nil).



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21. Financial risk management and financial instruments (continued)

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Credit Union will not be able to meet its financial obligations as and when they fall due. The Credit Union's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Credit Union's reputation.

The Credit Union ensures that obligations are met day to day in normal market conditions at the lowest costs. Protection against an unexpected outflow of funds is provided for within the liquidity management process and from a stock of High Quality Liquid Assets (HQLA)

The liquidity shortfall could be caused by many factors including:

- The withdrawal of customer deposits; and
- The drawdown of members' borrowings and growth of non-liquid assets.

Management of liquidity risk

Liquidity risk management within the Credit Union considers both the overall Statement of Financial Position and the projected daily liquidity requirements, measuring the combined effects of assets and liability maturity mismatches and the undrawn commitments. It considers the time periods over which the liquidity demands are most strong and financial markets. The Credit Union has a policy to maintain a liquidity ratio of 16.25% (2023: 16%). The day to day management of liquidity is the responsibility of the management of the Credit Union, and reporting is undertaken weekly to the management and is reported monthly to the Board.

Liquidity policy is approved by the Board and is always in excess of the regulatory guidelines. "APRA requires the Credit Union to maintain a minimum holding of 9% of its liabilities in specified high quality liquid assets at all times".

	2025	2024
Liquidity	27.10%	24.70%

	Note	Carrying amount \$'000	Contractual cash flows \$'000	12 months or less \$'000	1-5 years \$'000	More than 5 years \$'000	At Call Deposits \$'000
<b>30 June 2025</b>							
<b>Non-derivative financial liabilities</b>							
Members' deposits	17	99,214	99,214	36,154	8	-	63,052
Trade & other payables	18	266	266	266	-	-	-
Lease liability	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
		99,480	99,480	36,420	8	-	63,052

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**Non-derivative financial liabilities**

Members' deposits	17	89,590	89,590	29,200	8	-	60,382
Trade and other payables	18	162	162	162	-	-	-
Lease liability	9	24	24	24	-	-	-
		89,776	89,776	29,386	8	-	60,382



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21. Financial risk management and financial instruments (continued)

Market risk management

Market risk is the risk of exposure to changes to financial prices affecting the value of positions held by the Credit Union as part of normal trading activities. As the Credit Union does not deal in foreign exchange contracts or commodities, market risk consists solely of interest rate risk.

Interest rate risk management

The management of net interest rate risk is primarily through monitoring the sensitivity of the Credit Union's financial assets and liabilities to standard and non-standard interest rates offered on loans and deposits.

Profile of interest rate risk

At the reporting date the interest rate profile of the Credit Union's interest-bearing financial instruments was:

	Note	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>Fixed rate instruments</b>			
Financial assets		25,872	15,442
Financial liabilities	17	36,162	29,208
<b>Variable rate instruments</b>			
Financial assets		78,491	80,447
Financial liabilities	17	63,052	60,382

A change of 1% in interest rates at the reporting date would have increased / (decreased) equity and profit and loss by the amounts shown below.

	Profit or loss		Equity	
	1% Increase \$'000	1% Decrease \$'000	1% Increase \$'000	1% Decrease \$'000
<b>30 June 2025</b>				
Financial assets	785	(785)	785	(785)
Financial liabilities	(631)	631	(631)	631
	154	(154)	154	(154)
<b>30 June 2024</b>				
Financial assets	804	(804)	804	(804)
Financial liabilities	(604)	604	(604)	604
	200	(200)	200	(200)

**21. Financial risk management and financial instruments (continued)**

**Operational risk**

Operational risk is the potential risk of financial loss or impairment to reputation resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes and systems, from the actions of people or from external events.

Major sources of operational risk include:

- outsourcing of operations;
- key person risk;
- dependence on key suppliers;
- IT security;
- internal and external fraud;
- implementation of strategy change;
- regulatory non-compliance; and
- process errors and external threats such as the loss of a critical site.

The Credit Union's Chief Executive Officer manages this risk through implementing appropriate controls and loss mitigation actions including insurance. These actions include a balance of policies, procedures and internal controls to ensure compliance with laws and regulations. Risk and control assurance is facilitated by the Chief Executive Officer and reported quarterly to the Board Audit Committee and on an annual basis to the Board.

The Credit Union has a Business Continuity Plan and a process in place to recognise, assess, and report risk if needed.

**Capital adequacy**

The primary objectives of the Credit Union's capital management are to ensure that the Credit Union complies with externally imposed capital requirements, maintains capital ratios to support the business and to cover risks inherent to its activities.

