# Annual Report 30 June 2024





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# Westlawn Finance Limited Directors' report 30 June 2024

The Directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the consolidated entity (referred to hereafter as the 'Consolidated Group' or 'Group') consisting of Westlawn Finance Limited (referred to hereafter as the 'Company' or 'parent entity') and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the year ended 30 June 2024.

#### **Directors**

The following persons were Directors of Westlawn Finance Limited during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

Mark Charles Dougherty
Geoffrey Dean Scofield
Andrew Harry Hayes
Andrew Michael Dougherty
Cameron Scott McCullagh
Andrew Douglas Bennett
James William Dougherty (resigned 29 September 2023)

# **Principal activities**

During the financial year the principal continuing activities of the Consolidated Group consisted of:

- Financier
- Insurance Broker

#### **Dividends**

Dividends paid during the financial year were as follows:

	<b>Consolidated Group</b>	
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Interim dividend for the year ended 30 June 2024 of 20.2622 cents per Ordinary Share franked at the		
rate of 30%	3,000,000	-
Final dividend for the year ended 30 June 2023 of 20.2622 cents per Ordinary Share franked at the rate of 30%	3,000,000	_
Interim dividend for the year ended 30 June 2023 of 22.9639 cents per Ordinary Share franked at the	3,000,000	
rate of 30%	-	3,400,000
Final dividend for the year ended 30 June 2022 of 27.0163 cents per Ordinary Share franked at the rate of 30%		4,000,000
Total Dividends	6,000,000	7,400,000

#### **Review of operations**

The profit for the Consolidated Group after providing for income tax and non-controlling interest amounted to \$3,078,287 (30 June 2023: \$5,889,647).

A further analysis of the perfomance of the Consolidated Group is provided below.

	2024 \$	2023 \$	Change \$	Change %
Profit before income tax contributed by:				
Finance business	5,211,797	8,408,518	(3,196,721)	(38%)
Insurance broking business	3,197,045	2,327,507	869,538	37%
Profit before income tax expense	8,408,842	10,736,025	(2,327,183)	
Less: Income tax expense	(3,215,643)	(3,632,453)	416,810	(11%)
Less: Non-controlling interest	(2,114,912)	(1,213,925)	(900,987)	74%
Profit after income tax expense and non-controlling interest	3,078,287	5,889,647	(2,811,360)	

## Significant changes in the state of affairs

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

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## Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2024 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Consolidated Group's operations, the results of those operations, or the Consolidated Group's state of affairs in future financial years.

### Likely developments and expected results of operations

Information on likely developments in the operations of the Consolidated Group and the expected results of operations have not been included in this report because the Directors believe it would be likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Consolidated Group.

#### **Environmental regulation**

The Consolidated Group is not subject to any significant environmental regulation under Australian Commonwealth or State law.

#### **Information on Directors**

Name: Mark Charles Dougherty

Title: Chairman

Qualifications: Bachelor of Business, Certificate IV in Financial Services

Experience and expertise: Finance - more than 20 years experience, Company Accountant - 9 years experience

Special responsibilities: Executive Chairman

Name: Geoffrey Dean Scofield

Title: Director

Qualifications: Certificate IV and Diploma in Financial Services

Experience and expertise: Banking & Finance – more than 25 years experience

Name: Andrew Harry Hayes

Title: Director

Qualifications: Bachelor of Business, Graduate Diploma in Financial Planning, Certificate IV Financial Services

Experience and expertise: Chartered Accountant – more than 25 years experience, Registered Company Auditor, Registered

Tax Agent

Special responsibilities: Chief Executive Officer, Company Secretary

Name: Andrew Michael Dougherty
Title: Non-executive Director

Qualifications: Bachelor of Business, Advanced Diploma Financial Services (Planning/Finance Broking)

Experience and expertise: Financial adviser - more than 10 years experience, Licensed Finance Broker

Name: Cameron Scott McCullagh
Title: Non-executive Director
Qualifications: Bachelor of Business

Experience and expertise: Financial services - more than 30 years experience

Name: Andrew Douglas Bennett
Title: Non-executive Director

Experience and expertise: Financial services - more than 25 years experience

Name: James William Dougherty (resigned 29 September 2023)

Title: Retiring Chairman

Qualifications: Bachelor of Economics, Diploma of Financial Management, Certificate IV Financial Services

Experience and expertise: Chartered Accountant, Licensed Real Estate Agent

## **Company secretary**

The position of company secretary was held by Andrew Harry Hayes at the end of the financial year. Refer to the previous section for full details of qualifications and experience.

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#### **Meetings of Directors**

The number of meetings of the Company's Board of Directors ('the Board') held during the year ended 30 June 2024, and the number of meetings attended by each Director were:

	Full Board	
	Attended	Held
Mark Charles Dougherty	4	4
Geoffrey Dean Scofield	4	4
Andrew Harry Hayes	4	4
Andrew Michael Dougherty	4	4
Cameron Scott McCullagh	4	4
Andrew Douglas Bennett	4	4
James William Dougherty (resigned 29 September 2023)	1	1

Held: represents the number of meetings held during the time the Director held office.

# **Indemnity and insurance of officers**

During the financial year, the Company paid a premium in respect of a contract to insure the Directors and executives of the Company against a liability to the extent permitted by the Corporations Act 2001. The contract of insurance prohibits disclosure of the nature of the liability and the amount of the premium.

### Indemnity and insurance of auditor

The Company has not, during or since the end of the financial year, indemnified or agreed to indemnify the auditor of the Company or any related entity against a liability incurred by the auditor.

During the financial year, the Company has not paid a premium in respect of a contract to insure the auditor of the Company or any related entity.

#### **Proceedings on behalf of the Company**

No person has applied to the Court under section 237 of the Corporations Act 2001 for leave to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company, or to intervene in any proceedings to which the Company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Company for all or part of those proceedings.

# **Auditor's independence declaration**

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

#### Auditor

HLB Mann Judd Assurance GCNC Pty Ltd continues in office in accordance with section 327 of the Corporations Act 2001.

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

On behalf of the Directors

Mark Charles Dougherty

3 September 2024 Grafton



### **AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

As lead auditor for the audit of the consolidated financial report of Westlawn Finance Limited for the year ended 30 June 2024, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- (a) the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- (b) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in relation to the Westlawn Finance Limited and the entities it controlled during the period.

R A Watkinson

**Partner** 

Robina, Queensland 3 September 2024

# Westlawn Finance Limited Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	Consolidate 2024 \$	ed Group 2023 \$
Revenue			
Interest income		18,476,756	19,087,544
Interest expense		(9,941,974)	(6,579,594)
Net interest income		8,534,782	12,507,950
Total Non-interest revenue	4	35,182,787	29,385,202
Other income	5	613,846	27,481
Total revenue after interest expense		44,331,415	41,920,633
Expenses			
Bad debts written off		(764,457)	(1,605,531)
Reversal of impairment of loans and advances		93,659	393,007
Computer & IT expenses		(1,088,655)	(920,737)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	6	(3,607,464)	(3,591,500)
Employee benefits expense		(11,933,499)	(11,201,129)
Fees and commission paid		(9,744,678)	(9,136,766)
Reversal of impairment of assets		-	1,096,880
Impairment of intangibles		(2,000,000)	-
Legal and credit expenses		(2,326,265)	(2,293,027)
Loss on disposal of assets		(105,785)	(34,937)
Other expenses	6	(4,445,429)	(3,890,868)
Total expenses		(35,922,573)	(31,184,608)
Profit before income tax expense		8,408,842	10,736,025
Income tax expense	7	(3,215,643)	(3,632,453)
Profit after income tax expense for the year		5,193,199	7,103,572
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Gain on the revaluation of equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income, net of tax			23,162
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax			23,162
Total comprehensive income for the year		5,193,199	7,126,734
Profit for the year is attributable to:		2 44 4 24 2	1 010 005
Non-controlling interest		2,114,912	1,213,925
Owners of Westlawn Finance Limited		3,078,287	5,889,647
		5,193,199	7,103,572
Total comprehensive income for the year is attributable to:			
Non-controlling interest		2,114,912	1,220,207
Owners of Westlawn Finance Limited		3,078,287	5,906,527
Owners or westiawit i mance Limited			3,300,327
		5,193,199	7,126,734

# Westlawn Finance Limited Statement of financial position As at 30 June 2024

	Note	Consolidat 2024 \$	ed Group 2023 \$
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	47,013,802	36,484,360
Trade and other receivables	9	1,903,003	1,310,322
Investments	10	455,090	434,929
Income tax refund due	11	=	1,263,633
Other assets	12	554,052	641,705
Loans & advances	13	133,200,983	194,434,314
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	14	202,584	202,584
Other financial assets	15	47,381,925	13,864,195
Property, plant and equipment	16	5,832,723	5,448,426
Right-of-use assets	17	701,523	810,157
Intangibles	18	39,333,841	44,106,893
Deferred tax assets	19	364,206	324,094
Total assets		276,943,732	299,325,612
Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	20	11,365,357	10,361,644
Interest bearing liabilities	21	208,610,046	225,570,096
Lease liabilities	22	762,089	843,525
Income tax	23	963,000	=
Provisions	24	2,605,298	2,666,944
Financial liabilities	25	12,223,000	8,596,000
Other	26	101,000	84,450
Deferred tax liabilities	27	6,211,555	7,328,234
Total liabilities		242,841,345	255,450,893
Net assets		34,102,387	43,874,719
Equity			
Issued capital	28	24,094,643	24,094,643
Reserves	29	(10,463,918)	(6,651,564)
Retained profits		8,023,308	13,573,574
Equity attributable to the owners of Westlawn Finance Limited		21,654,033	31,016,653
Non-controlling interest	30	12,448,354	12,858,066
Total equity		34,102,387	43,874,719

# Westlawn Finance Limited Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 30 June 2024

Consolidated Group	Issued capital \$	Reserves \$	Retained profits \$	Non- controlling interest \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2022	24,094,643	1,925,906	13,690,145	5,362,220	45,072,914
Profit after income tax expense for the year Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	- 	18,530 _	5,889,647	1,213,925 4,632	7,103,572 23,162
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	18,530	5,889,647	1,218,557	7,126,734
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:  Option to acquire further interest in subsidiary Disposal of part interest in subsidiary Adjustment to reflect change in accounting policy of	- -	(8,596,000) -	- 1,393,782	- 565,363	(8,596,000) 1,959,145
Business Combinations (note 2) Dividends paid (note 31)	-	-	- (7,400,000)	6,006,926 (295,000)	6,006,926 (7,695,000)
Balance at 30 June 2023	24,094,643	(6,651,564)	13,573,574	12,858,066	43,874,719
Consolidated Group	Issued capital \$	Reserves \$	Retained profits \$	Non- controlling interest \$	Total equity
Balance at 1 July 2023	24,094,643	(6,651,564)	13,573,574	12,858,066	43,874,719
Profit after income tax expense for the year Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		- -	3,078,287	2,114,912	5,193,199 
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	3,078,287	2,114,912	5,193,199
Transfer from reserves on disposal of property Prior year adjustment re NCI	-	(175,539) (9,815)	175,539 (36,769)	- 46,584	-
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners: Transfer to retained earnings upon increased interest in subsidiary Non-controlling interests acquired Non-controlling interests transferred to profit & loss	- -	- - -	593,403 (3,360,726)	(593,403) -	- (3,360,726)
on derecognition of subisidiary Option to acquire further interest in subsidiary Dividends paid (note 31)	- - -	- (3,627,000) -	- - (6,000,000)	(177,805) - (1,800,000)	(177,805) (3,627,000) (7,800,000)
Balance at 30 June 2024	24,094,643	(10,463,918)	8,023,308	12,448,354	34,102,387

