

**Heathcote & District  
Financial Services Limited**

**Financial Statements**

**as at**

**31 December 2007**

**Heathcote & District Financial Services Limited**  
**ABN 44 112 376 986**  
**Directors' Report**

Your Directors submit the financial report of the company for the half-year ended 31 December 2007.

**Directors**

The names of directors who held office during the half year and until the date of this report are as below:

Barry Maxwell Cail

Keith Macpherson Chambers

Patrick Joseph Connally

Ian Douglas Cordiner

Caroline FitzGerald James

Gregory Ian Speirs (*Appointed 27th August 2007*)

Colin Bernard Stobaus

Gregory John Williams

Joseph Zurek

Danielle Maree Gilmore (*Resigned 29th October 2007*)

**Principal activities**

The principal activities of the company during the course of the financial period were in providing community banking services under management rights to operate a franchised branch of Bendigo Bank Limited.

**Review and results of operations**

Operations have continued to perform in line with expectations. The net loss of the company for the financial period was: (\$2,769) (2006: (\$15,242)).

**Matters subsequent to the end of the reporting period**

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

**Auditor's independence declaration**

A copy of the auditors' independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out on page 2.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors at Heathcote, Victoria on 5th March 2008.

  
**Barry Maxwell Cail, Chairman**

**Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001  
to the directors of Heathcote & District Financial Services Limited**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the review for the financial period ended 31 December 2007 there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the review; and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.



**David Hutchings**  
**Auditor**

**Andrew Frewin & Stewart**  
Bendigo, Victoria

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2008

**Heathcote & District Financial Services Limited**  
**ABN 44 112 376 986**  
**Income Statement**  
**for the half-year ended 31 December 2007**

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Revenue from ordinary activities	189,104	147,008
Salaries and employee benefit expense	(115,615)	(100,685)
Occupancy and associated costs	(15,747)	(17,021)
Advertising and promotion expenses	(6,909)	(1,262)
Systems costs	(11,416)	(10,788)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(9,652)	(10,694)
General administration expenses	(33,826)	(29,370)
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<b>Loss before income tax credit</b>	(4,061)	(22,812)
Income tax credit	1,292	7,569
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<b>Loss for the period</b>	(2,769)	(15,243)
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<b>Loss attributable to members of the entity</b>	<u>(2,769)</u>	<u>(15,243)</u>
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<b>Earnings per Share</b>		
	<u>c</u>	<u>c</u>
Earnings per share for the period were:	(0.47)	(2.56)

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.*

**Heathcote & District Financial Services Limited**  
**ABN 44 112 376 986**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 December 2007**

	31-Dec 2007 \$	30-Jun 2007 \$	31-Dec 2006 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash assets	198,652	207,398	214,888
Trade and other receivables	15,364	9,150	12,216
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>214,016</u>	<u>216,548</u>	<u>227,104</u>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	64,627	68,278	72,972
Deferred tax asset	71,474	70,182	67,044
Intangible assets	38,402	44,402	50,402
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<u>174,503</u>	<u>182,862</u>	<u>190,418</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>388,519</u>	<u>399,410</u>	<u>417,522</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	3,836	9,019	7,025
Borrowings	-	2,940	8,940
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>3,836</u>	<u>11,959</u>	<u>15,965</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>3,836</u>	<u>11,959</u>	<u>15,965</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>384,683</u>	<u>387,451</u>	<u>401,557</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Issued capital	558,357	558,357	558,357
Retained earnings	(173,674)	(170,906)	(156,800)
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>384,683</u>	<u>387,451</u>	<u>401,557</u>

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**Heathcote & District Financial Services Limited**  
**ABN 44 112 376 986**  
**Statement of Changes in Equity**  
**for the half-year ended 31 December 2007**

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Total equity at the beginning of the period	387,452	416,800
Net profit/(loss) for the period	(2,769)	(15,243)
Net income/expense recognised directly in equity	-	-
Dividends provided for or paid	-	-
Shares issued during period	-	-
Total equity at the end of the period	<u><u>384,683</u></u>	<u><u>401,557</u></u>

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**Heathcote & District Financial Services Limited**  
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**Cash Flow Statement**  
**for the half-year ended 31 December 2007**

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</b>		
Receipts from customers	177,073	133,395
Payments to suppliers and employees	(186,723)	(157,561)
Interest paid	-	(3)
Interest received	3,844	4,248
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<u>(5,806)</u>	<u>(19,921)</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Financing Activities</b>		
Repayment of borrowings	(2,940)	(3,000)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<u>(2,940)</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>
<b>Net decrease in cash held</b>	(8,746)	(22,921)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	207,398	237,809
<b>Cash at the end of the half-year</b>	<u><u>198,652</u></u>	<u><u>214,888</u></u>

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**Heathcote & District Financial Services Limited**  
**ABN 44 112 376 986**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**for the half-year ended 31 December 2007**

**1. Basis of preparation of the half-year financial statements**

**Statement of compliance**

The half-year financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards ('AASBs') adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the Corporations Act 2001. The financial report also complies with the IFRSs and interpretations adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board.

**Basis of accounting**

The half-year financial report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report. Accordingly the report shall be read in conjunction with the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2007 and any public pronouncements made by the company during the period.

The accounting policies set out below have been applied in preparing the financial statements for the half-year ended 31 December 2007. All accounting policies are consistent with those applied in the 30 June 2007 financial statements except as set out below.

**2. Events subsequent to reporting date**

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

**3. Contingent assets and liabilities**

There were no contingent assets or liabilities at the date of this report to affect the financial statements.

**4. Segment Reporting**

The economic entity operates in the service sector where it facilitates community banking services pursuant to a franchise agreement with Bendigo Bank Limited. The economic entity operates in one geographic area being the Heathcote and surrounding districts, central Victoria.

**5. Contributed equity**

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
594,910 Ordinary shares of \$1 each (2006: 594,910)	594,910	594,910
Less: equity raising expenses	(36,553)	(36,553)
	<u>558,357</u>	<u>558,357</u>

**6. Related parties**

Arrangements with related parties continue to be in place. For details on these arrangements, refer to the 30 June 2007 annual financial report.



**Heathcote & District Financial Services Limited**  
**ABN 44 112 376 986**  
**Directors' Declaration**

In the opinion of the directors of Heathcote & District Financial Services Limited ("the Company"):

- 1 The financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 including:
  - (a) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the entity as at 31 December 2007 and of its performance, as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows for the half-year ended on that date;
  - (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- 2 there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors made pursuant to s.303(5) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the Directors

  
**Barry Maxwell Cail, Chairman**

Dated this 5th day of March 2008.

## **Independent Review Report to the Members of Heathcote & District Financial Services Limited**

### ***Scope***

We have reviewed the accompanying financial report of Heathcote & District Financial Services Limited comprising the balance sheet, income statement, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement, accompanying notes 1-6 to the financial statements and the directors' declaration for the entity for the half-year ended 31 December 2007.

### ***Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report***

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the interim financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the interim financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the interim financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 Review of an Interim Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the interim financial report is not in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 including: giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2007 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001. As auditor of the company, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

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

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reports when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our review was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls. Our review did not involve an analysis of the prudence of business decisions made by directors or managers.

### ***Independence***

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.

### ***Conclusion***

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the interim financial report of Heathcote & District Financial Services Limited is not in accordance with Corporations Act 2001, including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 31 December 2007 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- ii. complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 'Interim Financial Reporting' and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

**David Hutchings Partner**  
**BENDIGO**

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2008