The management of capital is a fundamental part of its risk management process, as an essential element of capital is its availability to absorb future, unexpected and unidentified losses.

Effective management of capital risk involves the maintenance of adequate levels of capital. This means having a level suitable for the activities it undertakes.

The Board has a duty to ensure that the Credit Union maintains an appropriate level and quality of capital commensurate with the level and extent of risks to which the Credit Union is exposed from its activities. It does have an Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP) and capital management plan.

The Credit Union's capital will have the following characteristics:

- (a) provide a permanent and unrestricted commitment of funds;
- (b) be freely available to absorb losses;
- (c) not impose any unavoidable servicing charge against earnings; and
- (d) rank behind the claims of depositors and other creditors in the event of winding up.

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**21. Financial risk management and financial instruments (continued)**

**Capital adequacy (continued)**

For capital adequacy purposes the Credit Union's capital is assessed in two tiers:

- (a) Tier 1 capital comprises the highest quality component of capital that fully satisfies all the essential characteristics as above.
- (b) Tier 2 capital includes other elements which to varying degrees, fall short of the quality of Tier 1 capital but none the less contribute to the overall strength of the Credit Union as a going concern.

The Credit Union's capital base (the numerator of the capital ratio) is defined as the sum of eligible Tier 1 capital and Tier 2 capital net of all specified deductions and amortisation, subject to the limits that apply under APS 110.

In accordance with ARS 210.0, the Credit Union is required to revalue its debt securities portfolio to reflect current liquid market values and any reduction in value from the reported value is to be deducted by Common Equity Tier 1 Capital.

The Credit Union has complied with APRA requirements.

The capital management position is set out by the Board annually and reported monthly.

The Credit Union's capital position as at 30 June 2025 was as follows:

	2025 %	2024 %
<b>Capital Adequacy Ratio</b>	18.50%	19.29%
	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Retained earnings	6,210	6,078
Reserves	-	32
<b>Common Equity Tier 1 Capital</b>	<b>6,210</b>	<b>6,110</b>
Deferred tax assets	(90)	(60)
Intangible assets	112	-
Investments in banking and financial entities	-	(20)
Unrealised potential loss	(24)	(161)
<b>Regulatory Adjustment to Common Equity Tier 1 Capital</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(241)</b>
<b>Tier 1 Capital</b>	<b>6,208</b>	<b>5,869</b>
<b>Tier 2 Capital</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>6,208</b>	<b>5,869</b>

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21. Financial risk management and financial instruments (continued)

Repricing analysis

The Credit Union's repricing analysis as at 30 June 2025 was as follows:

	Balance Sheet Total	Floatin g interest rate	0-3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years	Non-interest bearing
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>2025</b>							
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents	8,951	8,860	-	-	-	-	91
Interest earning deposits	34,672	16,598	16,435	-	-	-	-
Investment receivables	207	-	-	-	-	-	207
Loans and advances	62,009	62,009	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	105,839	87,467	16,435	-	-	-	298
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Member deposits	99,214	63,015	17,388	18,766	8	-	37
Other liabilities	470	-	-	-	-	-	470
	99,684	63,015	17,388	18,766	8	-	507
<b>2024</b>							
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents	6,728	6,672	-	-	-	-	56
Interest earning deposits	27,062	11,620	13,958	1,484	-	-	-
Investment receivables	249	-	-	-	-	-	249
Loans and advances	62,175	62,175	-	-	-	-	-
Other investments	20	-	-	-	-	-	20
	96,234	80,467	13,958	1,484	-	-	325
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Member deposits	89,590	60,346	9,656	19,544	8	36	35
Other liabilities	370	-	-	-	-	-	370
	80,960	60,346	9,656	19,544	8	-	406

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**21. Financial risk management and financial instruments (continued)**

**Fair values**

The following methods and assumptions are used to determine the fair values of financial assets and liabilities based on the assumptions in the summary of material accounting policies at Note 3.

The different levels have been defined as follows:

- **Level 1:** quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (the Credit Union has no such financial instruments)
- **Level 2:** inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly
- **Level 3:** inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data.

The fair value hierarchy applied to each category of financial asset and liability is noted below.

The carrying amount of financial assets and financial liabilities are reasonable approximation of their fair value.

The net fair value estimates were determined by the following methodologies and assumptions:

*(i) Cash and cash equivalents (Level 1)*

The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents approximate their net fair value as they are either physically held as cash or they are short term in nature or are receivable on demand.