# Westlawn Finance Limited Statement of cash flows For the year ended 30 June 2024

		Consolidated Gro	
	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Interest & rent received from external investments		18,674,460	19,241,811
Other receipts		38,609,713	31,501,282
Payments to suppliers and employees		(31,987,278)	(31,050,669)
		25 206 005	10.602.424
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Interest and other finance costs paid		(10,020,345)	(6,544,195)
Income taxes paid		(2,026,489)	(4,188,807)
Net cash from operating activities	43	13,250,061	8,959,422
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payment for purchase of subsidiary, net of cash acquired		_	(1,118,299)
Payments for investments		(48,646,297)	(13,998,034)
.Payment for capital works in progress		(1,508,976)	-
Payments for property, plant and equipment	16	(295,589)	(398,117)
Payments for intangibles	18	(250,000)	(35,401)
Proceeds from disposal of investments		12,338,401	7,039,354
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		1,258,809	36,328
Dividends and trust distributions received		366,011	125,589
Net loans (advanced) repaid		59,186,332	10,388,327
Net cash from investing activities		22,448,691	2,039,747
Cash flows from financing activities			
Net increase in unsecured notes		(16,960,051)	(2,891,193)
Dividends paid	31	(6,000,000)	(7,400,000)
Repayment of lease liabilities		(256,873)	(267,985)
Dividends paid (non-controlling interest)	31	(1,800,000)	(295,000)
Net cash used in financing activities		(25,016,924)	(10,854,178)
Net cash used in infancing activities		(23,010,324)	(10,054,170)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		10,681,828	144,991
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		36,484,360	36,339,369
Cash disposed on derecognition of subsidiary		(152,386)	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	8	47,013,802	36,484,360

#### Note 1. General information

The financial statements cover Westlawn Finance Limited as a Consolidated Group consisting of Westlawn Finance Limited and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the year. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is Westlawn Finance Limited's functional and presentation currency.

Westlawn Finance Limited is an unlisted public company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is:

Westlawn Building 22 Queen Street GRAFTON NSW 2460

A description of the nature of the Consolidated Group's operations and its principal activities are included in the Directors' report, which is not part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of Directors, on 3 September 2024. The Directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

#### Note 2. Material accounting policy information

The accounting policies that are material to the Consolidated Group are set out below. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year, unless otherwise stated.

#### New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The Consolidated Group has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

## **Basis of preparation**

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the Corporations Act 2001, as appropriate for for-profit oriented entities. These financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ('IASB').

# Historical cost convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for, where applicable, the revaluation of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, investment properties, certain classes of property, plant and equipment and derivative financial instruments.

## Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Consolidated Group's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 3.

#### Classification of assets and liabilities

Westlawn Finance Limited is a financial institution and the assets and liabilities disclosed in the statement of financial position are grouped by nature and listed in an order that reflects their relative liquidity.

#### **Parent entity information**

In accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, these financial statements present the results of the Consolidated Group only. Supplementary information about the parent entity is disclosed in note 40.

#### **Principles of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of all subsidiaries of Westlawn Finance Limited ('Company' or 'parent entity') as at 30 June 2024 and the results of all subsidiaries for the year then ended. Westlawn Finance Limited and its subsidiaries together are referred to in these financial statements as the 'Consolidated Group'.

Subsidiaries are all those entities over which the Consolidated Group has control. The Consolidated Group controls an entity when the Consolidated Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct the activities of the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Consolidated Group. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

## Note 2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between entities in the Consolidated Group are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of the impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Consolidated Group.

The acquisition of subsidiaries is accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting. A change in ownership interest, without the loss of control, is accounted for as an equity transaction, where the difference between the consideration transferred and the book value of the share of the non-controlling interest acquired is recognised directly in equity attributable to the parent.

Non-controlling interest in the results and equity of subsidiaries are shown separately in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of financial position and statement of changes in equity of the Consolidated Group. Losses incurred by the Consolidated Group are attributed to the non-controlling interest in full, even if that results in a deficit balance.

Where the Consolidated Group loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises the assets including goodwill, liabilities and non-controlling interest in the subsidiary together with any cumulative translation differences recognised in equity. The Consolidated Group recognises the fair value of the consideration received and the fair value of any investment retained together with any gain or loss in profit or loss.

## **Revenue recognition**

The Consolidated Group recognises revenue as follows:

#### Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Consolidated Group is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer. For each contract with a customer, the Consolidated Group: identifies the contract with a customer; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct good or service to be delivered; and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the goods or services promised.

Variable consideration within the transaction price, if any, reflects concessions provided to the customer such as discounts, rebates and refunds, any potential bonuses receivable from the customer and any other contingent events. Such estimates are determined using either the 'expected value' or 'most likely amount' method. The measurement of variable consideration is subject to a constraining principle whereby revenue will only be recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur. The measurement constraint continues until the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. Amounts received that are subject to the constraining principle are recognised as a refund liability.

## Interest

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

## Fees and commission

Fees and commission revenue are recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

## Other revenue

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

#### Income tax

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

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised for temporary differences at the tax rates expected to be applied when the assets are recovered or liabilities are settled, based on those tax rates that are enacted or substantively enacted, except for:

- When the deferred income tax asset or liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and that, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting nor taxable profits; or
- When the taxable temporary difference is associated with interests in subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, and the timing of the reversal can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

## Note 2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

Deferred tax assets are recognised for deductible temporary differences and unused tax losses only if it is probable that future taxable amounts will be available to utilise those temporary differences and losses.

The carrying amount of recognised and unrecognised deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date. Deferred tax assets recognised are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that future taxable profits will be available for the carrying amount to be recovered. Previously unrecognised deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that there are future taxable profits available to recover the asset.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset only where there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and deferred tax assets against deferred tax liabilities; and they relate to the same taxable authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities which intend to settle simultaneously.

Westlawn Finance Limited (the 'head entity') and its wholly-owned Australian subsidiaries have formed an income tax consolidated group under the tax consolidation regime. The head entity and each subsidiary in the tax consolidated group continue to account for their own current and deferred tax amounts. The tax consolidated group has applied the 'separate taxpayer within group' approach in determining the appropriate amount of taxes to allocate to members of the tax consolidated group.

In addition to its own current and deferred tax amounts, the head entity also recognises the current tax liabilities (or assets) and the deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses and unused tax credits assumed from each subsidiary in the tax consolidated group.

Assets or liabilities arising under tax funding agreements with the tax consolidated entities are recognised as amounts receivable from or payable to other entities in the tax consolidated group. The tax funding arrangement ensures that the intercompany charge equals the current tax liability or benefit of each tax consolidated group member, resulting in neither a contribution by the head entity to the subsidiaries nor a distribution by the subsidiaries to the head entity.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

#### Trade and other receivables

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

The Consolidated Group has applied the simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses, which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on days overdue.

Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any allowance for expected credit losses.

#### **Investments and other financial assets**

Investments and other financial assets are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs are included as part of the initial measurement, except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Such assets are subsequently measured at either amortised cost or fair value depending on their classification. Classification is determined based on both the business model within which such assets are held and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset unless an accounting mismatch is being avoided.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows have expired or have been transferred and the Consolidated Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. When there is no reasonable expectation of recovering part or all of a financial asset, its carrying value is written off.

## Financial assets at amortised cost

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost only if both of the following conditions are met: (i) it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and (ii) the contractual terms of the financial asset represent contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest.

## Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income include equity investments which the Consolidated Group intends to hold for the foreseeable future and has irrevocably elected to classify them as such upon initial recognition.

# Note 2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

#### Investments

Investments includes non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities where the Consolidated Group has the positive intention and ability to hold the financial asset to maturity. This category excludes financial assets that are held for an undefined period. Investments are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method adjusted for any principal repayments. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised or impaired.

#### Impairment of financial assets

The Consolidated Group recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses on financial assets which are either measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income. The measurement of the loss allowance depends upon the Consolidated Group's assessment at the end of each reporting period as to whether the financial instrument's credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, based on reasonable and supportable information that is available, without undue cost or effort to obtain.

Where there has not been a significant increase in exposure to credit risk since initial recognition, a 12-month expected credit loss allowance is estimated. This represents a portion of the asset's lifetime expected credit losses that is attributable to a default event that is possible within the next 12 months. Where a financial asset has become credit impaired or where it is determined that credit risk has increased significantly, the loss allowance is based on the asset's lifetime expected credit losses. The amount of expected credit loss recognised is measured on the basis of the probability weighted present value of anticipated cash shortfalls over the life of the instrument discounted at the original effective interest rate.

For financial assets mandatorily measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, the loss allowance is recognised in other comprehensive income with a corresponding expense through profit or loss. In all other cases, the loss allowance reduces the asset's carrying value with a corresponding expense through profit or loss.

#### Loans and advances (finance receivables)

Loans and advances are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Loans and advances include loans to customers. These include finance leases, hire-purchase loans, insurance premium funding, business loans, consumer loans, consumer & business mortgages, and floor plan receivables. They are carried at the recoverable amount represented by the gross value of the outstanding balance less the allowance for expected credit losses.

### Impairment of loans and advances

The Consolidated Group applies a three-stage approach to measuring expected credit losses (ECLs) for financial assets that are not measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial assets migrate through the following three stages based on the change in credit risk since initial recognition:

## Stage 1: 12-months ECL

The Consolidated Group collectively assesses ECLs on exposures where there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition and that were not credit impaired upon origination. For these exposures, the Consolidated Group recognises as a collective provision the portion of the lifetime ECL associated with the probability of default events occurring within the next 12 months. The Consolidated Group does not conduct an individual assessment of exposures in Stage 1 as there is no evidence of one or more events occurring that would have a detrimental impact on estimated future cash flows.

#### Stage 2: Lifetime ECL - not credit impaired

The Consolidated Group collectively assesses ECLs on exposures where there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition but are not credit impaired. For these exposures, the consolidated entity recognises as a collective provision a lifetime ECL (i.e. reflecting the remaining lifetime of the financial asset). Similar to Stage 1, the Consolidated Group does not conduct an individual assessment on Stage 2 exposures as the increase in credit risk is not, of itself, an event that could have a detrimental impact on future cash flows.

## Stage 3: Lifetime ECL - credit impaired

The Consolidated Group identifies individually, ECLs on those exposures that are assessed as credit impaired based on whether one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that asset have occurred. For exposures that have become credit impaired, a lifetime ECL is recognised as a specific provision, and interest revenue (if any) is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost (net of provision) rather than the gross carrying amount.

## Note 2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

#### Determining the stage for impairment

At each reporting date, the Consolidated Group assesses whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk for exposures since initial recognition by comparing the risk of default occurring over the remaining expected life from the reporting date and the date of initial recognition. The Consolidated Group considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort for this purpose. This includes quantitative and qualitative information and also, where appropriate, forward-looking analysis.

An exposure will migrate through the ECL stages as asset quality deteriorates. If, in a subsequent period, asset quality improves and also reverses any previously assessed significant increase in credit risk since origination, then the provision for doubtful debts reverts from lifetime ECL to 12-months ECL. Exposures that have not deteriorated significantly since origination are considered to have a low credit risk. The provision for doubtful debts for these financial assets is based on a 12-months ECL.

#### Measurement of ECLs

ECLs are derived from unbiased and probability-weighted estimates of expected loss, and are measured as follows:

For loans that the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition (i.e. no more than 30 days past due), the Consolidated Group will measure the loss allowance for the loan at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses.

Financial assets that are credit-impaired at the reporting date: as the difference between the gross carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted by the effective interest rate.

#### Credit quality of financial assets

The Consolidated Group has an internally developed credit rating scale derived from historical default data to assess the potential default risk in lending. The Consolidated Group has pre-defined counterparty probabilities of default across consumer and business loans and advances.

