

27 August 2021

Market Announcements Office
ASX Limited
Exchange Centre
20 Bridge Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam

**AUSTRALIAN FINANCE GROUP LTD ANNOUNCES FY21 RESULTS and
2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DATE**

Please refer to the following information in relation to Australian Finance Group Ltd's (ASX: AFG) results for the year ended 30 June 2021.

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| Part 1: | Appendix 4E and 2021 Annual Report |
| Part 2: | FY21 Dividend Payment |
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| Part 5: | FY21 Appendix 4G and Corporate Governance Statement |

Annual General Meeting

In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 3.13.1, Australian Finance Group Ltd advises that its Annual General Meeting will be held in Perth, Western Australia on Friday, 26 November 2021.

Investor Briefing

David Bailey, Chief Executive Officer and Ben Jenkins, Chief Financial Officer, will give a presentation to analysts and investors via a conference call at 10:00am AEST today. To participate in the call, please pre-register using the following link: <https://s1.c-conf.com/DiamondPass/10014679-al85d3.html>

Pre-registered participants will receive a calendar invite including a phone number to join the conference call, and a unique code which is to be quoted when dialing into the call.

Authorised for disclosure by:



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Company Secretary

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Appendix 4E (ASX Listing Rules 4.3A)

Report for the year ended 30 June 2021

Reporting period is the year ended 30 June 2021 with the previous corresponding period the year ended 30 June 2020.

Results for announcement to the market

	30 June 2021 \$'000	30 June 2020 \$'000	Increase / (Decrease) \$'000	% Change
Revenue from operating activities	747,043	675,009	72,034	10.7%
Net profit for the period	51,304	38,078	13,226	34.7%
Underlying results from continuing operations	49,586	36,266	13,320	36.7%
Net tangible asset backing per ordinary security (cents) ("NTA") (Cents)	(319.5)	(363.3)	43.8	12.1%
Net tangible asset backing per ordinary security ("NTA") including Trail book contract asset (Cents) ¹	72.1	79.4	(7.3)	(9.2%)

¹ In line with ASIC guidance NTA is shown without the inclusion of the trail book asset (contract asset) but including the associated trail commission payable. However, given the significant value of the trail book and its interrelationship with the trail book liability, a more accurate representation would be to include the trail book asset. Therefore NTA including the trail book asset has also been calculated and disclosed for both the current period to 30 June 2021 and the prior period to 30 June 2020.

Dividends

On 26 August 2021, the Company declared a fully franked final dividend of 7.4 cents per share with respect to the year ending 30 June 2021.

Record date for determining entitlements to the dividend	5:00 pm (WST) 7 September 2021
Date the final dividend is payable	23 September 2021

The Company paid an interim dividend during the year of 5.9 cents per share:

Record date	Payment date	Type	Cents per share	Total amount (\$'000)	Franked amount per security
2 March 2021	18 March 2021	Interim	5.9	\$15,835	100%

Previous Corresponding Dividends

The following dividends were paid:

Record date	Payment date	Type	Cents per share	Total amount (\$'000)	Franked amount per security
3 March 2020	26 March 2020	Interim	5.4	\$11,640	100%
10 September 2020	29 September 2020	Final	4.7	\$12,614	100%

Financial results

For the year ended 30 June 2021 the Group recorded a net profit after tax of \$51,304k, 34.7% above prior period of \$38,078k. Underlying results from continuing operations which is derived after excluding changes in value of future trailing commissions from net profit after tax was up 36.7% to \$49,586k (30 June 2020: \$36,266k). Revenue from operating activities was up 10.7% to \$747,043k (30 June 2020: \$675,009k) driven by growth in AFG Securities and higher aggregation volumes.

Non – IFRS financial information

The carrying value of our residential, commercial and AFGHL white label trail books are influenced amongst other things by the runoff and discount rates that are applied to these valuations. Excluding the non-cash entries to recognise the net present value of the future trailing commission contract asset and payable, the underlying profit after tax is \$49,586k (30 June 2020: \$36,266k). The assessment of the trail loan book requires the use of assumptions which are determined by management, using a variety of inputs including external actuarial analysis of historical information, by reference to market observable inputs.

The following table reconciles the underlying earnings to the reported profit after tax for the period in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards:

In thousands of AUD	30 June 2021		30 June 2020	
	Operating income	Profit after tax	Operating income	Profit after tax
Underlying results from continuing operations	671,029	49,586	600,137	36,266
Change in the carrying value of trailing commissions contract asset and payable	76,014	1,718	74,872	1,812
Total result from operating activities	747,043	51,304	675,009	38,078

Other disclosure requirements

Additional ASX Appendix 4E (Listing Rule 4.3A) disclosures can be found in the 2021 Annual Report. This document should be read in conjunction with the 2021 Annual Report and any public announcements made in the period by the Company in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and ASX Listing Rules.

This preliminary financial report under ASX Listing Rule 4.3A covers Australian Finance Group Limited and its controlled entities and is based on the consolidated financial statements and financial report which have been audited by Ernst & Young.

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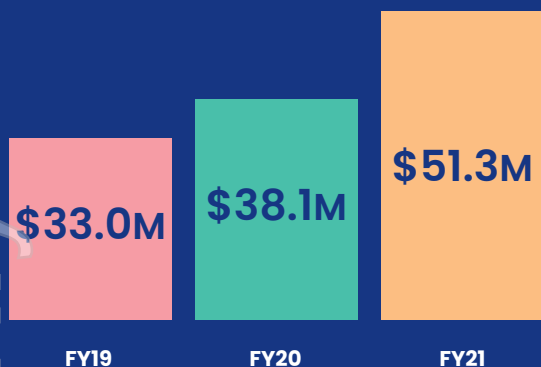
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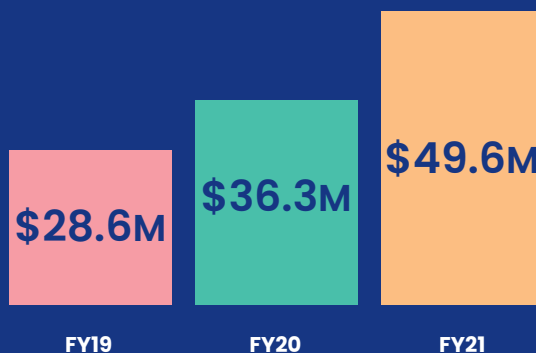
A woman with long dark hair and a tattoo on her right arm is pointing at a whiteboard in an office setting. She is wearing a pink short-sleeved shirt and a black watch. A man in a grey shirt is partially visible on the right. The background shows a window with a view of trees.

Naomi

Information Technology



AFG reported NPAT has increased to \$51.3M FY21 from \$38.1M FY20



AFG underlying NPAT has increased to \$49.6M FY21 from \$36.3M FY20



5,500⁺

Individual products



70⁺

Lenders



238

Employees

1 in 11

Australian residential mortgages are arranged by an AFG broker



FY21 AFGS RMBS term transactions

\$1.95B

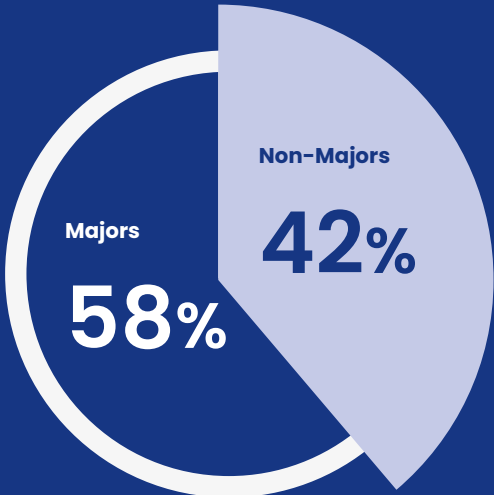
AFG maintains a well capitalised, debt-free balance sheet with unrestricted cash, trail book assets, financial assets and sub-ordinated capital totaling \$282 million

Go far. Go together.

Lender Market Share

42%

of flows to non-majors FY21



3,050

nationally increased
from 2,975 at FY20

28,500

AFG Home Loans customers serviced



59%

of Australian mortgages are written through a broker ²

² Mortgage and Finance Association of Australia (MFAA)

FY20

52%

FY21

59%



FY21 Residential Settlements of

\$43.6B

up 28% from FY20



FY21 Commercial Settlements of

\$2.32B

up 1% from FY20



FY21 AFG Business Settlements of

\$200M

down 42% from FY20



FY21 Asset Finance Settlements of

\$611M

up 14% from FY20



FY21 Residential Trail book of

\$166.6B

up 8% from FY20



FY21 AFG Home Loans Trail book of

\$11.2B

up 7% from FY20



FY21 AFGS Settlements

\$1.35B

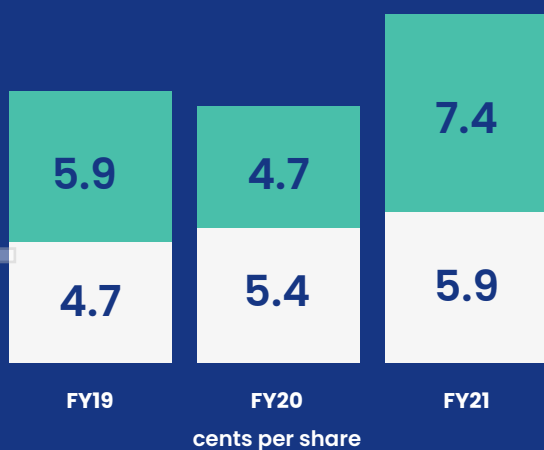
FY20

\$2.91B

FY21

\$3.39B

FY21 AFGS Loan Book
up 17% from FY20



Dividends up

32%

● Interim ● Final



AFG reported return on equity remains at

27%



Tony Gill
Chairman

Letter from the Chairman

In providing my Chairman's Report for AFG I am once again very pleased to be able to report an outstanding result from the company. AFG brokers have experienced increased demand for their services and have risen to the challenge of supporting their clients through the difficulties presented by the past 12 months.

AFG's combined residential and commercial loan book now stands at \$175.71 billion. This represents growth of 8% over FY20. In an exceptional year of activity, our core residential lending business delivered record settlements of \$43.63 billion, an increase of 28% on the prior year.