*(ii) Receivables and other assets and investment receivables (Level 2)*

The carrying values of trade debtors and other receivables is estimated to approximate fair value.

*(iii) Loans and advances (Level 3)*

The carrying value of loans, advances and other receivables is net of specific provisions for impairment and interest/fees reserved.

For variable rate loans, excluding impaired loans, the carrying amount is a reasonable estimate of net fair value.

*(iv) Investments – interest earning deposits (Level 2)*

The carrying values of interest earning deposits have been deemed to be representative of net fair value. The assets will either be held to maturity, cannot be redeemed, or are not interest rate sensitive.

*(v) Investments – shares in unlisted companies (Level 3)*

Equity investments are not held for trading and the Credit Union has irrevocably elected to designate at fair value through other comprehensive income. Fair value has been measured via reference to recent market transaction prices where available, and where not available a range of high level values were determined using various valuation methodologies based on underlying cash flow assumptions for these entities.

*(vi) Member deposits (Level 2)*

The net fair value, which includes the value of non-interest-bearing, call and variable rate deposits repricing within 12 months. The carrying value as at balance date approximates their net fair value as they are either physically held as cash or they are short term in nature or are receivable on demand.

*(vii) All other financial liabilities (Level 2)*

The carrying value of financial liabilities has been deemed to be representative of their net fair market value.

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Financial instruments not measured at fair value	Note	30 June 2025		Fair value hierarchy
		Carrying amount	Fair values	
		\$'000	\$'000	
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	10	8,951	8,951	Level 1
Receivables and other assets	18	266	266	Level 2
Investment receivables	11	207	207	Level 2
Loans and advances	12	62,009	62,009	Level 3
Investments	13	34,672	34,672	Level 2
<b>Total financial assets</b>		<b>106,105</b>	<b>106,105</b>	
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Members' deposits	17	99,214	99,214	Level 2
Trade and other payables	18	266	266	Level 2
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>		<b>99,480</b>	<b>99,480</b>	

Financial instruments not measured at fair value	Note	30 June 2024		Fair value hierarchy
		Carrying amount	Fair values	
		\$	\$	
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	10	6,728	6,728	Level 1
Receivables and other assets		162	162	Level 2
Investment receivables	11	249	249	Level 2
Loans and advances	12	62,083	62,083	Level 3
Investments	13	27,062	27,062	Level 2
<b>Total financial assets</b>		<b>96,284</b>	<b>96,284</b>	
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Members' deposits	17	89,590	89,590	Level 2
Trade and other payables	18	162	162	Level 2
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>		<b>80,752</b>	<b>89,752</b>	



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22. Capital and other commitments

	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>Capital expenditure commitments</b>		
Estimated capital expenditure contracted for at balance date:		
OSKO Fast Payments	376	-
	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
<b>Loans pending settlement</b>		
Loans approved yet to be disbursed	744	967

**Commitments to expenditure on banking system**

The Credit Union signed a 5 year contract in 2010 with Data Action for the provision of computer bureau services and computer support. The contract includes a clause agreeing to annual increase of the greater of a 3%p.a. or CPI. This contract continues on a rolling basis with twelve months' notice. Based on the most recent financial information provided by Data Action, the bureau fees are likely to be:

	2025 \$'000	2024 \$'000
Within one year	343	333
One year or later and no later than 2 years	-	-
Later than 2 years	-	-
	343	333

23. Contingencies

Details of contingent liabilities and contingent assets where the probability of future payments/receipts is not considered remote are set out below, as well as details of contingent liabilities and contingent assets, which although considered remote, the directors consider should be disclosed.

The directors are of the opinion that provisions are not required in respect of these matters, as it is not probable that a future sacrifice of economic benefits will be required, or the amount is not capable of reliable measurement.

**Credit Union Financial Support System (CUFSS)**

With effect from 1 July 1999, the Credit Union is a party to an Industry Support Contract (ISC) administered by CUFSS Limited. The ISC is certified by APRA under Section 11CB of the Banking Act 1959 (Cth) and is a voluntary financial support scheme whose members are Credit Unions, Mutual Banks and Cuscal Limited. CUFSS is a company limited by guarantee, each member's guarantee being \$100.

As a member of CUFSS, the Credit Union:

- May be required to advance funds up to 3% (excluding permanent loans) of total assets to another Credit Union requiring financial support; and
- Agrees, in conjunction with other members, to fund the operating costs of CUFSS.

No such direction has, at balance date, been given to the Credit Union.