## Inputs, assumptions and techniques used for estimating impairment

In assessing the impairment of financial assets under the expected credit loss model, the Consolidated Group defines default in accordance with its Lending Policy and Procedures Manual, which includes defaulted assets and impaired assets as described below. Default generally occurs when a loan obligation is 30 days or more past due, or when it is considered unlikely that the credit obligation to the Consolidated Group will be paid in full without recourse to actions, such as realisation of security.

## Assessment of significant increase in credit risk

When determining whether the risk of default has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Consolidated Group considers both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on the Consolidated Group's historical experience and expert credit risk assessment, including forward-looking information. Credit risk is deemed to have increased significantly when an asset is more than 30 days past due (DPD).

#### Derecognition

The Consolidated Group derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

## Property, plant and equipment

Land and buildings are shown at fair value, based on periodic, at least every 3 years, valuations by external independent valuers, less subsequent depreciation and impairment for buildings. The valuations are undertaken more frequently if there is a material change in the fair value relative to the carrying amount. Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset. Increases in the carrying amounts arising on revaluation of land and buildings are credited in other comprehensive income through to the revaluation surplus reserve in equity. Any revaluation decrements are initially taken in other comprehensive income through to the revaluation surplus reserve to the extent of any previous revaluation surplus of the same asset. Thereafter the decrements are taken to profit or loss.

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis (or diminishing value basis in the case of certain plant & equipment) to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment (excluding land) over their expected useful lives as follows:

Buildings 40 years
Leasehold improvements 3-10 years
Plant and equipment 2-13 years

## Note 2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

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

Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the assets, whichever is shorter.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the Consolidated Group. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss. Any revaluation surplus reserve relating to the item disposed of is transferred directly to retained profits.

#### Right-of-use assets

A right-of-use asset is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for, as applicable, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date net of any lease incentives received, any initial direct costs incurred, and, except where included in the cost of inventories, an estimate of costs expected to be incurred for dismantling and removing the underlying asset, and restoring the site or asset.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the asset, whichever is the shorter. Where the Consolidated Group expects to obtain ownership of the leased asset at the end of the lease term, the depreciation is over its estimated useful life. Right-of use assets are subject to impairment or adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

The Consolidated Group has elected not to recognise a right-of-use asset and corresponding lease liability for short-term leases with terms of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets. Lease payments on these assets are expensed to profit or loss as incurred.

#### **Intangible assets**

Intangible assets acquired as part of a business combination, other than goodwill, are initially measured at their fair value at the date of the acquisition. Intangible assets acquired separately are initially recognised at cost. Indefinite life intangible assets are not amortised and are subsequently measured at cost less any impairment. Finite life intangible assets are subsequently measured at cost less amortisation and any impairment. The gains or losses recognised in profit or loss arising from the derecognition of intangible assets are measured as the difference between net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the intangible asset. The method and useful lives of finite life intangible assets are reviewed annually. Changes in the expected pattern of consumption or useful life are accounted for prospectively by changing the amortisation method or period.

#### Goodwill

Goodwill arises on the acquisition of a business. Goodwill is not amortised. Instead, goodwill is tested annually for impairment, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that it might be impaired, and is carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Impairment losses on goodwill are taken to profit or loss and are not subsequently reversed.

#### Patents and trademarks

Significant costs associated with patents and trademarks are deferred and amortised on a straight-line basis over the period of their expected benefit, being their finite life of 10 years.

#### Customer lists

Customer lists acquired in a business combination are amortised on a straight-line basis over the period of their expected benefit, being their estimated finite life of between 8 and 10 years.

#### Software

Significant costs associated with software are deferred and amortised on a straight-line basis over the period of their expected benefit, being their finite life of 10 years.

#### Impairment of non-financial assets

Goodwill and other intangible assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that they might be impaired. Other non-financial assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

Recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value-in-use. The value-in-use is the present value of the estimated future cash flows relating to the asset using a pre-tax discount rate specific to the asset or cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Assets that do not have independent cash flows are grouped together to form a cash-generating unit.

# Note 2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

#### Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Consolidated Group prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

#### Borrowings

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received, net of transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### Lease liabilities

A lease liability is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments to be made over the term of the lease, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Consolidated Group's incremental borrowing rate. Lease payments comprise of fixed payments less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees, exercise price of a purchase option when the exercise of the option is reasonably certain to occur, and any anticipated termination penalties. The variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Lease liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The carrying amounts are remeasured if there is a change in the following: future lease payments arising from a change in an index or a rate used; residual guarantee; lease term; certainty of a purchase option and termination penalties. When a lease liability is remeasured, an adjustment is made to the corresponding right-of use asset, or to profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset is fully written down.

#### **Provisions**

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

## **Employee benefits**

## Short-term employee benefits

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

#### Other long-term employee benefits

The liability for annual leave and long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on high quality corporate bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

## Fair value measurement

When an asset or liability, financial or non-financial, is measured at fair value for recognition or disclosure purposes, the fair value is based on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date; and assumes that the transaction will take place either: in the principal market; or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market.

Fair value is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming they act in their economic best interests. For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement is based on its highest and best use. Valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, are used, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value are classified into three levels, using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. Classifications are reviewed at each reporting date and transfers between levels are determined based on a reassessment of the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

## Note 2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

For recurring and non-recurring fair value measurements, external valuers may be used when internal expertise is either not available or when the valuation is deemed to be significant. External valuers are selected based on market knowledge and reputation. Where there is a significant change in fair value of an asset or liability from one period to another, an analysis is undertaken, which includes a verification of the major inputs applied in the latest valuation and a comparison, where applicable, with external sources of data.

#### **Issued capital**

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

#### **Dividends**

Dividends are recognised when declared during the financial year and no longer at the discretion of the Company.

#### **Business combinations**

The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for business combinations regardless of whether equity instruments or other assets are acquired.

The consideration transferred is the sum of the acquisition-date fair values of the assets transferred, equity instruments issued or liabilities incurred by the acquirer to former owners of the acquiree and the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree. For each business combination, the non-controlling interest in the acquiree is measured at either fair value or at the proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. All acquisition costs are expensed as incurred to profit or loss.

On the acquisition of a business, the Consolidated Group assesses the financial assets acquired and liabilities assumed for appropriate classification and designation in accordance with the contractual terms, economic conditions, the Consolidated Group's operating or accounting policies and other pertinent conditions in existence at the acquisition-date.

Where the business combination is achieved in stages, the Consolidated Group remeasures its previously held equity interest in the acquiree at the acquisition-date fair value and the difference between the fair value and the previous carrying amount is recognised in profit or loss.

Contingent consideration to be transferred by the acquirer is recognised at the acquisition-date fair value. Subsequent changes in the fair value of the contingent consideration classified as an asset or liability is recognised in profit or loss. Contingent consideration classified as equity is not remeasured and its subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity.

The difference between the acquisition-date fair value of assets acquired, liabilities assumed and any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the fair value of the consideration transferred and the fair value of any pre-existing investment in the acquiree is recognised as goodwill. If the consideration transferred and the pre-existing fair value is less than the fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired, being a bargain purchase to the acquirer, the difference is recognised as a gain directly in profit or loss by the acquirer on the acquisition-date, but only after a reassessment of the identification and measurement of the net assets acquired, the non-controlling interest in the acquiree, if any, the consideration transferred and the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquirer.

Business combinations are initially accounted for on a provisional basis. The acquirer retrospectively adjusts the provisional amounts recognised and also recognises additional assets or liabilities during the measurement period, based on new information obtained about the facts and circumstances that existed at the acquisition-date. The measurement period ends on either the earlier of (i) 12 months from the date of the acquisition or (ii) when the acquirer receives all the information possible to determine fair value.

## Goods and Services Tax ('GST') and other similar taxes

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the tax authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority is included in other receivables or other payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the tax authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority.

## Note 2. Material accounting policy information (continued)

### New Accounting Standards and Interpretations not yet mandatory or early adopted

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet mandatory, have not been early adopted by the Consolidated Group for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2024. The Consolidated Group has not yet assessed the impact of these new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations.

## Note 3. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

#### Allowance for expected credit losses

The allowance for expected credit losses assessment requires a degree of estimation and judgement. It is based on the lifetime expected credit loss, grouped based on days overdue, and makes assumptions to allocate an overall expected credit loss rate for each group. These assumptions include recent sales experience, the ageing of receivables, historical collection rates and specific knowledge of the individual debtor's financial position.

#### Fair value measurement hierarchy

The Consolidated Group is required to classify all assets and liabilities, measured at fair value, using a three level hierarchy, based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement, being: Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date; Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Considerable judgement is required to determine what is significant to fair value and therefore which category the asset or liability is placed in can be subjective.

The fair value of assets and liabilities classified as level 3 is determined by the use of valuation models. These include discounted cash flow analysis or the use of observable inputs that require significant adjustments based on unobservable inputs.

#### Estimation of useful lives of assets

The Consolidated Group determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other event. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

# Goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets

The Consolidated Group tests annually, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate impairment, whether goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets have suffered any impairment, in accordance with the accounting policy stated in note 2. The recoverable amounts of cash-generating units have been determined based on value-in-use calculations. These calculations require the use of assumptions, including estimated discount rates based on the current cost of capital and growth rates of the estimated future cash flows.

#### Impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets

The Consolidated Group assesses impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the Consolidated Group and to the particular asset that may lead to impairment. If an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. This involves fair value less costs of disposal or value-in-use calculations, which incorporate a number of key estimates and assumptions.

## Impairment of property, plant and equipment

The Consolidated Group assesses impairment of property, plant and equipment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the Consolidated Group and to the particular asset that may lead to impairment. If an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. This involves fair value less costs of disposal or value-in-use calculations, which incorporate a number of key estimates and assumptions.

## Note 3. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)

#### Income tax

The Consolidated Group is subject to income taxes in the jurisdictions in which it operates. Significant judgement is required in determining the provision for income tax. There are many transactions and calculations undertaken during the ordinary course of business for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. The Consolidated Group recognises liabilities for anticipated tax audit issues based on the Consolidated Group's current understanding of the tax law. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the carrying amounts, such differences will impact the current and deferred tax provisions in the period in which such determination is made.

## Recovery of deferred tax assets

Deferred tax assets are recognised for deductible temporary differences only if the Consolidated Group considers it is probable that future taxable amounts will be available to utilise those temporary differences and losses.

#### Business combinations

As discussed in note 2, business combinations are initially accounted for on a provisional basis. The fair value of assets acquired, liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed are initially estimated by the Consolidated Group taking into consideration all available information at the reporting date. Fair value adjustments on the finalisation of the business combination accounting is retrospective, where applicable, to the period the combination occurred and may have an impact on the assets and liabilities, depreciation and amortisation reported.

### Derecognition of financial assets

The Consolidated Group enters into transactions whereby it transfers assets previously recognised in its statement of financial position on the basis it has transferred substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership, including the rights to receive the contractual cash flows associated with the asset. The nature of the Agreements entered into which transfer financial assets requires a degree of estimation and judgement when considering the derecognition criteria included within AASB 9 *Financial Instruments*.

#### Basis of consolidation

The financial statements of the Consolidated Group include all entities over which the Consolidated Group has control. The Consolidated Group is deemed to control an entity when it is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and it has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct the relevant activities of the entity.

The Consolidated Group holds investments in entities that do not form part of the consolidated financial statements. There is significant estimates and judgements required when considering what the 'relevant activities' of the entity are, and also the linkage between power and returns in accordance with the requirements of AASB 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements*. The Consolidated Group reassesses the basis of consolidation at each reporting period.