Company Update

As I write the country is once again experiencing lockdowns brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. The effects will be felt by our community and the financial impacts will be felt in our economy for some time to come.

Through the period, AFG staff and our brokers have shown great resilience as all adapted to intermittent lockdowns alongside unprecedented demand for home loans. I commend the business on its smooth transition to working remotely when required.

AFG staff now have the flexibility to operate under a hybrid work schedule of working from home alongside in the office. This model of working is supported by the board and management, with significant investment in technology to ensure that staff are able to perform their duties to high standards, meet regulatory obligations and remain connected with their teams and their brokers.

Environmental, Social and Governance

This year AFG is taking the first steps to report on the company's Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) practices. At the heart of our business is a commitment to driving shareholder value by conducting business in a sustainable, ethically sound, and socially responsible manner. We extend this commitment to all stakeholders. From our board, management and staff to our investors, contracted brokers, lending partners, consumers, and the community.

The company is lifting the disclosure of our ESG performance and to ensure transparency we have added a sustainability section to our website and included a statement in this Annual Report outlining further details about our approach.

Dividends

For the full year to 30 June 2021 the Board resolved to pay a final ordinary dividend of 7.4 cents per share (fully franked). This results in a total ordinary dividend for the year of 13.3 cents per share, up from 10.1 cents per share in the prior year and represents a yield of 5%.

Outlook

AFG's financial results demonstrate the strength of the company and the sector. Industry data reports overall broker market share in Australia has lifted to 59% and an AFG broker arranges one in every 11 Australian mortgages. The choice of lender and products available to those homebuyers is central to the decision to seek help from a mortgage broker. We expect this trend to continue.

AFG remains debt free with unrestricted cash of \$106.9 million and is delivering positive NPAT, both reported and underlying. We remain positive about the future of our company and our industry.

On behalf of the board, I would like to thank AFG staff, brokers, our lender partners, and our shareholders for their ongoing support of the company.

Tony Gill
Chairman

Erin

Corporate



David Bailey
CEO

Letter from the CEO

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Our core residential business delivered a record result for the year and our AFG Home Loans' white label products also increased 18% to \$2.1 billion. Our higher margin AFG Securities products contributed settlements of \$1.35 billion, representing book growth of 17% and a loan book on 30 June 2021 of \$3.39 billion.

We remain alert to the risks presented by the health and economic challenges our community continues to face, and we are confident AFG is well equipped to respond. Our workforce is adept at working remotely when required and our broker network is a proven force in providing frontline support for their customers. With the country once again grappling with lockdowns in many states AFG is pleased to note we are not seeing high numbers of hardship requests come through AFG Securities' business. We remain aware of the impacts the shutdowns may have on the financial wellbeing of our customers and stand ready to respond, if necessary, with supportive programs in place while customers get back on their feet.

AFG Home Loans

The success of our lending business, AFG Home Loans, and, in particular, our own securitised home loan products, remains a highlight. Despite a pandemic-initiated slowdown in settlements in the first quarter of FY21, the AFG Securities business has reported an excellent full year of settlements and at the end of the financial year has a loan book of \$3.39 billion.

Since the end of the first quarter, momentum in this business has built, and importantly, lodgements in the second half were up 82% on the previous half.

Commercial

The Commercial lending market has been impacted the most by COVID restrictions, but activity increased in the second half of the year driving settlements for FY21 in line with last year. Importantly, commercial mortgage settlements were up 23% in H2

FY21 compared to the prior period. For the full year, Commercial settlements were \$2.32 billion.

Our investment in commercial lender ThinkTank is also contributing strongly, recording \$5.3m share of profit, an increase of 130%.

Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities

In FY21 we continued our successful RMBS program, issuing \$1.95 billion to the RMBS market. This takes the total paper issued by AFG Securities since 2013 to A\$4.825 billion.

A highlight was the successful completion of our first non-conforming RMBS issue in October 2020, valued at \$500 million. The portfolio included low-documentation and non-conforming loans originated by AFG Securities and received strong support from domestic and international investors. We are now recognised as a regular issuer of quality RMBS paper.

Technology

AFG's new technology platform, CRM, is built on enterprise grade technology and is a key pillar of AFG's wider technology toolkit. Plans for a staged migration across the AFG network are underway. The migration of each broker to the CRM platform will be managed by AFG support staff, including the historical data transfer and seamless linkage with other key systems. A significant number of our brokers have been with AFG for many years, so it is a big task, but we are both excited and committed in every sense to a smooth transition and a great outcome.

As the financial year drew to a close AFG acquired an 8% stake in neobank Volt. Volt's innovative technology combined with AFG's large distribution footprint will deliver competitive products to the market and streamlined digital solutions for our brokers and their customers. Volt's digital banking services and technology platform will be utilised within our AFG Securities business to streamline credit decisioning and position our securitised products as a leader in the marketplace.

Connective

When we announced the proposed merger with Connective in August 2019, we informed the market the transaction was conditional upon clearance by the ACCC (which was granted on 18 June 2020), and the resolution of court case involving Connective.

The end date to satisfy those two conditions for the transaction to proceed is the 31 August 2021. Despite the Connective court case concluding in March 2020, the decision by the judge has not yet been delivered.

Unfortunately, the extraordinary length of time that the judgement has taken meant the merger has not been able to proceed at this time.

Regulatory change

The introduction of a new statutory obligation for Australian mortgage brokers to act in the best interests of consumers, and to prioritise consumers' interest when providing credit assistance came into effect in FY21. Our brokers were well equipped to meet this obligation six months ahead of the implementation date.

This new legal requirement provides additional peace of mind for consumers and further positions mortgage brokers as the channel of choice for home lending.

Looking ahead

In the residential market, government incentives are rolling back, and the Term Funding Facility offered to the major banks is no longer in place. Combined with compression in RMBS spreads this means the country's smaller lenders, including AFG Securities, are better able to compete.

AFG now has 3,050 member brokers in our network and more than 70 lenders on our panel, providing choice for consumers and driving competitive tension in a market that has seen the third-party channel well surpass that of direct to lender.

AFG is positioned well to respond to the current environment and continue to support our broker network in the service of their customers.

I would like to thank AFG staff for their commitment to the company, and our brokers and shareholders for their ongoing support.



David Bailey
CEO



Sahani & Peter

Learning & Development

Leanne

Marketing

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Sustainability at AFG





Sustainability Highlights

This year I am very pleased to introduce our first report on the company's Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) practices.

A stylized signature of Tony Gill in white ink.

Tony Gill
Chairman

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AFG carbon footprint

880.69

tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent



Program established to measure annual carbon footprint

foyerfoundation 
Principal partner



Women in AFG Mentorship Program established



AFG Winning Women Broker Scholarship established

Diversity & Inclusion (% of women in positions)



Board

33%



Senior executives

22%



Senior managers

47%



Total workforce

51%

Our approach

Although reporting accountability for our ESG performance is relatively new, actions on those things that feed into the ESG metrics, are not new to AFG. We are, and have always been, focused on continuing to drive value for our investors and create a positive impact for our employees, brokers, customers, and the communities in which we operate.

The issue of what to report on, and how best to embed reportable corporate sustainability practices within the business are new. Standardised data will help inform companies such as ours to transparently disclose those things that many of us do every day, but they are not necessarily public processes.



The company has established a Management Sustainability Committee, with representatives from across the business. The committee provides enhanced oversight of the company's sustainability policies, principles and practices to meet stakeholder expectations and ensure good governance. The committee reports through to the AFG Board.

Environment

The droughts and floods of recent years, and the devastation of the 2020 bushfires brought into sharp focus the impacts of a changing climate on our land and our communities. AFG has now integrated climate change risk into its risk management framework.

Environmental risks identified by AFG include the risks of adverse consequences of our direct impact on the environment and our indirect impact through our business operations. AFG has also identified the risks associated with changes to environmental laws, regulations, or other policies adopted by governments or regulatory authorities, including carbon pricing and climate change adaptation or mitigation policies. Environmental risks (including climate change) impact our brokers, their customers and our AFG Home Loans customers, including their communities and the businesses in which they work.

In addition, this year AFG has been working to understand our direct impact on the environment (our 'climate footprint') and we have engaged with carbon solutions provider Carbon Neutral to measure our carbon emissions. The report examined AFG's Scope 1, 2 and 3 Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) under the operational control of the company for the full year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

A summary of GHG emissions sources by activity is displayed below:

Figure 1: Total gross GHG emissions by activity - AFG FY2021 (t CO₂e: %).

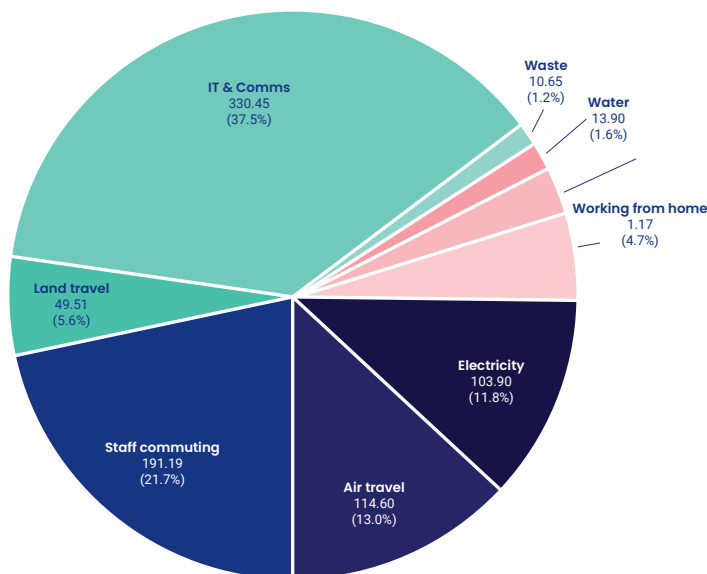


Figure 2: Emission intensity per staff - FY2021

Measure/Metric	CO ₂ -e per measure for FY 2021
Number of staff during period (224)	3.9 t CO ₂ -e / staff member

The main GHG emitting activities were associated with our use of technology, followed by staff commuting, air travel and electricity use. This year we all faced restrictions on travel due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this means the emissions generated by AFG through travel were likely lower during this period than at other times. From this starting point our challenge is now to develop consistent, accountable, and transparent internal practices to reduce avoidable GHG emissions where possible, and to examine opportunities to offset unavoidable GHG emissions to address our impact on the environment.