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**24. Related parties**

**Transactions with key management personnel**

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Credit Union, directly or indirectly, including any Director of the Credit Union.

The following were key management personnel of the Credit Union at any time during the reporting period, and unless otherwise indicated were directors for the entire year:

Mr P Fletcher – Chair	Mr R McKeon – Director
Mr A Karapetian – Director	Mr M Fernando – Director (appointed November 2024)
Mr E Holzbauer – Director	Mrs T Ireland – Chief Executive Officer/Company Secretary
Mr J Swann – Deputy Chair	Ms J Driscoll – Chief Financial Officer
Ms E Lew - Director	Mrs K Plunkett – Risk & Compliance Manager
Mr N Johnson – Director	
Mr A Waller – Director	

**Key management personnel compensation**

The key management personnel compensation included in 'personnel expenses' (see note 6) are as follows:

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Short-term employee benefits	373,200	441,494
Post-employee benefits	64,308	62,538
Long service leave	(26,758)	14,474
	<u>410,750</u>	<u>518,506</u>

**Loans to key management personnel**

The following loan facilities were conducted by key management personnel at normal member rates during the year:

Principal and interest loans	952,303	976,324
Lines of credit	3,014	4,552
Balance outstanding	<u>955,317</u>	<u>980,876</u>

The aggregate amount of loans made during the year were:

Principal and interest loans	70,565	176,843
Lines of credit	4,846	3,375
	<u>75,411</u>	<u>180,218</u>

The aggregate amount of loans made during the year includes amount redrawn from existing loans.

The aggregate amount of loan repayments received this year were:

Principal and interest loans	145,659	289,021
Lines of credit	6,067	16,008
	<u>151,726</u>	<u>305,029</u>

Interest charges made during the year were:

Principal and interest loans	51,073	49,375
Lines of credit	332	565
	<u>51,405</u>	<u>49,940</u>

The key management personnel of the Credit Union and their families conduct loans, savings and investments with the Credit Union at normal member rates and conditions. No conditions were breached during the financial year.

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24. Related Parties (continued)

**Other key management personnel transactions with the Credit Union**

Apart from the details disclosed above, no key management personnel have entered into a material contract with the Credit Union since the end of the previous financial year and there were no material contracts involving Directors' interests existing at the year end.

Each Director holds one share in the Credit Union in their capacity as a member.

25. Dividend franking account

The Credit Union has generated franking credits from the payment of income tax since the 1996 financial year. The total of franking credits adjusted for credits which will arise from the payment of income tax provided for in the financial statements is \$1,937,654 (2024: \$1,937,380).

However, the ability of the Credit Union to utilise these credits is restricted by the rules of the Credit Union, which do not permit the Credit Union to pay dividends. The Credit Union is prevented from distributing the balance of the franking credits.

26. Auditor's remuneration

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>Audit services</b>		
Auditors of the Company		
<b><i>Crowe Audit Australia</i></b>		
Audit of financial report and other assurance services	62,000	58,400
Other regulatory audit services	13,500	26,700
	<u>75,500</u>	<u>85,100</u>
<b><i>Crowe Audit Australia</i></b>		
Taxation services	8,500	7,150
	<u>8,500</u>	<u>7,150</u>

27. Subsequent Events

There have been no events subsequent to reporting date which would have a material impact on the Credit Union's 30 June 2025 financial statements.

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**Directors' declaration**

In the opinion of the directors of Fire Service Credit Union Ltd ('the Credit Union'):

- (a) the financial statements and accompanying notes, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - (i) giving a true and fair view of the Credit Union's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*;
  - (iii) the financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in note 2;
- (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Credit Union will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (d) the consolidated entity disclosure statement on page 13 is true and correct.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors.

  
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Mr P Fletcher, MBA  
Chair

Dated at Adelaide this 25th September 2025

# Fire Service Credit Union Ltd

## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Fire Service Credit Union Ltd

### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Fire Service Credit Union Ltd ('the Credit Union'), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including the material accounting policy information, the consolidated entity disclosure statement and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Fire Service Credit Union Ltd is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Credit Union's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards report 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 Credit Union 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 opinion.

### Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the directors' report information contained in the Credit Union's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2025, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report**

The directors of the Credit Union are responsible for the preparation of

- the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001*; and
- the consolidated entity disclosure statement that is true and correct in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*; and

for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of:

- the financial report (other than the consolidated entity disclosure statement) that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- the consolidated entity disclosure statement that is true and correct and is free of misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the Credit Union 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 Credit Union or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

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



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