## Note 4. Non-interest revenue

	Consolidated Group	
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
From continuing operations		
Other revenue		
Administration fees	1,241,752	1,196,127
Commission	10,606,847	11,031,646
Other fees	20,295,709	14,425,519
Dividends	5,318	4,659
Rent	50,347	91,502
Trust distributions	360,692	120,930
Bad debts recovered	39,147	49,954
Other revenue	2,582,975	2,464,865
Total Non-interest revenue	35,182,787	29,385,202

## Disaggregation of revenue

The Group's revenue is wholly sourced from the provision of financial services in Australia, and comprises interest received from the provision of loans to customers, fees for funds under management, and fees and commissions from insurance broking. Accordingly, management has considered that the provision of additional information on disaggregation of revenue is considered unnecessary.

# **Note 5. Other income**

Total other expenses

	Consolidate 2024 \$	ed Group 2023 \$
Net gain on disposal of property	219,125	-
Net gain on disposal of plant & equipment	24,650	27,481
Net gain on disposal of financial assets	361,270	-
Net gain on disposal of other	8,801	
Other income	613,846	27,481
Note 6. Expenses		
	Consolidate	d Group
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Profit before income tax includes the following specific expenses:		
Depreciation		
Buildings	73,678	78,750
Leasehold improvements	28,329	22,935
Plant and equipment	189,534	197,997
Buildings right-of-use assets	292,871	278,427
Total depreciation	584,412	578,109
Amortisation		
Patents and trademarks	112,140	112,140
Customer lists	2,764,590	2,759,189
Software	146,322	142,062
Total amortisation	3,023,052	3,013,391
Total depreciation and amortisation	3,607,464	3,591,500
Other expenses		
Advertising & marketing	662,670	526,238
Auditors' remuneration	248,348	234,565
Insurance	577,951	629,486
Management fees	270,567	280,345
Office administration	106,773	114,471
Other operating expenses	655,437	607,253
Payroll tax	907,707	673,280
Rent & occupancy costs	460,766	336,968
Staff travel, training & welfare	343,530	298,701
Trustee fees	211,680	189,560

4,445,429 3,890,867

# **Note 7. Income tax expense**

	Consolidate 2024 \$	ed Group 2023 \$
Income tax expense		
Current tax	4,383,040	2,606,374
Deferred tax - origination and reversal of temporary differences	(1,167,397)	1,054,182
Adjustment recognised for prior periods	<del>-</del>	(28,103)
Aggregate income tax expense	3,215,643	3,632,453
Deferred tax included in income tax expense comprises:		
Decrease in deferred tax assets (note 19)	184,287	104,765
Increase/(decrease) in deferred tax liabilities (note 27)	(1,351,684)	949,417
Deferred tax - origination and reversal of temporary differences	(1,167,397)	1,054,182
Numerical reconciliation of income tax expense and tax at the statutory rate		
Profit before income tax expense	8,408,842	10,736,025
Tax at the statutory tax rate of 30%	2,522,653	3,220,808
Tax effect amounts which are not deductible/(taxable) in calculating taxable income:		
Amortisation of intangibles	11,277	9,658
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	22,103	23,625
Entertainment expenses	4,973	5,322
Gross-up of dividend income	684	599
Impairment of non-current assets	600,000	-
Other non-deductible items	1,279	626
Capital gain on sale of assets	238,533	432,020
Tax offset for franked dividends	(2,279)	(1,996)
Accounting gain on sale of assets	(174,118)	-
Capital allowances on buildings	(9,462)	(9,436)
Other non-assessable items	<del>-</del> -	(20,670)
	3,215,643	3,660,556
Adjustment recognised for prior periods		(28,103)
Income tax expense	3,215,643	3,632,453
The weighted average effective tax rates are as follows:	38.24%	33.83%
	Consolidated Group	
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Amounts charged directly to equity		
Deferred tax liabilities (note 27)		9,927

## Note 8. Cash and cash equivalents

	<b>Consolidated Group</b>		
	2024	24 2023	
	\$	\$	
Cash on hand	9,007	9,507	
Cash at bank	43,674,366	33,301,890	
Cash on deposit	3,330,429	3,172,963	
Total Cash and cash equivalents	47,013,802	36,484,360	
Amount expected to be recovered within 12 months	47,013,802	36,484,360	

Cash at bank, deposits and cash-equivalent assets are all held with Australian domiciled and licensed banks.

Included within the cash at bank balance is the amount of \$5.325 million (2023: \$4.120 million) represented by the insurance broking trust account of the subsidiary Westlawn Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd and its controlled entities. This balance principally relates to unpaid insurance premiums due to insurers and refunds due to customers. Refer also to note 20 - Trade and other payables.

## Note 9. Trade and other receivables

Note 9. Trade and other receivables	
	Consolidated Group 2024 2023
	\$ \$
Trade receivables	1,907,302 1,249,511
Less: Allowance for expected credit losses	(179,418) (145,406) 1,727,884 1,104,105
Other receivables	175,119 206,217
Total Trade and other receivables	1,903,003 1,310,322
Amount expected to be recovered within 12 months	1,903,003 1,310,322
Note 10. Investments	
	Consolidated Group 2024 2023
	\$ \$
Term Business Investment Account	455,090 434,929
Amount expected to be recovered within 12 months	455,090 434,929
Note 11. Income tax refund due	
	Consolidated Group 2024 2023
	\$ \$
Income tax refund due	
Amount expected to be recovered within 12 months	- 1,263,633

Refer to note 33 for further information on fair value measurement.

# **Note 12. Other assets**

Note 12. Other assets		
	Consolidat 2024 \$	ed Group 2023 \$
Prepayments Security deposits	508,030 46,022	597,521 44,184
Total Other assets	554,052	641,705
Amount expected to be recovered within 12 months	554,052	641,705
Note 13. Loans & advances		
	Consolidat 2024 \$	ed Group 2023 \$
Loans and advances Less: Allowance for expected credit losses	134,368,282 (1,167,299)	195,729,284 (1,294,970)
Total Loans and advances	133,200,983	194,434,314
Amount expected to be recovered within 12 months  Amount expected to be recovered after more than 12 months	52,138,088 81,062,895	70,219,627 124,214,687
	133,200,983	194,434,314
Refer to note 32 'Financial instruments' for further information on loans and advances.		
Note 14. Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		
	Consolidat 2024 \$	ed Group 2023 \$
Shares in listed companies	202,584	202,584
Amount expected to be recovered within 12 months Amount expected to be recovered after more than 12 months	202,584	- 202,584
	202,584	202,584
Reconciliation Reconciliation of the fair values at the beginning and end of the current and previous financial year are set out below:		
Opening fair value Disposals Revaluation increments	202,584	170,864 (1,369) 33,089
Closing fair value	202,584	202,584

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# **Note 15. Other financial assets**

	Consolidate 2024 \$	ed Group 2023 \$
Units in unlisted unit trusts Other investments - at amortised cost	7,350,000	3,725,000
Other investments - at amortised cost	40,031,925	10,139,195
Total Other financial assets	47,381,925	13,864,195
Amount expected to be recovered after more than 12 months	47,381,925	13,864,195
Reconciliation Reconciliation of the carrying amounts at the beginning and end of the current and previous financial year are set out below:		
Opening carrying amount	13,864,195	5,464,445
Additions	44,379,209	12,790,316
Disposals	(10,861,479)	(4,347,840)
Reversal of provision for impairment of assets	-	1,096,880
Write off of assets	<u> </u>	(1,139,606)
Closing carrying amount	47,381,925	13,864,195
Note 16. Property, plant and equipment		
	Consolidate	-
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Land - at independent valuation	940,000	1,540,000
Buildings - at independent valuation	2,750,000	3,150,000
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(137,688)	(78,750)
	2,612,312	3,071,250
Capital works in progress - at cost	1,508,976	<u> </u>
Leasehold improvements - at cost	350,479	329,097
Less: Accumulated depreciation	·	•
Less. Accumulated depreciation	(107,890)	(176,137)
	242,589	152,960
Plant and equipment - at cost	1,178,581	1,576,968
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(649,735)	(892,752)
	528,846	684,216
Total Property, plant & equipment	5,832,723	5,448,426
Amount expected to be recovered after more than 12 months	5,832,723	5,448,426

## Note 16. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

#### Reconciliations

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

Consolidated Group	Freehold land \$	Buildings \$	Capital works in progress \$	Leasehold improvements \$	Plant and Equipment \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2022	1,540,000	3,150,000	-	135,535	568,241	5,393,776
Additions	-	-	-	40,360	357,756	398,116
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(43,784)	(43,784)
Depreciation expense		(78,750)		(22,935)	(197,997)	(299,682)
Balance at 30 June 2023	1,540,000	3,071,250	-	152,960	684,216	5,448,426
Additions	-	-	1,508,976	174,779	120,812	1,804,567
Disposals	(600,000)	(385,260)	-	(56,821)	(86,648)	(1,128,729)
Depreciation expense		(73,678)		(28,329)	(189,534)	(291,541)
Balance at 30 June 2024	940,000	2,612,312	1,508,976	242,589	528,846	5,832,723

### Valuations of land and buildings

The basis of the valuation of land and buildings is fair value, being the amounts for which the assets could be exchanged between willing parties in an arm's length transaction, based on current prices in an active market for similar properties in the same location and condition.

The land and buildings were last revalued in June 2022 based on independent assessments by a member of the Australian Property Institute.

Refer to note 33 for further information on fair value measurement.

# Note 17. Right-of-use assets

	Consolidated Group	
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Land and buildings - right-of-use	1,414,197	1,327,048
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(712,674)	(516,891)
Total Right-of-use assets	701,523	810,157
Amount expected to be recovered after more than 12 months	701,523	810,157

The Consolidated Group leases land and buildings for its offices under agreements of between 3 to 5 years with, in some cases, options to extend. The leases have various escalation clauses. On renewal, the terms of the leases are renegotiated.

# Note 17. Right-of-use assets (continued)

# Reconciliations

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

Consolidated Group	Land and buildings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2022 Additions Depreciation expense	729,362 359,222 (278,427)	729,362 359,222 (278,427)
Balance at 30 June 2023 Additions Disposals Depreciation expense	810,157 272,627 (88,390) (292,871)	810,157 272,627 (88,390) (292,871)
Balance at 30 June 2024	701,523	701,523

# **Note 18. Intangibles**

	Consolidated Group	
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Goodwill - at cost	28,237,298	28,237,298
Less: Impairment	(3,762,294)	(1,762,294)
	24,475,004	26,475,004
Patents and trademarks - at cost	2,172,000	2,172,000
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(336,420)	(224,280)
	1,835,580	1,947,720
Customer relationships - at cost	20,658,377	20,408,377
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(7,808,595)	(5,044,005)
	12,849,782	15,364,372
Software - at cost	1,367,557	1,367,557
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(1,194,082)	(1,047,760)
	173,475	319,797
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Total Intangibles	39,333,841	44,106,893
Amount expected to be recovered after more than 12 months	39,333,841	44,106,893

## Note 18. Intangibles (continued)

#### Reconciliations

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

Consolidated Group	Goodwill \$	Patents & trademarks \$	Customer relationships \$	Software \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2022	20,468,078	2,059,860	18,123,561	426,458	41,077,957
Additions	-	-	-	35,401	35,401
Change in accounting policy (refer below)	6,006,926	-	-	-	6,006,926
Amortisation expense		(112,140)	(2,759,189)	(142,062)	(3,013,391)
Balance at 30 June 2023	26,475,004	1,947,720	15,364,372	319,797	44,106,893
Additions	-	-	250,000	-	250,000
Impairment of assets	(2,000,000)	-	-	-	(2,000,000)
Amortisation expense		(112,140)	(2,764,590)	(146,322)	(3,023,052)
Balance at 30 June 2024	24,475,004	1,835,580	12,849,782	173,475	39,333,841

#### Impairment disclosures

Goodwill is tested annually for impairment as disclosed in note 2.