Social

AFG is committed to managing social risks and contributing to the community as a core part of our values. To achieve this, we have begun work on ways in which AFG can help to resolve some social risks impacting our key stakeholders.

One of those is the social crisis of homelessness and disadvantage. In June 2021 we were very pleased to announce a landmark sponsorship agreement to help play our part in addressing that problem. AFG is now Principal Partner of Foyer Foundation, an independent charitable organisation that works with young Australians at-risk of, or experiencing, homelessness.

Foyer Foundation is an organisation that has a globally proven model that works to address the issue among young people, one of the hardest hit parts of our community when faced with homelessness. Foyers are integrated learning and accommodation settings that provide young Australians experiencing disadvantage with a pathway to education, training and employment that is founded on access to stable and secure housing.

As one of the country's largest networks of mortgage brokers we see firsthand the importance of a place to call home. By partnering with Foyer Foundation, we are supporting a program that helps young people into a stable and secure home from which they can find their feet and take their place in the community.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on all aspects of life in Australia, particularly working arrangements affected by the numerous lockdowns across the country. In 2020 and 2021 our AFG Securities (AFGS) business has been working hard to limit the impact of the pandemic on our customers. For those in financial hardship due to COVID-19 related lost income, we have offered a variety of tailored solutions to assist their recovery. Pleasingly, those numbers are low.

In addition, an important area of focus for our AFGS business is providing access to those currently under-served in the lending market. AFGS employs a manual, "traditional" approach to credit assessment focusing on the individual borrower. Current credit scoring methodologies employed by the majority of lenders - particularly large ADIs - are favourably weighted to the depth of credit records and repayment history which can be biased against borrowers with changeable employment profiles. As a consequence, the self-employed, sole-traders, part-time (often younger) workers with multiple income sources, borrowers who have suffered a one-off life event that impacted their credit score, and recent migrants can be disadvantaged. By maintaining an approach that focuses on a personalised, circumstances-sensitive assessment model, AFGS supports borrowers whose needs may not be met by the broader banking sector.

Governance

The culture of an organisation is one that is difficult to distill to numbers on a page, however the performance of a company that has an average of almost six years of service for its staff speaks to a strong and supportive culture.

The effective functioning of the company from the Board down, seen through sound governance, risk and compliance practices, employee protections, and the support provided to our brokers and customers creates a culture that delivers value to our stakeholders and guides our interactions in our industry and the wider community.

I am pleased to report AFG is on track with our Diversity and Inclusion Objectives. Key metrics are below:

Objective	Status as at 30 June 2021
Achieve a minimum of 40% women in management positions (including KMP, senior managers and other managers) by 2022 with increased year on year representation.	37% of our management positions are held by women. This is an increase of 1% from our reported numbers last year.
Continue to develop cultural awareness across AFG ensuring our workforce reflects the diverse Australian population, demonstrated by a positive cultural diversity score of at least 80% in our annual employee survey.	89% of employees agreed in our 2021 Employee Survey that AFG supports cultural diversity. (Survey period closed 6 August 2021)
Maintain workplace diversity as one of the top three performing areas of our employee pulse surveys.	Workplace diversity was our highest performing area in our 2021 Employee Survey.
Continue training and awareness programs to ensure employees maintain and uphold AFG's acceptable and expected behaviors and diversity and inclusion values in the workplace.	The Diversity & Inclusion Committee continues to deliver a quarterly program of training and awareness initiatives. Mental health was a key focus of the committee in response to challenges caused by COVID-19. Domestic violence awareness and support was also highlighted tying in with government education and awareness campaigns.
Maintain no less than 30% of each gender in the composition of AFG's Board of Directors.	At 33%, AFG meets this objective.

AFG's Women in Leadership mentor program launched in March 2021. The program provides female employees a female mentor from our senior leadership team. The program runs for 12 months with mentees given guidance, suggestions for development and insights into key leadership traits. It has been well received and is providing positive opportunities for development for both mentors and the staff they are supporting.

More broadly, AFG is committed to equality in the mortgage broking industry and championing the important role women play. The AFG Winning Women program seeks to empower female brokers to help them reach their potential through a number of initiatives including a scholarship, state-based events, the provision of coaching courses, and mentoring opportunities with highly successful female brokers from the AFG network.

Whilst not subject to compulsory reporting, AFG undertakes a voluntary Ethnicity Survey among staff. This year, we included two additional questions relating to religious beliefs and whether people have lived or worked overseas, contributing to global experience and awareness. These new questions reflect a broader meaning of 'cultural diversity' that the Diversity Council Australia has recently adopted. Interestingly, more than 50% of participants have lived or worked overseas, bringing significant global and cultural experience to AFG and the way staff work together.

The AFG Group is committed to the highest level of integrity and ethical standards in all business practices and in upholding human rights across our operations and supply chains. This year we produced our first Joint Modern Slavery Statement setting out the steps we are taking to ensure that those practices are not taking place within our organisation or our supply chains. In addition, the Company has recently finalised its Modern Slavery Supplier Procedure. This internal procedure provides for an assessment of the risks of modern slavery in our supply chain and a due diligence process when any risks are identified.

Looking ahead

This is the first year AFG has published information about our approach to Sustainability. By raising the bar on disclosure, we aim to help our stakeholders understand more about how as a company we make decisions and how we create value.

Our challenge is to identify the risks and opportunities presented by this new reporting environment and respond in a manner that is both consistent with the social contract under which we operate and the maintenance of long-term business success. I look forward to continuing to tell the story of AFG's development through the lens of ESG metrics.



Tony Gill
Chairman

Directors' Report

The Directors present their report together with the financial report on the consolidated entity consisting of Australian Finance Group Limited ('the Company' or 'AFG'), and its controlled entities ('the Group'), for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 and the auditor's report thereon.

Directors

The Directors and Company Secretary of the Company at any time during or since the end of the financial year are:

Anthony (Tony) Gill

(Non-Executive Chairman)

Mr Gill has been the Chairman of the Board since 2008. Mr Gill has extensive experience across Australia's finance industry, mostly with Macquarie Bank. Mr Gill is a Director of First Mortgage Services and First American Title Insurance. He sits on the Board of the Butterfly Foundation for Eating Disorders and the Pinchgut Opera. Mr Gill is a former member of the Board of Genworth Mortgage Insurance Limited (GMA.AX), and a former member of ASIC's External Advisory Panel. Mr Gill holds a Bachelor of Commerce and is a Chartered Accountant (retired).

Brett McKeon

(Non-Executive Director)

Mr McKeon is a founding Director of AFG and the Group's former Managing Director. Mr McKeon has worked for more than 31 years in the financial services industry. He has considerable management, capital raising, public company and sales experience and is an experienced director in both the public and private arenas. In addition to his role as Non-Executive Director of AFG, Mr McKeon is the Chair of Establish Property Group (EPG).

Malcolm Watkins

(Executive Director)

Mr Watkins is a founding Director of AFG and plays a key role in the strategic direction of the Company. For 27 years he has driven the company's tactical development of market-leading IT and marketing divisions. Mr Watkins is also on the board of Thinktank, a leading commercial property lender in which AFG holds a 32.29% stake. He is tasked with overseeing the opportunity to blend Thinktank's commercial property lending expertise with AFG's broad distribution and securitisation capabilities, to deliver strategic value to both businesses. Mr Watkins is also a former board member of the industry's peak national body representing the sector, the Mortgage and Finance Association of Australia (MFAA).

Craig Carter

(Independent Non-Executive Director)

Mr Carter joined the AFG Board in early 2015 and is the Chair of the Audit Committee, a member of the Risk and Compliance Committee, and a member of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee. Following a career spanning 35 years in stockbroking and investment banking, specialising in Corporate Advice and Equity Capital Markets, Mr Carter now actively manages his own family business interests across a range of investment activities. Mr Carter is a well-known professional with unique experience in both business ownership and corporate advisory. This experience and reputation provides a platform for integrity and good governance.

Melanie Kiely

(Independent Non-Executive Director)

Ms Kiely is an experienced Executive and Company Director with over 30 years of experience in health care, financial services and consulting in Australia, Europe and South Africa. Ms Kiely is also currently a Non-Executive Director of AIA Health and the Black Dog Institute. She is also CEO of Good Sammy Enterprises. Prior to this, she has held senior roles with Silver Chain, HBF Health Fund, nib health funds, MBF and was an Associate Partner at global consulting firm Accenture. She has also held a number of Board positions in the financial services and health sectors. Ms Kiely has an Honours Degree in Business Science from the University of Cape Town and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Ms Kiely joined the AFG Board as a Non-Executive Director in March 2016 and is Chair of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee, a member of the Audit Committee and a member of the Risk and Compliance Committee.

Jane Muirsmith

(Independent Non-Executive Director)

Ms Muirsmith is an accomplished digital and marketing strategist, having held several executive positions in Sydney, Melbourne, Singapore and New York. Ms Muirsmith is Managing Director of Lenox Hill, a digital strategy and advisory firm and is a Non-Executive Director of Cedar Woods Properties Ltd, the Telethon Kids Institute, and Chair and Non-Executive Director of HealthDirect Australia. She is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, where she is a member of the Australian and New Zealand Corporate Sector and Advisory Committee. Ms Muirsmith is also a member of the Ambassadorial Council UWA Business School. Ms Muirsmith was appointed to the AFG Board in March 2016 and is Chair of the Risk and Compliance Committee, a member of the Audit Committee and a member of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee.

The above-named Directors held office during the whole of the financial year and since the end of the financial year except where noted otherwise.

Company Secretary

Lisa Bevan (Company Secretary)

Ms Bevan joined AFG in 1998 and was appointed to the position of Company Secretary in 2001. Ms Bevan is a Chartered Accountant, holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree and has a Diploma of Corporate Governance from the Governance Institute of Australia. Ms Bevan is responsible for managing AFG's secretariat, governance and ASX requirements. Ms Bevan also oversees the legal and human resources functions of the Company.