Goodwill represents amounts from the acquisitions of insurance and finance broking businesses as well as amounts recognised from the acquisition of a 70% interest in Equity-One Mortgage Fund Limited on 1 March 2022. Management uses widely accepted industry multiples of both revenue and EBITDA to calculate the fair value less costs of disposal of the underlying business. This valuation is then used to calculate the goodwill component of the business to ensure that the carrying value is not impaired.

For the year ended 30 June 2024 the recoverable amount of goodwill in respect of a finance broking business was determined to be lower than the carrying amount due to deteriorating profits, consequently resulting in an impairment loss of \$2,000,000 that has been recognised as at 30 June 2024 (2023: nil).

## Change in accounting policy - Business Combinations (prior year)

The Company previously measured it's non-controlling interests (NCI) at the NCI's proportionate interest in recognised net assets. In order to align the Company's accounting policy with that of its parent entity, the Company elected to measure NCI at fair value. The financial impact of this change was to increase Intangible assets (Goodwill - at cost) by \$6,006,926 with a corresponding increase of NCI in Equity.

## Note 19. Deferred tax assets

	Consolidate	ed Group
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Deferred tax asset comprises temporary differences attributable to:		
Amounts recognised in profit or loss:		
Tax losses	-	144,420
Contract liabilities	30,300	24,075
Employee benefits	781,589	800,083
Accrued expenses	95,882	90,829
Provision for impairment of loans	350,190	388,491
Other	91,547	106,706
Provision for impairment of other receivables	59,425	49,222
Deferred tax assets set-off against deferred tax liabilities pursuant to set-off provisions	(1,044,727)	(1,279,732)
Deferred tax asset	364,206	324,094
Movements:		
Opening balance	324,094	553,203
Prior year closing balance prior to set-off against deferred tax liabilities	1,279,732	1,046,918
Charged to profit or loss (note 7)	(184,287)	(104,765)
Adjustment recognised for prior periods	-	108,470
Derecognition on disposal of subsidiary	(10,606)	-
Deferred tax assets set-off against deferred tax liabilities pursuant to set-off provisions	(1,044,727)	(1,279,732)
Closing balance	364,206	324,094

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset where there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities 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 are realised simultaneously.

# Note 20. Trade and other payables

	Consolidated Group	
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Trade payables	2,988,435	2,477,642
Insurance broking trust account	5,325,373	4,120,215
GST payable on leases	1,759,200	2,718,340
Insurance premium funding	161,887	171,673
Interest payable	130,164	104,668
BAS payable	586,169	528,295
Other payables	414,129	240,811
Total Trade and other payables	11,365,357	10,361,644
Amount expected to be settled within 12 months	10,326,785	8,891,750
Amount expected to be settled after more than 12 months	1,038,572	1,469,894
	11,365,357	10,361,644

Refer to note 32 for further information on financial instruments.

## Note 21. Interest bearing liabilities

	<b>Consolidated Group</b>	
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Unsecured Notes - at call	16,824,906	24,216,387
Unsecured Notes - term	191,785,140	201,353,709
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Total Interest bearing liabilities	208,610,046	225,570,096
Amount expected to be settled within 12 months	182,617,649	198,273,503
Amount expected to be settled after more than 12 months	25,992,397	27,296,593
	208,610,046	225,570,096

Refer to note 32 for further information on financial instruments.

The Trust Deed dated 1 June 2001 between the Company and the Trustee, governs the terms and conditions on which the Unsecured Notes are created and issued. The Unsecured Notes rank for payment in the event of the winding up of the Company equally with all other unsecured creditors of the Company. Any debenture notes issued by the Company will have priority given by the registration of a charge. The Unsecured Notes are issued subject to the conditions in Schedule 1 of the Trust Deed.

Due to a change in APRA regulations, from 31 December 2015 the Company is only permitted to issue Unsecured Notes to retail investors for a minimum maturity of 31 days. The "Unsecured Notes - at call" referred to above have been issued to wholesale investors only.

#### Note 22. Lease liabilities

Current tax liability

Amount expected to be settled within 12 months

	<b>2024</b> \$	2023 \$
Lease liability	762,089	843,525
Amount expected to be settled within 12 months  Amount expected to be settled after more than 12 months	220,009 542,080	257,527 585,998
Total Lease liability	762,089	843,525
Refer to note 32 for further information on financial instruments.		
Note 23. Income tax		
	Consolidate	•
	2024	2023

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#### **Note 24. Provisions**

	Consolidate	-
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Annual leave	1,051,753	1,152,396
Long service leave	1,553,545	1,514,548
Total Provisions	2,605,298	2,666,944
Amount expected to be settled within 12 months	2,420,181	2,465,404
Amount expected to be settled after more than 12 months	185,117	201,540
	2,605,298	2,666,944
Note 25. Financial liabilities		
	Consolidate 2024	ed Group 2023
	\$	\$
Option liability	12,223,000	8,596,000
Amount expected to be settled after more than 12 months	12,223,000	8,596,000

#### Put and call options over non-controlling interests

As part of the acquisition of 70% of Equity-One Mortgage Fund Limited (EQ1), the Company entered into a Shareholders Deed with the non-controlling shareholder of EQ1. The Deed contains a number of put and call options that provide the Company an option to acquire, or the non-controlling shareholder to sell, the remaining 30% interest in EQ1 in three tranches of 10% each from 2024 to 2027. The first option becomes exercisable on 1 September 2024 and as at the date of this report, neither party has indicated an intention to exercise the option.

The financial liability of the put options have been calculated in accordance with the requirements of AASB 132 Financial Instruments: Presentation and based on an estimate of future earnings of EQ1 in order to calculate the potential purchase price, which has then been discounted to present value.

# Revaluation of option liabilities

The Company's call options over non-controlling interests are initially recognised at the present value of the amount expected to be paid at the time of exercise with a corresponding entry to other reserves.

At each reporting period, the option liabilities are reassessed to reflect the present value of the Company's best estimate of the amounts to be paid at the time of exercise. Subsequent to initial recognition, the option liability is measured at fair value with any changes recognised directly in equity.

# Note 26. Other

	Consolidated Group		
	2024 \$	2023 \$	
Revenue received in advance	101,000	84,450	
Amount expected to be settled within 12 months	101,000	84,450	

## Note 27. Deferred tax liabilities

	Consolidate 2024 \$	ed Group 2023 \$
Deferred tax liability comprises temporary differences attributable to:		
Amounts recognised in profit or loss:		
Plant and equipment	2,248,460	2,663,061
Prepayments	53,149	55,305
Other items	130,630	154,155
Intangibles on consolidation	4,319,357	5,174,850
Set-off of deferred tax assets pursuant to set-off provisions	(1,044,727)	(1,279,732)
	5,706,869	6,767,639
Amounts recognised in equity:	452.406	F00.01F
Revaluation of property, plant and equipment	452,106	508,015
Revaluation of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	52,580	52,580
	504,686	560,595
Deferred tax liability	6,211,555	7,328,234
Movements:		
Opening balance	7,328,234	6,581,011
Charged/(credited) to profit or loss (note 7)	(1,351,684)	949,417
Charged to equity (note 7)	-	9,927
Adjustment recognised for prior periods	-	20,693
Prior year amount set-off against deferred tax assets	1,279,732	1,046,918
Set-off of deferred tax assets pursuant to set-off provisions	(1,044,727)	(1,279,732)
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Closing balance	6,211,555	7,328,234

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset where there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities 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 are realised simultaneously.

#### Note 28. Issued capital

	Consolidated Group			
	2024 Shares	2023 Shares	2024 \$	2023 \$
Ordinary shares - fully paid	14,805,871	14,805,871	24,094,643	24,094,643
Total Issued capital	14,805,871	14,805,871	24,094,643	24,094,643

# Ordinary shares

Ordinary shares entitle the holder to participate in dividends and the proceeds on the winding up of the Company in proportion to the number of and amounts paid on the shares held.

Ordinary shares carry the right to cast one vote per share held at the shareholders meeting. COG Financial Services Limited owns 75% of the issued capital of the Company with the remaining 25% owned by Westlawn Holdings Pty Ltd and entities associated with Geoffrey Scofield and Andrew Hayes.

## Note 28. Issued capital (continued)

#### Capital risk management

The Company's objectives when managing capital is to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern, so that it can provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimum capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Consolidated Group may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, return capital to shareholders, issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt.

The capital risk management policy remains unchanged from the 2023 Annual Report.

#### Equity Ratio

Under ASIC's Regulatory Guide 69: Debentures-improving disclosure for retail investors (RG69), issuers of unsecured notes should maintain a minimum equity ratio, calculated as equity/(total liabilities + equity), of 8% where only a minor part of its activity (e.g. as a proportion of notes on issue) is property development or lending funds directly or indirectly for property development.

The Company's objective is to maintain an equity ratio of at least 8% and measures this on a monthly basis in order to monitor performance with the benchmark.

#### Note 29. Reserves

	Consolidate	Consolidated Group		
	2024	2023		
	\$	\$		
Revaluation surplus reserve	1,670,748	1,846,287		
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income reserve	88,334	98,149		
Options reserve	(12,223,000) _	(8,596,000)		
Total Reserves	(10,463,918)	(6,651,564)		

## Revaluation surplus reserve

The reserve is used to recognise increments and decrements in the fair value of land and buildings, excluding investment properties.

# Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income reserve

The reserve is used to recognise increments and decrements in the fair value of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income.

#### Options reserve

The reserve is used to recognise increments and decrements in the fair value of call options held by the company to acquire non-controlling interests (refer to note 25 for further information).

# **Note 29. Reserves (continued)**

Movements in reserves

Movements in each class of reserve during the current and previous financial year are set out below:

Consolidated Group	Revaluation surplus reserve \$	Financial assets at fair value through OCI reserve \$	Options reserve \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2022	1,846,287	79,619	-	1,925,906
Revaluation - gross	-	33,089	-	33,089
Deferred tax	-	(9,927)	-	(9,927)
Recognition of options to acquire additional interests in subsidiary	-	-	(8,596,000)	(8,596,000)
Non-controlling interest share of revaluation		(4,632)	-	(4,632)
Balance at 30 June 2023	1,846,287	98,149	(8,596,000)	(6,651,564)
Revaluation of options to acquire additional interests in subsidiary	-	-	(3,627,000)	(3,627,000)
Prior year adjustment re NCI	-	(9,815)	-	(9,815)
Transfer to retained earnings on sale of assets	(175,539)	·		(175,539)
Balance at 30 June 2024	1,670,748	88,334	(12,223,000)	(10,463,918)

# **Note 30. Non-controlling interest**

The following table summarises the information relating to each of the Company's subsidiaries that has a non-controlling interest (NCI), before any intra-group eliminations.

30 June 2024	Equity-One Mortgage Fund Limited	Westlawn Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd	Westlawn Insurance Brokers (Coffs) Pty Ltd	WIB Corporate Pty Ltd	Westlawn Insurance Brokers (Cairns) Pty Ltd
Non-controlling interest percentage	30%	10% (Note 1)	20%	(Note 2)	(Note 2)
Current assets	11,698,216	8,232,830	346,705	_	-
Non-current assets	334,578	2,219,476	1,212,456	-	-
Current liabilities	(1,725,558)	(6,965,613)	(185,500)	-	-
Non-current liabilities	(10,848)		(119,777)		
Net assets	10,296,388	3,486,693	1,253,884		
Net assets attributable to NCI	3,088,916	332,401	250,777		
Profit allocated to NCI	1,380,087	477,668	78,937	107,028	71,191
Dividends paid to NCI	1,200,000	540,000	60,000		

Note 1 - NCI of Westlawn Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd reduced from 30% to 10% effective 1 June 2024.

Note 2 - WIB Corporate Pty Ltd & Westlawn Insurance Brokers (Cairns) Pty Ltd both exited the group effective 1 June 2024.

### Note 30. Non-controlling interest (continued)

30 June 2023	Equity-One Mortgage Fund Limited	Westlawn Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd	Westlawn Insurance Brokers (Coffs) Pty Ltd	WIB Corporate Pty Ltd	Westlawn Insurance Brokers (Cairns) Pty Ltd
Non-controlling interest percentage	30%	30%	20%	37.5%	50%
Current assets	9,209,505	6,124,089	382,240	57,671	-
Non-current assets	454,961	2,443,403	1,224,605	1,698	12,227
Current liabilities	(1,705,910)	(4,935,425)	(235,624)	(17,810)	(35,482)
Non-current liabilities	(5,155)	(308,053)	(99,255)		
Net assets	7,953,401	3,324,014	1,271,966	41,559	(23,255)
Net assets attributable to NCI	2,386,020	1,573,043	254,393	15,584	(11,628)
Profit allocated to NCI	774,128	385,988	54,223	15,584	(15,998)
OCI allocated to NCI	-	-	4,632	-	-
Dividends paid to NCI	-	245,000	50,000	-	-

Refer to note 41 for further detail on subsidiaries with non-controlling interests.

### Note 31. Dividends

## Dividends

Dividends paid during the financial year were as follows:

	Consolidated Group		
	2024	2023	
	\$	\$	
Interim dividend for the year ended 30 June 2024 of 20.2622 cents per Ordinary Share franked at the			
rate of 30% Final dividend for the year ended 30 June 2023 of 20.2622 cents per Ordinary Share franked at the rate	3,000,000	-	
of 30%	3,000,000	-	
Interim dividend for the year ended 30 June 2023 of 22.9639 cents per Ordinary Share franked at the	, ,		
rate of 30%	-	3,400,000	
Final dividend for the year ended 30 June 2022 of 27.0163 cents per Ordinary Share franked at the rate of 30%		4,000,000	
Total Dividends	6,000,000	7,400,000	

## Dividends paid to non-controlling interests

Dividends totalling \$1,800,000 (2023: \$295,000) were paid by subsidiaries to non-controlling interests during the year. Refer to note 41 for further information on interests in subsidiaries.

#### Franking credits

	Consolidate	ed Group
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Franking credits available for subsequent financial years based on a tax rate of 30%	8,479,518	7,617,218

The above amounts represent the balance of the franking account as at the end of the financial year, adjusted for:

- franking credits that will arise from the payment of the amount of the provision for income tax at the reporting date
- franking debits that will arise from the payment of dividends recognised as a liability at the reporting date
- franking credits that will arise from the receipt of dividends recognised as receivables at the reporting date

#### **Note 32. Financial instruments**

#### Financial risk management objectives

The Group's financial instruments consist mainly of cash & deposits with banks, loans and advances, accounts payable and unsecured notes.

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

- (i) Credit risk
- (ii) Liquidity risk
- (iii) Interest rate risk

Risk management is carried out by senior finance executives ('finance') under policies approved by the Board of Directors ('the Board'). These policies include identification and analysis of the risk exposure of the Consolidated Group and appropriate procedures, controls and limits. Finance identifies, evaluates and minimises financial risks within the Consolidated Group's operating units. Finance reports to the Board on a monthly basis.

#### Price risk

The Consolidated Group is not exposed to any significant price risk.

#### Interest rate risk

This is the risk due to any mismatch between the interest rate on borrowings to that of lending.

The Company manages interest rate risk by using a combination of fixed and variable interest rate lending together with unsecured notes issued at call (variable rate) and on a fixed term basis. As at 30 June 2024 approximately 82% (2023: 84%) of Group lending is on a fixed basis.

The Company maintains an interest rate lending margin over and above its cost of funds which provides a buffer for upward movements in interest rates.

As at the reporting date, the Consolidated Group had the following variable rate assets and liabilities outstanding:

	2024		2023	
	Weighted average interest rate	Balance	Weighted average interest rate	Balance
Consolidated Group	%	\$	%	\$
Cash & cash equivalents	3.94%	43,683,373	3.96%	33,311,397
Loans & advances	8.84%	23,640,229	7.79%	30,368,791
Interest bearing liabilities	(3.99%) _	(16,824,905)	(3.61%) _	(24,216,387)
Net exposure to cash flow interest rate risk	=	50,498,697	=	39,463,801

An analysis by remaining contractual maturities is shown in 'liquidity and interest rate risk management' below.

## Interest rate sensitivity analysis

The Group has performed a sensitivity analysis relating to its exposure to variable interest rate risk at balance date. This sensitivity analysis demonstrates the effect on the current year results and equity which could result from a change in this risk.

The effect on profit and equity as a result of changes in the interest rate, with all other variables remaining constant would be as follows:

	Basis points increase Effect on		Basis points decrease Effect on			
Consolidated Group - 2024	Basis points change	profit before tax	Effect on equity	Basis points change	profit before tax	Effect on equity
Change in interest rate	100	(167,413)	(117,189)	100	167,413	117,189

#### **Note 32. Financial instruments (continued)**

	Basis points increase Effect on			Bas	ase	
Consolidated Group - 2023	Basis points change	profit before tax	Effect on equity	Basis points change	profit before tax	Effect on equity
Change in interest rate	100	(222,596)	(155,817)	100	222,596	155,817

The above interest rate sensitivity analysis has been performed on the assumption that all other variables remain unchanged.

No sensitivity analysis has been performed on foreign exchange risk, as the Consolidated Group is not exposed to foreign currency fluctuations.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk arises from lending activities, the provision of guarantees including commitments to lend and other associated activities. Credit risk is the potential loss arising from the possibility that borrowers or counter-parties fail to meet contractual obligations to the Company as they fall due.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at balance date to recognised financial assets, is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for impairment of those assets, as disclosed in the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements (refer in particular to note 13 'Loans & advances').

The Group has adopted a lifetime expected loss allowance in estimating expected credit losses to trade receivables through the use of a provisions matrix using fixed rates of credit loss provisioning. These provisions are considered representative across all customers of the Consolidated Group based on recent sales experience, historical collection rates and forward-looking information that is available.

Generally, trade receivables are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators of this include the failure of a debtor to engage in a repayment plan, no active enforcement activity and a failure to make contractual payments for a period greater than 1 year.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

The Group had cash and cash equivalents of \$47,013,802 as at 30 June 2024 (2023: \$36,484,360). These amounts are held with Australian banks and financial institutions which are rated AA- by Standard & Poor's. The Group considers that its cash and cash equivalents have low credit risk based on the external ratings of the counterparties.

## Loans and advances

Loan funds are lent to a wide variety of business and consumer customers through a network of offices in northern New South Wales.

The Company takes security for loans in accordance with its Lending Policy & Procedures Manual. The Company lends to a large number of customers in varying industries. By doing so, the Company has reduced its exposure to the credit risk associated with particular customers and industries.

An analysis of the loan portfolio by security type and geographic location of the borrower is set out below:

	Consolidated Group	
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Loan portfolio by security type		
Plant, equipment & chattels	107,498,205	160,792,703
Registered first mortgages - non development loans	13,838,526	17,468,031
Registered first mortgages - development loans	10,729,712	14,303,511
Insurance policies (premium funding)	-	248,727
Security interests over shares & assets	651,825	585,414
Registered second mortgages	1,390,367	2,070,749
Unsecured	259,647	260,149
Total loan receivables	134,368,282	195,729,284

## **Note 32. Financial instruments (continued)**

	Consolidat	<b>Consolidated Group</b>		
	2024			
	\$	\$		
Loan portfolio by geographic region				
NSW	67,925,002	92,471,540		
Queensland	36,280,040	52,288,609		
Victoria	18,226,290	29,756,348		
Western Australia	5,678,476	10,331,293		
South Australia	4,708,795	7,251,689		
Northern Territory	594,062	1,655,056		
ACT	553,586	1,152,632		
Tasmania	402,031	822,117		
Total loan receivables	134,368,282	195,729,284		

The Board has implemented a structured framework of systems and controls to monitor and manage credit risk comprising:

- (a) a documented credit risk management principles that are adhered to by all staff involved in the lending process;
- (b) a process for approving risk based on tiered delegated lending approvals, with the largest exposures assessed and approved by the Board; and
- (c) a financial capacity approval assessment for the Company's retail lending of personal loans.

The following table provides additional information on impaired loans (includes non accrual loans):

	Consolidated Group		
	2024	2023	
	\$	\$	
Impaired loans (including non accrual loans)			
Loans - without provisions	433,876	187,998	
Loans - with provisions	2,436,305	2,122,011	
Less: allowance for expected credit losses	(912,307)	(945,304)	
Net impaired loans	1,957,874	1,364,705	

Non accrual loans are categorised as loans that are non interest bearing, as the likely recovery of full principal and interest is deemed doubtful.

## Allowance for expected credit losses (ECL)

The following table provides additional information on the ageing of impaired loans (including non accrual loans) together with the respective allowance for ECL:

Consolidated Group	Carrying amount 2024 \$	Carrying amount 2023 \$	Allowance for ECL 2024 \$	Allowance for ECL 2023 \$
Impaired loans (including non accrual loans)				
Not in arrears (but impaired)	135,337	9,375	71,000	48,789
More than 30 days in arrears	778,645	963,977	57,448	132,953
More than 60 days in arrears	389,812	322,378	35,209	69,856
More than 90 days in arrears	1,566,387	1,014,279	748,650	693,706
Total	2,870,181	2,310,009	912,307	945,304

#### **Note 32. Financial instruments (continued)**

Movements in the allowance for expected credit losses on loans are as follows:

Consolidated Group	Stage 1 12-mth ECL Collective provision \$	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL Collective provision \$	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL Specific provision \$	Total \$
Balance as at 30 June 2022 New and increased provisions (net of releases)	394,317 (44,650)	56,118 76,835	1,237,542 (425,192)	1,687,977 (393,007)
Balance as at 30 June 2023	349,667	132,953	812,350	1,294,970
New and increased provisions (net of releases)	(94,675)	(75,505)	42,509	(127,671)
Balance as at 30 June 2024	254,992	57,448	854,859	1,167,299

Loans that are not subject to an increase in credit risk are collectively assessed to determine a portion of the lifetime ECL associated with the probability of events occurring with the next 12 months.

Loans that have not been operated within their key terms for 30 days or more are specifically provided for using estimation techniques together with individual loan assessments considering the loan balance and security held to arrive at a specific provision for each loan. The security value is scaled based on historical industry experience to reflect a net realisable value on a forced sale or liquidation basis.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on loans, advances and other receivables has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of the expected future cash flows

## Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that Westlawn is unable to meet its financial obligations as they fall due, due to the maturity mismatch in its cash flows. Principally the need to meet the right of noteholders to redeem their funds as required.

Westlawn maintains a liquidity risk management policy that establishes sound practices to manage this mismatch under a range of market conditions. Liquidity management is the responsibility of Westlawn's board and executive.

The Company prepares three monthly and twelve monthly cash flow projections as part of its overall liquidity strategy. The Company has at all times on hand cash or cash equivalents sufficient to meet its projected cash needs over the next three months.

Incoming cash flows come largely from borrower repayments and these are estimated from the maturity profile of the Company's loan portfolio.

Outgoing cash flows for maturing Notes are determined by the terms of the Notes and take into account historical experience on the redemption of Notes.

Westlawn models liquidity scenarios over a rolling 12 month timeframe including the stress testing of rollover rates of noteholders. The objective of this modelling is to determine Westlawn's capacity for asset growth whilst meeting all repayment obligations over the next 12 months. The stress testing includes scenarios significantly more severe than any conditions that have prevailed since the establishment of the business more than 40 years ago.