Interests in the shares and rights of the Company

As at the date of this report, the interests of the Directors in the shares of the Group were:

Director	Number of ordinary shares	Number of rights over ordinary shares
Tony Gill	1,329,546	-
Brett McKeon	16,310,694	20,114
Malcolm Watkins	17,493,656	54,362
Craig Carter	960,714	-
Melanie Kiely	89,376	-
Jane Muirsmith	86,819	-

Changes in state of affairs

Other than matters dealt with in this report there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Group during the financial year.



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Dividends

Total dividends paid during the financial year ended 30 June 2021 were \$28,449k (2020: \$24,359k), which included:

- A final fully franked ordinary dividend of \$12,614k (4.7 cents per fully paid share) was declared out of profits of the Company for 2020 and paid on 29 September 2020.
- An interim fully franked ordinary dividend of \$15,835k (5.9 cents per fully paid share) was declared out of profits of the Company for 2021 and paid on 18 March 2021.

A final fully franked ordinary dividend of \$19,860k (7.4 cents per fully paid share) has been declared out of profits of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 and is to be paid on 23 September 2021.

Principal activities

The Group's principal activities in the course of the financial year continued to be:

- Mortgage origination and management of home loans and commercial loans; and
- Distribution of own branded home loan products, funded through its established RMBS programme and white label arrangements.

Corporate Governance Statement

The Company's Corporate Governance Statement can be found at investors.afgonline.com.au/investor/?page=corporate-governance

Review of operations

For the year ended 30 June 2021 the Group recorded a net profit after tax of \$51,304k, which is 34.7% above the prior period (2020: \$38,078k). Revenue from operating activities was up 10.7% to \$747,043k (2020: \$675,009k) as residential settlement volumes grew by 28% and the AFG Securities loan book was up 16.5%.

The increase in profit was attributable to the following:

- AFG Securities loan book growing by 16.5% to \$3.39B (2020: \$2.91B).
- Increased residential trail book of 7.8% to \$166.6B (2020: \$154.6B).
- Increased residential settlements of 27.8% to \$43.6B (2020: \$34.1B).
- Increased AFGHL white label settlements of 17.8% to \$2.10B (2020: \$1.79B).

Net cash flows from operating activities \$58,602k (2020: \$40,316k) was a result of increased interest income, growth in the AFGHL white label trail books and favourable working capital movements when compared to prior period. The increased AFGS loan book provides a solid platform to generate increased ongoing cashflow and earnings in future years. AFG continues to generate strong cash flows and this will enable AFG to continue to invest to generate future growth.

During the year ended 30 June 2021, AFGS (wholly owned subsidiary of Australian Finance Group Ltd) successfully priced three Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (RMBS) issuances:

- A\$700M RMBS issue in July 2020
- A\$500M Non-conforming RMBS issue in October 2020; and
- A\$750M RMBS issue in May 2021.

COVID-19, as well as measures to slow the spread of the virus, have had a significant impact on global economies and equity, debt and commodity markets. The Group has considered the impact of COVID-19 and other market volatility in preparing the financial statements.

The 30 June results included a provision for impairment charges due to the expected economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The expected credit loss (ECL) provision has remained at \$3,272k for the year ended 30 June 2021 (2020: \$3,272k). Impairment charges are discussed further in Note 3(b)(ii) and Note 29 of the 2021 Annual Report.

Given the dynamic and evolving nature of COVID-19, changes may arise to the estimates and outcomes that have been applied in the measurement of the Group assets and liabilities in the future.

In response to the current pandemic, the Group has provided support to its customers and brokers by implementing a range of initiatives, such as granting deferrals of loan repayments if required.

The following table reconciles the unaudited underlying earnings to the reported profit after tax for the period in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards:

	30 June 2021		30 June 2020	
<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	Operating income	Profit after tax	Operating income	Profit after tax
Underlying results from continuing operations	671,029	49,586	600,137	36,266
Change in the carrying value of trailing commissions contract asset and payable	76,014	1,718	74,872	1,812
Total result from operating activities	747,043	51,304	675,009	38,078



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Likely developments and expected results

The Group will continue to provide choice and lead the market by building on the strengths of our traditional wholesale mortgage broking business while developing our significant distribution network to access other areas of the finance market.

Further information about likely developments in the operations and the expected results of those operations in future financial years have not been included in this report because disclosure of the information would, in the opinion of the Directors, be likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Group.

Environmental regulation

The Group is not subject to any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory in respect of its activities.

Subsequent events

On 12 July 2021, the Group successfully acquired an 8.04% interest in Volt Corporation Limited, and entered into a strategic alliance with Australia's first neobank.

On 23 July 2021, the Group noted the expiry date of the Connective merger of 31 August 2021. The Connective merger is unlikely to proceed due to the length of time the Connective court case judgment has taken to date.

On 26 August 2021, the Directors recommended the payment of a dividend of 7.4 cents per fully paid ordinary share, fully franked based on tax paid at 30%. The dividend has a record date of 7 September 2021 and a payment date of 23 September 2021. The aggregate amount of the proposed dividend expected to be paid

out of retained earnings at 30 June 2021 is \$19,860k. The financial effect of this dividend has not been brought to account in the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021.

There has not been any matter or circumstance, other than that referred to in the financial statements or notes thereto, that has arisen since the end of the financial year, that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Group, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Group in future financial years.

Share options

There were no options issued or exercised during the financial year (2020: Nil).

Indemnification of insurance of directors and officers

During the financial year, the Group paid a premium in respect of a contract insuring the Directors of the Group (as named above) against a liability incurred as a Director 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.

Indemnification of auditors

To the extent permitted by law, the Company has agreed to indemnify its auditors, Ernst & Young Australia, as part of the terms of its audit engagement agreement against claims by third parties arising from the audit (for an unspecified amount). No payment has been made to indemnify Ernst & Young Australia during or since the financial year.

Directors' meetings

The number of Directors' meetings (excluding circulatory resolutions) held during the year and each Director's attendance at those meetings is set out in the table below.

The Directors met as a Board 13 times during the year. 11 meetings were main meetings, and 2 meetings were convened to consider special business. Special meetings are convened at a time to enable the maximum number of Directors to attend and are generally held to consider specific items that cannot be held over to the next scheduled main meeting. Apologies were received from Directors in all instances where they were unable to attend a meeting.

Directors' Board Meetings				
	Main Meetings Held	Main Meetings Attended	Special Meetings Held	Special Meetings Attended
Tony Gill	11	11	2	2
Brett McKeon	11	11	2	2
Malcolm Watkins	11	11	2	2
Craig Carter	11	11	2	2
Melanie Kiely	11	11	2	1
Jane Muirsmith	11	11	2	2

Committee membership

As at the date of this report the Company had an Audit Committee, Remuneration and Nomination Committee, and a Risk and Compliance Committee.

Members acting on the Committees of the Board during the year were:

Audit	Remuneration and Nomination	Risk and Compliance
Craig Carter ^(C)	Melanie Kiely ^(C)	Jane Muirsmith ^(C)
Melanie Kiely	Craig Carter	Craig Carter
Jane Muirsmith	Jane Muirsmith	Melanie Kiely

Notes

^(C) designates the Chair of the Committee

The following table sets out the number of meetings of the Committees of the Board and the number of meetings attended by each Director who is/was a member of that Committee:

Committee Meetings						
Directors	Audit		Remuneration and Nomination		Risk and Compliance	
	Maximum Possible Meetings	Attended	Maximum Possible Meetings	Attended	Maximum Possible Meetings	Attended
Craig Carter	4	4	5	5	6	6
Melanie Kiely	4	4	5	5	6	6
Jane Muirsmith	4	4	5	5	6	6

Rounding

The amounts contained in this report and in the financial report have been rounded to the nearest \$1,000 (where rounding is applicable) and where noted (\$000) under the option available to the Company under ASIC Corporations Instrument 2016/191. The Company is an entity to which the class order applies.

Non-audit services

The following non-audit services were provided by the entity's auditor, Ernst & Young. The Directors are satisfied that the provision of non-audit services is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the Corporations Act 2001.

The Directors are of the opinion that the services as disclosed in Note 10 to the Financial Statements do not compromise the external auditor's independence, based on advice received from the Audit Committee, for the following reasons:

- All non-audit services have been reviewed and approved to ensure that they do not impact the integrity and objectivity of the auditor; and
- None of the services undermine the general principles relating to auditor independence as set out in APES 110 'Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants' issued by the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board, including reviewing or auditing the auditor's own work, acting in a management or decision-making capacity for the Company, acting as advocate for the Company or jointly sharing economic risks and rewards.

The nature and scope of each type of non-audit service provided means that auditor independence was not compromised.

Ernst & Young received or is due to receive the following amounts for the provision of non-audit services:

		\$
Other non-audit services	55,000	
	<u>55,000</u>	

Auditor's independence declaration

The auditor's independence declaration is included on page 42 of this financial report for the year ended 30 June 2021.

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

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Partner Support

Remuneration Report

Dear Shareholder,

On behalf of the Board, I am pleased to present AFG's Remuneration Report for FY21.

The AFG Board remains committed to an Executive Remuneration structure that aligns effective performance with shareholder returns and balances both of these elements in the short term and over time. Just as importantly, good conduct, adherence to responsible lending obligations and ensuring positive customer outcomes must remain front of mind as an effective 'gateway' to any incentive payment.

In setting our remuneration structure and targets, we value and seek the feedback of our shareholders, stakeholders and proxy advisors. Over time, we have incorporated this feedback into our revisions of the Executive Remuneration framework.