The liquidity policy requires Westlawn to, where practicable, maintain a minimum holding of 9% of its total liabilities in liquid assets.

## **Note 32. Financial instruments (continued)**

# Remaining contractual maturities

The following tables detail the Consolidated Group's remaining contractual maturity for its financial instrument liabilities. The tables have been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the financial liabilities are required to be paid. The tables include both interest and principal cash flows disclosed as remaining contractual maturities and therefore these totals may differ from their carrying amount in the statement of financial position.

	Weighted average interest rate	At call	0 to 3 months	3 to 12 months	•	Over 5 years	
Consolidated Group - 2024	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Non-derivatives Non-interest bearing Trade & other payables	-	-	9,808,184	518,600	1,038,572	-	11,365,356
Interest-bearing - variable Unsecured notes	3.99%	16,824,905	-	-	-	-	16,824,905
Interest-bearing - fixed rate Unsecured notes Total non-derivatives	5.08%			101,172,903 101,691,503	25,992,397 27,030,969		191,785,141 219,975,402
Consolidated Group - 2023	Weighted average interest rate %	At call \$	0 to 3 months \$	3 to 12 months \$	1 to 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	Remaining contractual maturities
Non-derivatives Non-interest bearing Trade & other payables	-	-	8,016,744	875,006	1,469,894	-	10,361,644
Interest-bearing - variable Unsecured notes	3.61%	24,216,387	-	-	-	-	24,216,387
Interest-bearing - fixed rate Unsecured notes Total non-derivatives	3.97%			111,953,739 112,828,745	27,296,482 28,766,376		201,353,709 235,931,740

The cash flows in the maturity analysis above are not expected to occur significantly earlier than contractually disclosed above.

## Fair value of financial instruments

Unless otherwise stated, the carrying amounts of financial instruments reflect their fair value.

# **Note 32. Financial instruments (continued)**

## Maturity analysis

The following tables detail the Consolidated Group's mismatch in the maturity of its financial assets and liabilities. The tables have been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of both assets and liabilities based on the earliest expected contractual payment date. The tables include only the principal cash flows disclosed and therefore does not include any interest components that may be received or paid.

Consolidated Group - 2024	At call \$	0 to 3 months \$	3 to 12 months \$	1 to 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	No specified maturity \$	Total \$
Cash and cash equivalents	43,683,373	3,330,429	-	-	_	_	47,013,802
Trade and other receivables	-	1,903,003	-	_	-	-	1,903,003
Investments	-	455,090	-	-	-	-	455,090
Other assets	-	554,052	=	-	-	-	554,052
Loans & advances	-	19,258,384	32,879,703	82,230,195	-	(1,167,299)	133,200,983
Financial assets at fair value						202 504	202 504
through OCI	-	-	-	-	-	202,584	202,584
Other financial assets	-	- (0.000.104)	- (F10 C00)	- (1 020 E72)	-	47,381,925	47,381,925
Trade and other payables	(16 024 005)	(9,808,184)	(518,600)	(1,038,572)	-	-	(11,365,356)
Interest bearing liabilities Lease liabilities	(16,824,905)		(101,172,903)		-	-	(208,610,046)
Lease nabilities		(69,128)	(150,881)	(542,080)			(762,089)
Net mismatch	26,858,468	(48,996,195)	(68,962,681)	54,657,146		46,417,210	9,973,948
		0 to 3	3 to 12	1 to 5	Over 5	No specified	
	At call	0 to 3 months	3 to 12 months	1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	No specified maturity	Total
Consolidated Group - 2023	At call \$					•	Total \$
Cash and cash equivalents		months	months	years	years	maturity	
•	\$	months \$	months	years	years	maturity	\$
Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables Other assets	\$	months \$ 3,172,963 1,310,322 641,705	months \$ - -	years \$ - -	years \$ - -	maturity \$ - -	\$ 36,484,360 1,310,322 641,705
Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables Other assets Loans & advances	\$	months \$ 3,172,963 1,310,322	months \$ - -	years	years	maturity	\$ 36,484,360 1,310,322
Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables Other assets Loans & advances Financial assets at fair value	\$	months \$ 3,172,963 1,310,322 641,705	months \$ - -	years \$ - -	years \$ - -	maturity \$ - - (1,294,970)	\$ 36,484,360 1,310,322 641,705 194,434,314
Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables Other assets Loans & advances Financial assets at fair value through OCI	\$	months \$ 3,172,963 1,310,322 641,705	months \$ - -	years \$ - -	years \$ - -	maturity \$ - - (1,294,970) 3,927,584	\$ 36,484,360 1,310,322 641,705 194,434,314 3,927,584
Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables Other assets Loans & advances Financial assets at fair value through OCI Other financial assets	\$	months \$ 3,172,963 1,310,322 641,705	months \$ - - 47,630,088	years \$ - -	years \$ - -	maturity \$ - - (1,294,970)	\$ 36,484,360 1,310,322 641,705 194,434,314 3,927,584 10,139,195
Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables Other assets Loans & advances Financial assets at fair value through OCI Other financial assets Investments	\$	months \$ 3,172,963 1,310,322 641,705 22,589,539	months \$ - - 47,630,088 - - 434,929	years \$ - - 125,470,067 - -	years \$ - -	maturity \$ - - (1,294,970) 3,927,584 10,139,195	\$ 36,484,360 1,310,322 641,705 194,434,314 3,927,584 10,139,195 434,929
Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables Other assets Loans & advances Financial assets at fair value through OCI Other financial assets Investments Trade and other payables	\$ 33,311,397	months \$ 3,172,963 1,310,322 641,705 22,589,539 - - (8,016,744)	months \$ - - 47,630,088 - - 434,929 (875,006)	years \$ - - 125,470,067 - - - (1,469,894)	years \$ - - 39,590 - - -	maturity \$ - - (1,294,970) 3,927,584	\$ 36,484,360 1,310,322 641,705 194,434,314 3,927,584 10,139,195 434,929 (10,361,644)
Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables Other assets Loans & advances Financial assets at fair value through OCI Other financial assets Investments Trade and other payables Interest bearing liabilities	\$ 33,311,397	months \$ 3,172,963 1,310,322 641,705 22,589,539 - - (8,016,744) (62,103,377)	months \$ - - 47,630,088 - - 434,929 (875,006) (111,953,739)	years \$ - - 125,470,067 - - (1,469,894) (27,296,482)	years \$ - -	maturity \$ - - (1,294,970) 3,927,584 10,139,195	\$ 36,484,360 1,310,322 641,705 194,434,314 3,927,584 10,139,195 434,929 (10,361,644) (225,570,096)
Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables Other assets Loans & advances Financial assets at fair value through OCI Other financial assets Investments Trade and other payables	\$ 33,311,397	months \$ 3,172,963 1,310,322 641,705 22,589,539 - - (8,016,744)	months \$ - - 47,630,088 - - 434,929 (875,006)	years \$ - - 125,470,067 - - - (1,469,894)	years \$ - - 39,590 - - -	maturity \$ - - (1,294,970) 3,927,584 10,139,195	\$ 36,484,360 1,310,322 641,705 194,434,314 3,927,584 10,139,195 434,929 (10,361,644)

The cash flows in the maturity analysis above are not expected to occur significantly earlier than contractually disclosed above.

#### Note 33. Fair value measurement

#### Fair value hierarchy

The following tables detail the Consolidated Group's assets and liabilities, measured or disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis, using a three level hierarchy, based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement, being:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date

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: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability

Consolidated Group - 2024	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
Recurring fair value measurements				
Assets Financial assets at fair value through OCI - shares in listed companies Land and buildings Total assets	202,584  202,584	3,552,312 3,552,312	- - - -	202,584 3,552,312 3,754,896
Liabilities Option liability Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u> -	(12,223,000) (12,223,000)	(12,223,000) (12,223,000)
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Consolidated Group - 2023	\$	\$	\$	\$
Recurring fair value measurements				
Assets Financial assets at fair value through OCI - shares in listed companies Land and buildings Total assets	202,584 	4,611,250 4,611,250	- - -	202,584 4,611,250 4,813,834
Liabilities Option liability Total liabilities	<u>-</u> _	<u>-</u>	(8,596,000) (8,596,000)	(8,596,000) (8,596,000)

There were no transfers between levels during the financial year.

Valuation techniques for fair value measurements categorised within level 2 and level 3

The basis of the valuation of land and buildings is fair value. The land and buildings were last revalued in June 2022 based on independent assessments by a member of the Australian Property Institute having recent experience in the location and category of land and buildings being valued. The directors do not believe that there has been a material movement in fair value since the revaluation date. Valuations are based on current prices for similar properties in the same location and condition. Valuations are undertaken periodically, at least every three years, or more frequently if there is a material change in the fair value relative to the carrying amount.

Units in unlisted unit trusts have been valued based on the underlying assets within the trust, which in turn maximises the use of observable market data where it is available and relies as little as possible on entity specific estimates.

Financial liabilities have been valued based on discounted cash flows. The valuation model considers the present value of expected future payments, discounted using a risk adjusted discount rate.

#### Note 33. Fair value measurement (continued)

#### Level 3 assets and liabilities

Movements in level 3 assets and liabilities during the current and previous financial year are set out below:

Consolidated Group	Call options to acquire non-controlling interests \$	Financial assets at fair value through OCI \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2022 Additions Disposals	(8,596,000) 	1,369 - (1,369)	1,369 (8,596,000) (1,369)
Balance at 30 June 2023 Additions	(8,596,000) (3,627,000)		(8,596,000) (3,627,000)
Balance at 30 June 2024	(12,223,000)		(12,223,000)

#### Note 34. Key management personnel disclosures

#### Directors

The following persons were Directors of Westlawn Finance Limited during the financial year:

Mark Charles Dougherty

Geoffrey Dean Scofield

Andrew Harry Hayes

Andrew Michael Dougherty

Cameron Scott McCullagh

Andrew Douglas Bennett

James William Dougherty

Director – Executive

Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director

Director, Company Secretary & Chief Financial Officer

Non-executive Director

Non-executive Director

Chairman – Executive (resigned 29 September 2023)

## Other key management personnel

The following persons also had the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the major activities of the Consolidated Group, directly or indirectly, during the financial year:

Christopher James Dougherty

Cameron Jon Bott

Executive Director - Westlawn Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd

Executive Director - Westlawn Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd (resigned 31 May 2024)

Dean Koutsimidis

Managing Director - Equity-One Mortgage Fund Limited

## Compensation

The aggregate compensation made to Directors and other members of key management personnel of the Consolidated Group is set out below:

	Consolida	Consolidated Group		
	2024	2023		
	\$	\$		
Short-term employee benefits	1,877,369	2,044,007		
Post-employment benefits	233,882	217,862		
	2,111,251	2,261,869		

# **Note 35. Remuneration of auditors**

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by HLB Mann Judd Assurance GCNC Pty Ltd, the auditor of the Company, its network firms and unrelated firms:

	Consolidate	-
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Audit and review services		
Auditors of the Group - Thomas Noble & Russell		
Audit or review of the financial statements - Group	106,036	96,000
Audit or review of financial statements - controlled entities	29,282	27,860
	135,318	123,860
	155,510	125,000
Other auditors		
Audit or review of the financial statements	101,880	100,105
Assurance services		
Auditors of the Group - Thomas Noble & Russell	11 150	10.600
Regulatory assurance services	11,150_	10,600
	11,150	10,600
Subsequent to year end, HLB Mann Judd were appointed auditor of the Company.		
Note 36. Commitments receivable		
	Consolidate	-
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Finance lease commitments		
Committed at the reporting date and recognised as assets, receivable:		
Within 3 months	3,064,850	4,854,914
3 to 12 months	5,757,999	9,678,472
1 to 5 years	11,477,697	16,293,437
Less: Future finance charges	(2,147,937)	(2,739,997)
Net finance lease receivables	18,152,609	28,086,826
Note 37. Commitments payable		
	Consolidate	ed Group
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Capital commitments:		
Committed at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities, payable:	1 022 065	
Property, plant and equipment	1,022,965	<u>-</u> _
Credit related commitments:		
Committed at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities, payable:		
Gross loans approved, but not advanced to borrowers	2,839,437	786,711
Line of credit facilities granted but not drawn	7,795,174	6,168,518
	10,634,611	6,955,229

#### Note 38. Contingent liabilities

The Company has provided guarantees for the performance of various works contracts. These guarantees were predominantly granted to Local Councils to ensure the satisfactory performance of capital works on subdivision projects. Details and estimated maximum amounts of contingent liabilities (for which no provisions are included in the accounts) arising in respect of:

	Consolidate	<b>Consolidated Group</b>	
	2024 \$	2023 \$	
Contingent liabilities			
Related parties	<del>-</del>	25,944	
External parties	61,703	61,703	
	61,703	87,647	

## Other commitments

The Group has a commitment in the form of a put/call option to acquire contributed equity of a subsidiary. The following estimated commitments, which may vary in terms of percentage and timing, are based upon multiples of future financial years' normalised EBITDA and include an option for a one-year deferral by either party:

• Equity-One Mortgage Fund Limited (30% of contributed equity to be acquired by the Group in three tranches of 10% each between the years ending 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2028). Refer to note 25 for further information.