For FY2021, like many organisations, we had to review our remuneration structure to reflect the uncertainty in the medium to longer terms during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The modifications made to the Group's Short-Term Incentive (STI) and Long-Term Incentive (LTI) structures for FY21 are as follows:

- With the increased need to adapt strategies and priorities 100% of the STI award for all KMPs (other than COO) was allocated to NPAT rather than specific strategic outcomes. The STI targets for the COO included an allocation of 30% towards the progress of the Group's strategic IT development programme, and 70% allocated to NPAT. Importantly, NPAT remained as a gate opener (of 90%) for the payment of the IT-related performance indicator.
- With respect to the LTI, due to the difficulty in forecasting longer term earnings results, a greater weighting of the KMPs LTI award was allocated to Total Shareholder Return (TSR) given the comparable nature of this target and strong alignment to shareholder wealth creation. Historically, the split of the dollar value of an executive's LTI award has been 65% EPS and 35% TSR. In FY21 this changed to 65% TSR and 35% EPS. The TSR target will continue to include a positive absolute TSR gateway for payment to occur.
- In line with the general market, the uncertainty created by the COVID-19 pandemic meant the company did not make any increases to fixed remuneration for KMP in FY20/21.

For FY22, given the increased level of market certainty, the following modifications have been made to the remuneration structure:

- STI targets have reverted to a combination of NPAT (50%) and other strategic targets (50%).
- LTI targets will retain the higher weighting to TSR (65%), due to AFG's growth and inclusion in the ASX300.
- The gateway and cap for NPAT performance has been changed from 90% and 150% to 85% and 125% respectively, reflecting the increased challenge presented by current markets and sensitivity of the Group's P&L to net interest margin (and a desire not to over reward for this).

FY21 Performance & remuneration outcomes summary

The Group delivered a record result in FY21 with strong growth in the Residential Aggregation business and AFGHL. The business achieved NPAT growth of 35% with a FY21 result of \$51.3 million, up from \$38.1 million in FY20 and representing EPS CAGR of 7.2% since FY18.

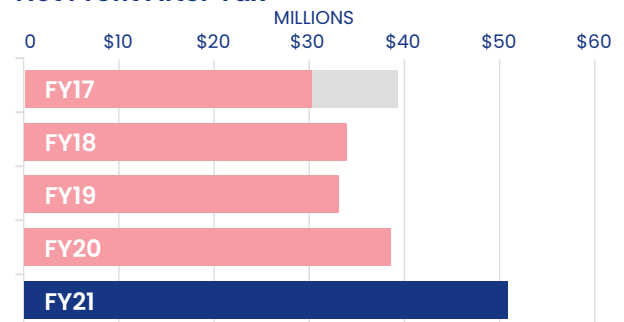
Over the TSR LTI performance period of 1 July 2018 to 1 July 2021, AFG has delivered TSR performance at the 90th and 95th percentile of the Diversified Financials and Small Industrials Indexes respectively.

Residential volumes were up 28% to a record \$43.6 billion and the AFG Securities loan book grew strongly in the second half of the year to be \$3.39 billion, up 17% on 30 June 2020. These strong results drove an increased dividend of 7.4 cents per share. When combined with the interim dividend this represents a yield of approximately 5%.

In addition, the number of active brokers grew during the year, up from 2,975+ to 3,050+.

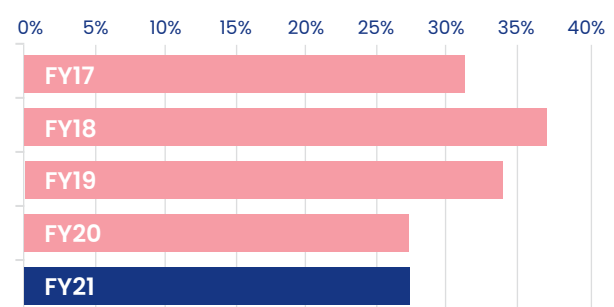
A 5-year history of AFG's NPAT, Residential, AFGHL and AFG Securities' loan books, AFG Securities Settlements, ROE and Dividends is provided below:

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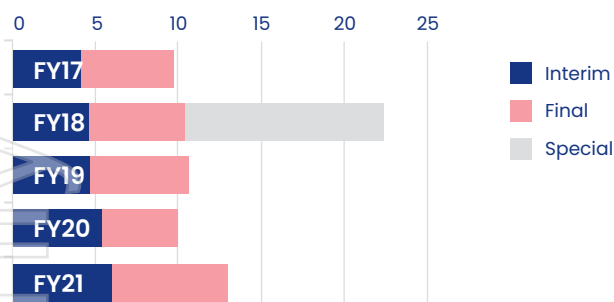


*Grey shading of FY17 NPAT shows the initial recognition of AFGHL white label trail book relating to loans settled in prior periods.

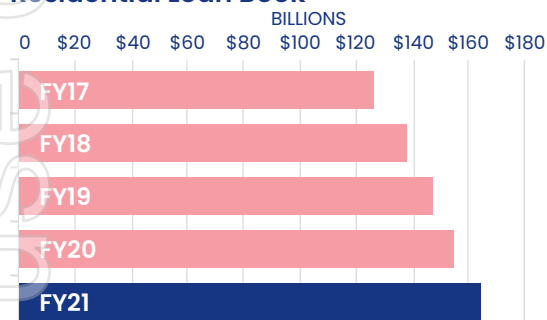
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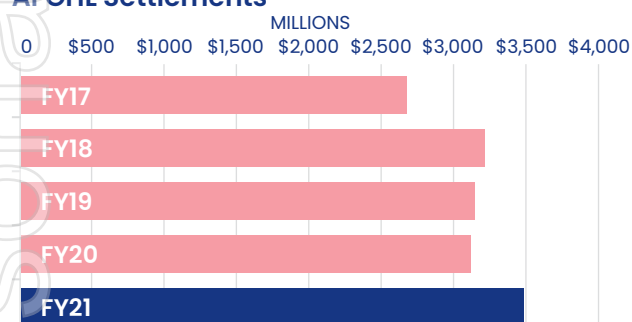
Dividends (cents per share)



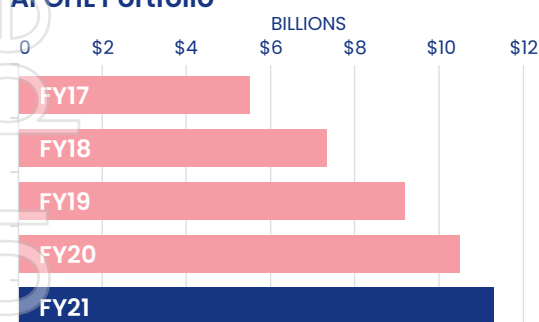
Residential Loan Book



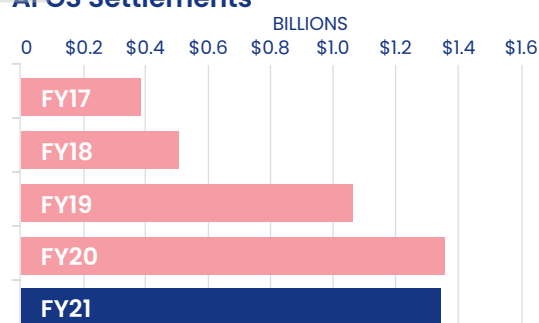
AFGHL Settlements



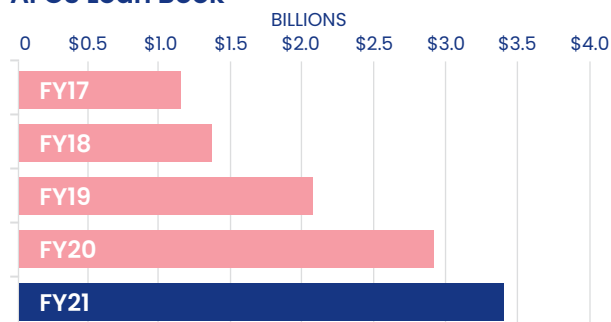
AFGHL Portfolio



AFGS Settlements



AFGS Loan Book



In line with this performance, the key remuneration outcomes, which are detailed further in the Remuneration Report include:

- Total FY21 STI NPAT payments made at 150% (capped), an outstanding result in an uncertain year.
- While significant progress has been made in the Group's IT development programme, delivery timeframes have been impacted by a number of factors including COVID-19 lockdowns and strict travel restrictions and a decision to increase scope. As a consequence, the programme target in the COO's STI measures for FY21 was not fully achieved, and has therefore been retained by the board. Using this same discretion, the board has retained 20% of the CEO's target STI opportunity. These payments will be disbursed at the board's discretion subject to satisfactory future delivery of the IT Program.
- Performance rights associated with the EPS target vested at 72% reflecting the EPS CAGR of 7.2% since FY18.
- Performance rights associated with TSR targets vested at 150% (Diversified Financials – 90th percentile) and 150% (Small Industrials – 90th percentile).

We are pleased with the outcome for our executive team as it reflects the excellent business performance and the foundations built for the long term growth of the company. It also aligns with our shareholder returns for the period and builds the foundation for potential returns into the future.

We continue to believe the Group's remuneration structure delivers outcomes that reflect an appropriate balance between shareholder returns and the ability to attract and incentivise a high performing management team. This balance is something we will continue to review as we navigate these uncertain times.

Further detail on these remuneration results is provided in section 3 of the annual report. These results, fittingly reflect the outcomes of a very successful year for AFG.

Melanie Kiely

Chair, Remuneration & Nomination Committee

1. Introduction

The Remuneration Report outlines AFG's remuneration philosophy, framework and outcomes for all Non-Executive Directors, Executive Directors and other Key Management Personnel (collectively KMP). The report is written in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 (the Corporations Act) and its regulations. This information has been audited as required by section 308(3C) of the Corporations Act.

2. Key Management Personnel

KMP are those persons who have specific responsibility for planning, directing and controlling material activities of the Group. In this report, "Executives" refers to the KMP excluding the Non-Executive Directors (NED).

The current KMPs of the Group for the entire financial year unless otherwise stated are as follows:

Non-Executive Directors			
Anthony Gill	Non-Executive Chairman	Appointed 28 August 2008	13 years
Craig Carter ¹	Non-Executive Director	Appointed 25 March 2015	6 years
Melanie Kiely ²	Non-Executive Director	Appointed 31 March 2016	5 years
Jane Muirsmith ³	Non-Executive Director	Appointed 31 March 2016	5 years
Brett McKeon ⁴	Non-Executive Director	Transitioned 1 July 2019	25 years
Executive Director			
Malcolm Watkins	Executive Director	Appointed 8 December 1997	24 years
Executives			
David Bailey	Chief Executive Officer	Appointed 16 June 2017	
Lisa Bevan	Company Secretary	Appointed 9 March 1998	
Ben Jenkins	Chief Financial Officer	Appointed 14 December 2015	
John Sanger	Chief Operating Officer	Appointed 6 March 2018	

⁽¹⁾ Craig Carter is Chair of the Audit Committee.