#### Note 39. Related party transactions

Ultimate parent entity

COG Financial Services Limited (COG) is the ultimate parent entity.

Parent entity

Westlawn Finance Limited is the parent entity.

Subsidiaries

Interests in subsidiaries are set out in note 41.

Key management personnel

Disclosures relating to key management personnel are set out in note 34.

Transactions with related parties

The following transactions occurred with related parties:

	Consolidated Group	
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Other income:		
Interest received from key management personnel	7,681	14,272
Payment for goods and services:		
Payment for services from controlling entity	104,223	102,850
Payment for services from entity with significant influence	117,517	154,775
Payment for other expenses:		
Other expenses paid to key management personnel	125,791	132,791

The Company has received a guarantee from COG in respect of a portfolio of loans introduced to the Company by a subsidiary of COG. The outstanding balance of the loans subject to the guarantee total approximately \$1.3m and are included as part of note 13 'Loans & advances'.

Receivable from and payable to related parties

There were no trade receivables from or trade payables to related parties at the current and previous reporting date.

#### Note 39. Related party transactions (continued)

#### Loans to/from related parties

The following balances are outstanding at the reporting date in relation to loans with related parties:

	Consolidated Group	
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Current receivables:		
Loan to key management personnel	-	93,569
Current borrowings:		
Loan from controlling entity (parent) (unsecured notes)	-	8,787,914
Loan from entity with significant influence	8,839,516	4,437,520
Loan from subsidiaries (unsecured notes)	374,045	339,467
Loan from other related party (unsecured notes)	9,843,528	18,455,334
Non-current borrowings:		
Loan from other related party (unsecured notes)	-	74,509

#### Terms and conditions

During the financial year the Company advanced and repaid loans with Directors and related parties of directors and other key management personnel. With the exception of employee loans that are generally granted an interest rate discount of 0.50%, these dealings are on normal commercial terms and conditions.

The general terms and conditions of related party loans are as follows:

Loans to related parties of Directors are at interest rates of between 7.00% pa and 8.75% pa. Interest on these loans is capitalised and paid monthly. Security is held for all of these loans and comprises a combination of registered first mortgage, plant and equipment, as well as registered Security Interests over shares and other assets.

Loans to employees of the Group or associated entities are at interest rates between 7.50% pa and 8.90% pa, which is approximately 0.50% below the relevant rate offered to the general public. In all other respects these loans are on usual commercial terms.

The Company has a Related Parties Transaction Policies & Procedures Manual that governs lending to related parties.

## Note 40. Parent entity information

Set out below is the supplementary information about the parent entity.

Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

	Pare	Parent	
	2024 \$	2023 \$	
Profit after income tax	4,248,731	6,452,418	
Total comprehensive income	4,248,731	6,452,418	

#### Note 40. Parent entity information (continued)

Statement of financial position

	Pare	ent
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Total current assets	35,984,714	27,425,302
Total assets	249,691,245	268,537,141
Total current liabilities	226,359,685	239,592,934
Total liabilities	228,030,346_	241,497,974
Equity		
Issued capital	24,094,643	24,094,643
Revaluation surplus reserve	1,499,224	1,674,763
Options reserve	(12,223,000)	(8,596,000)
Retained profits	8,290,032	9,865,761
Total equity	21,660,899	27,039,167

Guarantees entered into by the parent entity in relation to the debts of its subsidiaries

Westlawn Finance Limited has not entered into any guarantees, in the current or previous financial year, in relation to the debts of its subsidiaries.

#### Contingent liabilities

Refer to note 38 for details of the Company's contingent liabilities.

Capital commitments - Property, plant and equipment

Capital Commitments - Property, plant and equipment	Parent	
	2024 \$	2023 \$
Committed at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities, payable:		
Property, plant and equipment	1,022,965	

## Material accounting policy information

The accounting policies of the parent entity are consistent with those of the Consolidated Group, as disclosed in note 2, except for the following:

- Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost in the parent entity.
- Dividends received from subsidiaries are recognised as other income by the parent entity and its receipt may be an indicator of an impairment of the investment.

#### Note 41. Interests in subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of the following wholly-owned subsidiaries in accordance with the accounting policy described in note 2:

		Ownership interest	
	Principal place of business /	2024	2023
Name	Country of incorporation	%	%
North State Finance Pty Ltd	Coffs Harbour NSW / Australia	100%	100%
Grafton Investments Pty Ltd	Grafton NSW / Australia	100%	100%
Westlawn Financial Services Limited	Grafton NSW / Australia	100%	100%
Centrepoint Finance Pty Ltd	Brisbane QLD / Australia	100%	100%
Finance 2 Business Pty Ltd	Brisbane QLD / Australia	100%	100%

## **Note 41. Interests in subsidiaries (continued)**

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of the following subsidiaries with non-controlling interests in accordance with the accounting policy described in note 2:

Name	Principal place of business / Country of incorporation	Principal activities	Direct equity interest 2024 %	Indirect equity interest <sup>1</sup> 2024 %
Westlawn Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd WIB Services Pty Ltd	Grafton NSW / Australia Grafton NSW / Australia	Insurance Broker Insurance Broker	90%	90%
Westlawn Insurance Brokers (Coffs) Pty Ltd WIB Corporate Pty Ltd Westlawn Insurance Brokers (Cairns) Pty Ltd	Coffs Harbour NSW / Australia Melbourne VIC / Australia Cairns QLD / Australia	Insurance Broker Insurance Broker Insurance Broker		72% - -
Equity-One Mortgage Fund Limited	Melbourne VIC / Australia	Funds Management (peer to peer mortgage scheme)	70%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Indirect equity interests represent the beneficial interest in entities which are non-wholly owned but are controlled entities of direct equity interests.

#### Note 42. Events after the reporting period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2024 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Consolidated Group's operations, the results of those operations, or the Consolidated Group's state of affairs in future financial years.

## Note 43. Reconciliation of profit after income tax to net cash from operating activities

	Consolidated Group	
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Profit after income tax expense for the year	5,193,199	7,103,572
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	3,607,463	3,591,500
Net loss/(gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(137,989)	7,457
Net gain on disposal of financial assets	(361,270)	-
Dividends & trust income	(366,010)	(125,589)
Other non-cash flows	(8,801)	-
Bad debts written off	764,457	1,605,532
Amounts provided (written back) for doubtful debts	(93,659)	(1,409,739)
Impairment of other financial assets	2,000,000	-
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	(418,114)	86,941
Increase in accrued revenue	(4,380)	(15,254)
Increase in other operating assets	(426,687)	(20,814)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	2,338,874	(1,565,055)
Increase/(decrease) in provision for income tax	2,356,554	(1,531,831)
Increase/(decrease) in deferred tax liabilities	(1,167,401)	975,478
Increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	(51,671)	222,212
Decrease in accrued interest payable	25,496	35,012
Net cash from operating activities	13,250,061	8,959,422

#### Note 44. Interests in unconsolidated structured entities

The Consolidated Group has interests in a structured entity that is not consolidated. A structured entity is an entity that has been designed so that voting or similar rights are not the dominant factor in deciding who controls the entity, such as when any voting rights relate to administrative tasks only and the relevant activities are directed by means of contractual arrangements.

The Consolidated Group considers all investments in securitisation vehicles to be structured entities. The investments are made primarily for purposes of investment income.

The Consolidated Group concluded that it does not control, and therefore should not consolidate, the securitisation vehicle. Taken as a whole, the Consolidated Group does not have power over the relevant activities of the securitisation vehicle.

The carrying amount of interests in unconsolidated structured entities and the maximum exposure to loss is as follows:

	Carrying amount		Maximum expo	sure to loss	Total net a invest	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Other financial assets	23,353,462	1,172,175	23,353,462	1,172,175	149,040,519	31,009,006

As Servicer to the securitisation vehicle, it is the Consolidated Groups intention to continue to seek opportunities to sell financial assets to investors of the securitisation vehicle and collect fees for services.

The Consolidated Group has no other involvement with the unconsolidated structured entities and its maximum exposure to loss is restricted to the carrying amount of its interests.

During the year ended 30 June 2024 the Consolidated Group received distributions from its interests in unconsolidated structured entities.

# Westlawn Finance Limited Directors' declaration 30 June 2024

In the Directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the Corporations Act 2001, the Accounting Standards, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board as described in note 2 to the financial statements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the Consolidated Group's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date;
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable;
   and
- the information disclosed in the attached consolidated entity disclosure statement is true and correct.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of Directors made pursuant to section 295(5)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the Directors

Mark Charles Dougherty

Chairman

3 September 2024 Grafton



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Westlawn Finance Limited

#### Report on the audit of the financial report

## Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Westlawn Finance Limited ("the Company") and its controlled entities ("the Group"), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, the consolidated entity disclosure statement and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Company is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

## **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* ("the Code") that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Directors report for the year ended 30 June 2024 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.

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## Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of:

- a) the financial report (other than the consolidated entity disclosure statement) that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001*; and
- b) 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:

- i) 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
- ii) 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 Company to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or 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 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 Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.



• Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

**HLB Mann Judd Assurance GCNC Pty Ltd Chartered Accountants** 

R A Watkinson Partner

Robina, Queensland 3 September 2024

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# Westlawn Finance Limited Consolidated entity disclosure statement As at 30 June 2024

Set out below is a list of entities that are consolidated in this set of consolidated financial statements as at 30 June 2024 in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 (S295 (3A)(a)).

Entity name	Entity type	Place formed / Country of incorporation	Ownership interest (held directly or indirectly)	Tax residency
Grafton Investments Pty Ltd Westlawn Financial Services	Body corporate	Australia	100.00%	Australia
Limited	Body corporate	Australia	100.00%	Australia
Centrepoint Finance Pty Ltd	Body corporate	Australia	100.00%	Australia
Finance 2 Business Pty Ltd	Body corporate	Australia	100.00%	Australia
North State Finance Pty Ltd Westlawn Insurance Brokers	Body corporate	Australia	100.00%	Australia
Pty Ltd	Body corporate	Australia	90.00%	Australia
WIB Services Pty Ltd Westlawn Insurance Brokers	Body corporate	Australia	90.00%	Australia
(Coffs) Pty Ltd Equity-One Mortgage Fund	Body corporate	Australia	72.00%	Australia
Limited	Body corporate	Australia	70.00%	Australia