⁽²⁾ Melanie Kiely is Chair of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee.

⁽³⁾ Jane Muirsmith is Chair of the Risk and Compliance Committee.

⁽⁴⁾ Brett McKeon was appointed to the Board 19 June 1996 and transitioned to Non-Executive Director effective 1 July 2019.

Other than Brett McKeon, all Non-Executive Directors listed above are Independent Directors.

The average tenure for the AFG Board is 13 years.

3. Executive remuneration structures

The Group aims to reward Executives with a level of remuneration commensurate with their responsibilities and position within the Group and their ability to influence shareholder value creation within the context of appropriate conduct.

The remuneration framework links rewards with the strategic goals and performance of the Group and provides a market competitive mix of both fixed and variable rewards including a blend of short and long-term incentives. The variable (or "at risk") remuneration of Executives is linked to the Group performance through outcomes based measures linked to the absolute and relative performance of the business. As is appropriate, conduct continues to be an absolute gateway for incentive payment.

AFG Business Strategy

To provide customers choice and lead the market by continuing to build on the strengths of our core wholesale mortgage broking business while developing our significant distribution network to access other areas of the finance market.

Executive Remuneration Strategy

Remuneration component	Performance measure	Strategic objective/performance link
Fixed annual remuneration (FAR) Comprises base salary, superannuation contributions and other benefits	Key roles and responsibilities as set out in the individual's employment contract and position description.	<p>To provide competitive fixed remuneration set with reference to role, market and experience in order to attract, retain and engage key talent.</p> <p>Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role and responsibility • External benchmarking • Contribution, competencies and capabilities • Company size and performance
Short-term incentive (STI) Paid in cash	<p>Group Financial Measures FY21:</p> <p>Given the uncertain economic environment, the majority of KMP had 100% of their STI allocated to the Group's NPAT target.</p> <p>Given the critical nature of our broker IT systems, the STI targets for the COO included an allocation of 30% towards the progress of the Group's strategic IT development programme with 70% allocated to NPAT.</p> <p>Group Financial Measures FY22:</p> <p>50% allocation to NPAT, 30% to AFGS book growth and 20% to KPI's linked to broker technology project.</p>	Rewards Executives for their contribution to achievement of Group outcome and the achievement of strategically relevant KPI targets in the given financial year.
Long-term incentive (LTI) Awards are made in the form of performance rights	<p>FY21 & 22 grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35% of a KMP's entitlement allocated to a 3-year CAGR EPS target. • 65% of a KMP's entitlement allocated to relative TSR targets, 50% measure against the ASX Diversified Financials Index and 50% against the ASX Small Industrials Index. Both TSR targets include a gateway requirement for absolute TSR to be positive. 	<p>Ensures a strong link to the long-term creation of shareholder value.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAGR EPS was chosen as a performance hurdle as it is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » A key indicator of the creation and growth in shareholder value over the long term. » Provides a reliable measurement of the creation of shareholder value, and has been given a lower weighting due to the ongoing difficulty in long term forecasts with a greater weighting given to TSR. • TSR was chosen as a performance hurdle as it: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Provides a relative, external market performance measure with a requirement for TSR to be at least positive even if relative performance against Indices is on target. This will help to ensure Executive remuneration is clearly tied to positive shareholder value creation.

3.1 Executive remuneration outcomes

STI award outcomes FY21

The combined cash bonus pool available to be paid to the Executives for on target performance in the 2021 financial year was \$541,884 and the minimum is nil. For the 2021 financial year, 150% of the target STI NPAT bonus amount was achieved by the Executives as outlined below. The technology measure for the Group's COO has been deferred along with 20% of the CEO's original STI entitlement pending completion of certain project milestones.

Target	FY20 000's	FY21 000's	Growth	Payment
NPAT (\$'000)	\$38,078	\$51,304	35%	150%
Total				150%

	Target STI opportunity	As a % of fixed remuneration	STI outcome	% Achieved	% Retained	% Forfeited
D. Bailey	\$229,000	40%	\$297,700	130%	20%	0%
M. Watkins	\$22,556	17%	\$33,834	150%	0%	0%
L. Bevan ¹	\$88,128	33%	\$132,192	150%	0%	0%
B. Jenkins	\$90,000	31%	\$135,000	150%	0%	0%
J. Sanger	\$112,200	34%	\$117,810	105%	30%	0%
Total	\$541,884		\$716,536			

1. L. Bevan is employed on a part time basis 4 days per week.

LTI award outcomes FY21

For the 2021 financial year, 109% of the target LTI bonus (granted in FY19) was achieved by the Executives as outlined below. This is reflective of stretch performance against target for CAGR EPS and TSR.

Measure	Target	Achieved	% Achieved
CAGR EPS	10%	7.2%	72%
TSR Small Industrials	75th Percentile	95th Percentile	150%
TRS Diversified Industrials	75th Percentile	90th Percentile	150%

Performance Rights	Target LTI opportunity	LTI outcome	% Achieved	% Forfeited
D. Bailey	255,131	278,260	109%	0%
B. McKeon*	20,114	21,938	109%	0%
M. Watkins	20,114	21,938	109%	0%
L. Bevan	78,222	85,313	109%	0%
B. Jenkins	77,313	84,322	109%	0%
J. Sanger	81,861	89,282	109%	0%
Total	532,755	581,053	109%	

* B. McKeon was MD of AFG at the commencement of the LTI period (1 July 2017) and as he continued to be employed as an Executive Director (and transitioned to Non-Executive Director from 1 July 2020) his rights were not forfeited.

3.2 Fixed annual remuneration

No significant changes to the remuneration structure were required during the financial year.

The targeted remuneration mix for:

- The CEO is 38% fixed and 62% variable (at risk): and
- Other members of the Executive team are in the range of 47% to 75% fixed and 25% to 53% variable (at risk).

3.3 STI plan

AFG Executives are entitled to participate in AFG's STI plan. The amount of the STI award each participant may become entitled to (if any) will be determined by the Remuneration and Nomination Committee based on achievement against set performance targets.

Objective	The AFG STI plan rewards Executives for the achievement of objectives directly linked to AFG's business strategy that is focused on earnings diversification and providing choice and competition to consumers.
Participation	All Executives
STI opportunity	The STI available to each Executive is set at a level based on role, responsibilities and market data for the achievement of stretching targets against specific KPIs. The target STI opportunity for each Executive in FY21 is listed at 3.1 as an absolute dollar amount and as a percentage of the Executive's fixed base.
Performance period	The performance period is the relevant Financial Year. KPIs and weightings are set and reviewed each year to ensure that the STI targets remain relevant for the current environment and Executives remain focused on clear goals for the period.
Link between performance and reward	<p>The KPI targets are selected based on what needs to be achieved over each financial performance period to deliver the business strategy over the long term. In FY22 50% of the STI target for all KMPs will be allocated to NPAT, 30% to AFGS book growth and 20% to KPI's linked to the broker technology project.</p> <p>The weightings for each KPI is set for each performance period based on the specific business targets set by the Board. A minimum threshold hurdle is set for each KPI included in the scorecard before any payment is made in respect of that KPI measure. In order for any STI award to be payable, a conduct gateway including leadership qualities must also be achieved.</p>
Assessment of performance	The Board reviews and approves the performance assessment and STI payments for the CEO and all other Executives.
Payment method	STI payments are delivered as cash.

3.4 FY22 STI opportunity

Offers to participate in STI awards for 2022 were made to Executives under the STI plan on the terms set out below.

The amount of the STI award each participant may become entitled to (if any) will be determined by the Remuneration and Nomination Committee and approved by the Board based on achievement against the targeted NPAT (50%), AFGS book growth (30%) and to the KPI's linked to the broker technology project (20%) and as approved by the Board. More broadly the allocation of targets is dependent upon the Executive's role in the business, however all have a substantial proportion of their STI linked to a NPAT target.

3.5 The LTI plan – 2020, 2021 and 2022 Grants

AFG has established the LTI plan to assist in the longer-term motivation, retention and reward of KMP and certain senior employees. The LTI plan is designed to align the interests of Executives and senior management with the interests of shareholders by providing an opportunity for the participants to receive an equity interest in AFG and to ensure a focus on long term sustainable growth. Details of the LTI grants are provided below.

	2020 LTI Grant	2021 & 2022 LTI Grant
Instrument	Performance rights to acquire ordinary AFG shares	Performance rights to acquire ordinary AFG shares
Quantum	65% of an Executive's annual LTI entitlement weighted to an EPS target 35% of an Executive's annual LTI entitlement weighted to relative TSR targets	35% of an Executive's annual LTI entitlement weighted to an EPS target 65% of an Executive's annual LTI entitlement weighted to relative TSR targets
Grant date	1 July 2019, other than those approved at the 2019 AGM	1 July 2020 & 2021 other than those approved at the 2020 AGM and those subject to approval at the 2021 AGM.
Grant date fair value	TSR Small Industrials Index 2020 \$1.04; TSR Diversified Financials Index 2020 \$0.98; EPS \$1.58 (being the 20-day Volume Weighted Average Price leading up to 30 June 2020)	TSR Small Industrials Index 2021 \$1.153; 2022 \$1.910. TSR Diversified Financials Index 2021 \$1.149; 2022 \$1.770. EPS \$1.796 (being the 20-day Volume Weighted Average Price leading up to 30 June 2021) EPS \$2.750 (being the 20-day Volume Weighted Average Price leading up to 30 June 2020)
Gateway performance measure	TSR – Absolute TSR must be positive EPS – 2.5% CAGR EPS	TSR – Absolute TSR must be positive EPS – 2.5% CAGR EPS Given the uncertain economic environment resulting from the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic a 3-year EPS CAGR gateway is considered appropriate. This uncertainty was also a factor in changing the weighting of the LTI award further towards TSR.
Key performance measure	TSR Relative Total Shareholder Return (pro-rata vesting between hurdles) 50% measured against the Diversified Financials Index, 50% against Small Industrials 50th Percentile – 50% vesting 75th Percentile – 100% vesting 85th Percentile – 125% vesting (stretch target) 90th Percentile – 150% vesting (stretch target) EPS accretion 2.5% CAGR – 50% vesting 5% CAGR – 100% vesting 7.5% CAGR – 150% vesting (stretch target)	TSR Relative Total Shareholder Return (pro-rata vesting between hurdles) 50% measured against the Diversified Financials Index, 50% against Small Industrials 50th Percentile – 50% vesting 75th Percentile – 100% vesting 85th Percentile – 125% vesting (stretch target) 90th Percentile – 150% vesting (stretch target) EPS accretion 2.5% CAGR – 50% vesting 5% CAGR – 100% vesting 7.5% CAGR – 150% vesting (stretch target)
Performance & service period	1 July 2019 – 30 June 2022 (FY20 Grant)	1 July 2020 – 30 June 2023 (FY21 Grant) 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2024 (FY22 Grant)
Performance assessment	30 June 2022 Performance period not yet complete.	30 June 2023 and 30 June 2024 Performance period not yet complete.

LTI Plan Rules & Design Considerations

TSR

TSR encapsulates performance across the underlying key performance measures throughout the business aimed at achieving targeted business outcomes that will result in increased shareholder wealth through share price growth and dividends. TSR is measured against the ASX Diversified Financials Index (50%) and against the ASX Small Industries Index (50%). Both TSR targets include a gateway requirement for absolute TSR to be positive.

Link between performance and reward

Stretch targets are available giving Executives the opportunity to increase the number of performance rights by up to 50% for exceptional performance.

EPS

Long term EPS accretion targets are set at levels that are challenging yet achievable in a sustainable manner. EPS directly links creation of shareholder wealth to the delivery of the businesses strategy over a long term period.

Stretch targets are available giving Executives the opportunity to increase the number of performance rights by up to 50% for exceptional performance.

Cessation of employment

If the participant ceases employment for cause or resigns, unless the Board determines otherwise, any unvested Performance Rights will automatically lapse.

Generally, if the participant ceases employment for any other reason, all of their unvested Performance Rights will remain on foot and subject to the original performance condition. However, the Board retains discretion to determine that some of their Rights (up to a pro rata portion based on how much of the Performance Period remains) will lapse.

Dividends & voting

The Performance Rights do not carry dividends or voting rights prior to vesting.

Clawback and preventing inappropriate benefits

The Plan Rules provide the Board with broad 'clawback' powers if, amongst other things, the participant has acted fraudulently or dishonestly, engaged in gross misconduct or has acted in a manner that has brought AFG or its related bodies corporate into disrepute. This would include circumstances where there is a material financial misstatement, or AFG is required or entitled under law or Company policy to reclaim remuneration from the participant, or the participant's entitlements vest as a result of the fraud, dishonesty or breach of obligations of any other person and the Board is of the opinion that the incentives would not have otherwise vested.

Change of control

In a situation where there is likely to be a change of control, the Board has the discretion to accelerate vesting of some or all of the Performance Rights. Where only some of the Performance Rights have vested on a change of control, the remainder of the Performance Rights will immediately lapse. If the change of control occurs before the Board exercises its discretion:

- a pro-rata portion of the Performance Rights equal to the portion of the relevant Performance Period that has elapsed up to the expected or actual (as appropriate) date of the change of control will immediately vest; and
- the Board may, in its absolute discretion, decide whether the balance should vest or lapse.

Restrictions on dealing

The participant must not sell, transfer, encumber, hedge or otherwise deal with Performance Rights.

Unless the Board determines otherwise, the participant will be free to deal with the Shares allocated on vesting of the Performance Rights, subject to the requirements of AFG's Policy for dealing in securities.

Reconstructions, corporate action, rights issues, bonus issues, etc.

The rules of the LTI Plan include specific provisions dealing with rights issues, bonus issues, and corporate actions and other capital reconstructions. These provisions are intended to ensure that there is no material advantage or disadvantage to the participant in respect of their Performance Rights as a result of such corporate actions.

4. Statutory remuneration tables

Executive remuneration for the years ended 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2020

KMP		Short-term			Post employment			Other Bonuses	Long-term	Share-based payments		Other Payments	Total Remuneration	Proportion of remuneration
		Salary & fees	Cash bonus	Non-monetary benefits	Total	Superannuation	Retirement benefits			Rights	Shares			
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
D. Bailey	2021	550,556	297,700	8,067	856,323	21,694	-	-	10,369	497,187	-	-	1,385,573	57%
	2020	551,247	230,706	7,499	789,452	21,003	-	-	13,807	356,354	-	-	1,180,616	50%
M. Watkins ¹	2021	121,618	33,834	4,628	160,080	13,525	-	-	2,340	17,378	-	-	193,323	26%
	2020	121,618	22,724	6,952	151,294	11,554	-	-	2,508	18,331	-	-	183,687	22%
L. Bevan ²	2021	248,810	132,192	8,067	389,069	21,694	-	-	4,789	155,302	-	-	570,854	50%
	2020	249,501	88,785	7,499	345,785	21,003	-	-	4,803	110,657	-	-	482,248	41%
B. Jenkins	2021	268,306	135,000	8,067	411,373	21,694	-	-	28,631	158,996	-	-	620,694	47%
	2020	268,997	90,671	7,499	367,167	21,003	-	-	-	112,329	-	-	500,499	41%
J. Sanger	2021	304,706	117,810	8,067	430,583	21,694	-	-	-	172,859	-	-	625,136	46%
	2020	305,397	113,036	7,499	425,932	21,003	-	-	-	129,763	-	-	576,698	42%
Total	2021	1,493,996	716,536	36,896	2,247,428	100,301	-	-	46,129	1,001,722	-	-	3,395,580	51%
Total	2020	1,496,760	545,922	36,948	2,079,630	95,566	-	-	21,118	727,434	-	-	2,923,748	44%

Notes:

1. M. Watkins is employed on a part time basis 2 days per week.

2. L. Bevan is employed on a part time basis 4 days per week

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

5. Non-Executive Director remuneration

5.1 Remuneration policy

The Board seeks to set aggregate remuneration at a level that provides the Company with the ability to attract and retain Directors of the highest calibre, whilst incurring a cost that is acceptable to shareholders and in line with the market. The amount of aggregate remuneration sought to be approved by shareholders and the fee structure is reviewed annually against fees paid to NEDs of comparable companies. The Board may consider advice from external consultants when undertaking the annual review process as appropriate.

The Company's constitution and the ASX listing rules specify that the NED fee pool shall be determined from time to time by a general meeting. The latest determination was the Shareholders meeting held on 24 April 2015 when shareholders approved an aggregate fee pool of \$1,000,000 per year. The Board will be seeking to increase the NED pool to \$1.2m at the 2021 AGM to cover the increase in relative market pay for NED's since this date.

5.2 Structure

The remuneration of NEDs consists of Directors' fees, which is inclusive of statutory superannuation and Committee fees (if any). The below summarises the NED fees:

- Chairman: \$158,000 inclusive of superannuation
- Non-Executive Directors: \$95,000 inclusive of superannuation

NEDs do not receive retirement benefits, other than statutory superannuation contributions, nor do they participate in any incentive programs.

Directors may also be reimbursed for travel and other expenses incurred in attending to the Company's affairs. The table below outlines the NED remuneration for the years ended 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2020:

	Year	Board and Committee Fees	Short-term benefits (non-monetary)	Superannuation	Total
		\$	\$	\$	\$
T. Gill	2021	144,292	-	13,708	158,000
	2020	144,292	-	13,708	158,000
K. Matthews*	2021	-	-	-	-
	2020	28,285	-	2,687	30,972
C. Carter	2021	86,758	-	8,242	95,000
	2020	86,758	-	8,242	95,000
M. Kiely	2021	86,758	-	8,242	95,000
	2020	86,758	-	8,242	95,000
J. Muirsmith	2021	86,758	-	8,242	95,000
	2020	86,758	-	8,242	95,000
B. McKeon	2021	86,758	-	8,242	95,000
	2020	86,758	-	8,242	95,000
Total	2021	491,324	-	46,676	538,000
Total	2020	519,609	-	49,363	568,972

* Kevin Matthews resigned 28 October 2019

Additional disclosures relating to rights and shares

5.3 Rights awarded, vested and lapsed during the year

The table below discloses the number of rights granted to Executives as remuneration during FY19, FY20 and FY21 as well as the number of rights that vested, lapsed or forfeited during the year. Rights do not carry any voting or dividend rights and shares can be allocated once the vesting conditions have been met until their expiry date.

The 2019 plan vested on 30 June 2021 as detailed below.

KMP	Year / Tranches (T)	No. of rights awarded during the year ¹	Grant date	Fair value per rights at award date \$	Vesting date	Exercise price	Expiry date	No. forfeited during the year	No. vested during the year ¹
B. McKeon	2019 / T1	10,608	1-Jul-18	\$1.36	30-Jun-21	-	30-Jun-21	2,929	7,679
	2019 / T2	4,899	1-Jul-18	\$0.79	30-Jun-21	-	30-Jun-21	-	7,348
	2019 / T3	4,607	1-Jul-18	\$0.84	30-Jun-21	-	30-Jun-21	-	6,911
M. Watkins	2019 / T1	10,608	1-Jul-18	\$1.36	30-Jun-21	-	30-Jun-21	2,929	7,679
	2019 / T2	4,899	1-Jul-18	\$0.79	30-Jun-21	-	30-Jun-21	-	7,348
	2019 / T3	4,607	1-Jul-18	\$0.84	30-Jun-21	-	30-Jun-21	-	6,911
	2020 / T1	9,285	1-Jul-19	\$1.58	30-Jun-22	-	30-Jun-22	-	-
	2020 / T2	4,028	1-Jul-19	\$0.98	30-Jun-22	-	30-Jun-22	-	-
	2020 / T3	3,795	1-Jul-19	\$1.04	30-Jun-22	-	30-Jun-22	-	-
	2021 / T1	4,396	1-Jul-20	\$1.80	30-Jun-23	-	30-Jun-23	-	-
	2021 / T2	6,386	1-Jul-20	\$1.15	30-Jun-23	-	30-Jun-23	-	-
	2021 / T3	6,358	1-Jul-20	\$1.15	30-Jun-23	-	30-Jun-23	-	-
L. Bevan	2019 / T1	41,255	1-Jul-18	\$1.36	30-Jun-21	-	30-Jun-21	11,393	29,862
	2019 / T2	19,051	1-Jul-18	\$0.79	30-Jun-21	-	30-Jun-21	-	28,576
	2019 / T3	17,916	1-Jul-18	\$0.84	30-Jun-21	-	30-Jun-21	-	26,876
	2020 / T1	90,276	1-Jul-19	\$1.58	30-Jun-22	-	30-Jun-22	-	-
	2020 / T2	39,161	1-Jul-19	\$0.98	30-Jun-22	-	30-Jun-22	-	-
	2020 / T3	36,901	1-Jul-19	\$1.04	30-Jun-22	-	30-Jun-22	-	-
	2021 / T1	42,737	1-Jul-20	\$1.80	30-Jun-23	-	30-Jun-23	-	-
	2021 / T2	62,084	1-Jul-20	\$1.15	30-Jun-23	-	30-Jun-23	-	-
	2021 / T3	61,815	1-Jul-20	\$1.15	30-Jun-23	-	30-Jun-23	-	-

Additional disclosures relating to rights and shares

5.3 Rights awarded, vested and lapsed during the year (continued)

KMP	Year / Tranches (T)	No. of rights awarded during the year ¹	Grant date	Fair value per rights at award date \$	Vesting date	Exercise price	Expiry date	No. forfeited during the year	No. vested during the year ¹
D. Bailey	2019 / T1	134,557	1-Jul-18	\$1.36	30-Jun-21	-	30-Jun-21	37,158	97,399
	2019 / T2	62,136	1-Jul-18	\$0.79	30-Jun-21	-	30-Jun-21	-	93,204
	2019 / T3	58,438	1-Jul-18	\$0.84	30-Jun-21	-	30-Jun-21	-	87,657
	2020 / T1	288,672	1-Jul-19	\$1.58	30-Jun-22	-	30-Jun-22	-	-
	2020 / T2	125,223	1-Jul-19	\$0.98	30-Jun-22	-	30-Jun-22	-	-
	2020 / T3	117,999	1-Jul-19	\$1.04	30-Jun-22	-	30-Jun-22	-	-
	2021 / T1	136,658	1-Jul-20	\$1.80	30-Jun-23	-	30-Jun-23	-	-
	2021 / T2	198,525	1-Jul-20	\$1.15	30-Jun-23	-	30-Jun-23	-	-
	2021 / T3	197,664	1-Jul-20	\$1.15	30-Jun-23	-	30-Jun-23	-	-
B. Jenkins	2019 / T1	40,775	1-Jul-18	\$1.36	30-Jun-21	-	30-Jun-21	11,260	29,515
	2019 / T2	18,830	1-Jul-18	\$0.79	30-Jun-21	-	30-Jun-21	-	28,243
	2019 / T3	17,708	1-Jul-18	\$0.84	30-Jun-21	-	30-Jun-21	-	26,562
	2020 / T1	92,622	1-Jul-19	\$1.58	30-Jun-22	-	30-Jun-22	-	-
	2020 / T2	40,178	1-Jul-19	\$0.98	30-Jun-22	-	30-Jun-22	-	-
	2020 / T3	37,861	1-Jul-19	\$1.04	30-Jun-22	-	30-Jun-22	-	-
	2021 / T1	43,847	1-Jul-20	\$1.80	30-Jun-23	-	30-Jun-23	-	-
	2021 / T2	63,698	1-Jul-20	\$1.15	30-Jun-23	-	30-Jun-23	-	-
	2021 / T3	63,422	1-Jul-20	\$1.15	30-Jun-23	-	30-Jun-23	-	-
J. Sanger	2019 / T1	43,174	1-Jul-18	\$1.36	30-Jun-21	-	30-Jun-21	11,923	31,251
	2019 / T2	19,937	1-Jul-18	\$0.79	30-Jun-21	-	30-Jun-21	-	29,905
	2019 / T3	18,750	1-Jul-18	\$0.84	30-Jun-21	-	30-Jun-21	-	28,125
	2020 / T1	100,855	1-Jul-19	\$1.58	30-Jun-22	-	30-Jun-22	-	-
	2020 / T2	43,750	1-Jul-19	\$0.98	30-Jun-22	-	30-Jun-22	-	-
	2020 / T3	41,226	1-Jul-19	\$1.04	30-Jun-22	-	30-Jun-22	-	-
	2021 / T1	47,745	1-Jul-20	\$1.80	30-Jun-23	-	30-Jun-23	-	-
	2021 / T2	69,360	1-Jul-20	\$1.15	30-Jun-23	-	30-Jun-23	-	-
	2021 / T3	69,059	1-Jul-20	\$1.15	30-Jun-23	-	30-Jun-23	-	-

* T1 – Earnings Per Share allocation

T2 – TSR (Diversified Financials) allocation

T3 – TSR (Small Industrials) allocation

¹ Number vested during the year is calculated on T1 72%, T2 150% and T3 150%

5.4 Shareholdings of KMP

Ordinary shares held in Australian Finance Group Limited ASX:AFG (number)

30 June 2021	Balance 1 July 2020	Shares issued on vesting of rights	Sold during the period	Net change other ²	Balance 30 June 2021 ¹	Held nominally
Directors						
T. Gill	1,329,546	-	-	-	1,329,546	1,152,274
B. McKeon	16,289,779	20,915	-	-	16,310,694	16,310,694
M. Watkins	17,462,284	31,372	-	-	17,493,656	17,414,195
C. Carter	960,714	-	-	-	960,714	960,714
M. Kiely	89,376	-	-	-	89,376	89,376
J. Muirsmith	86,819	-	-	-	86,819	86,819
Executives						
L. Bevan	1,280,304	81,035	(262,854)	-	1,098,485	98,485
D. Bailey	1,198,744	265,293	(160,000)	-	1,304,037	609,334
B. Jenkins	50,403	81,999	(38,500)	-	93,902	-
J. Sanger	35,081	63,551	-	-	98,632	-

¹ Includes shares held directly, indirectly and beneficially by the KMP

² Direct market purchase due to equity raising

30 June 2020	Balance 1 July 2019	Shares issued on vesting of rights	Sold during the period	Net change other ²	Balance 30 June 2020 ¹	Held nominally
Directors						
T. Gill	1,125,000	-	-	204,546	1,329,546	1,152,274
B. McKeon	21,179,773	240,440	(6,000,000)	869,566	16,289,779	16,289,779
M. Watkins	19,602,689	48,089	(5,000,000)	2,811,506	17,462,284	17,424,195
C. Carter	500,000	-	-	460,714	960,714	960,714
M. Kiely	67,164	-	-	22,212	89,376	89,376
J. Muirsmith	65,000	-	-	21,819	86,819	86,819
Executives						
L. Bevan	1,533,333	115,412	(565,412)	196,971	1,280,304	98,485
D. Bailey	1,066,666	224,410	(140,000)	47,668	1,198,744	609,334
B. Jenkins	-	80,148	(37,500)	7,755	50,403	-
J. Sanger	35,000	-	-	81	35,081	-

¹ Includes shares held directly, indirectly and beneficially by the KMP

² Direct market purchase due to equity raising

6. Executive service agreements

Remuneration and other terms of employment for Executives are formalised in employment agreements. Each of these employment agreements provides for the payment of fixed and performance-based remuneration and employer superannuation contributions. The following outlines the details of these agreements:

Name	Agreement expires	Notice of termination by Company	Employee notice
M. Watkins	No expiry, continuous agreement	12 months (or payment in lieu of notice)	12 weeks
D. Bailey	No expiry, continuous agreement	12 months (or payment in lieu of notice)	12 weeks
L. Bevan	No expiry, continuous agreement	12 months (or payment in lieu of notice)	12 weeks
B. Jenkins	No expiry, continuous agreement	6 months (or payment in lieu of notice)	12 weeks
J. Sanger	No expiry, continuous agreement	6 months (or payment in lieu of notice)	12 weeks

7. Remuneration governance

7.1 Remuneration and Nomination Committee

The Remuneration and Nomination Committee is responsible for ensuring AFG has remuneration strategies and a framework that fairly and responsibly rewards Executives and Non-Executive Directors with regard to performance, the law and corporate governance. The Committee ensures that AFG remuneration policies are directly aligned to business strategy, financial performance and support increased shareholder wealth over the long term.

As at 30 June 2021 the Committee comprised independent Non-Executive Director Melanie Kiely (Chair), and independent Non-Executive Directors Craig Carter and Jane Muirsmith.

Further information on the role of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee is set out in the Committee's Charter available at www.afgonline.com.au and in the Corporate Governance Statement also available on the Company's website.

7.2 Remuneration philosophy

The performance of the Company depends upon the quality of its Directors and Executives. To prosper, the Company must attract, motivate and retain highly skilled Directors and Executives.

The Board embodies the following principles in its remuneration framework:

- Remuneration levels for KMP are set to attract and retain appropriately qualified and experienced Directors and Executives;
- Alignment of Executive reward with shareholder interest and strategy;
- The relationship between performance, conduct and remuneration of Executives is clear and transparent.

7.3 Use of independent consultants

In performing its role, the Remuneration and Nomination Committee can directly commission and receive information and advice from independent external advisors. The Committee has protocols in place to ensure that any advice and recommendations are provided in an appropriate manner and free from undue influence of management.

No remuneration advice or recommendations from independent consultants was received during the financial period ended 30 June 2021.

7.4 Policy for dealing in securities

AFG has a policy for dealing in securities to establish best practice procedures that protect AFG, Directors and employees against the misuse of unpublished information that could materially affect the value of AFG securities. Directors, Executives and their connected persons are restricted by trading windows.

7.5 Director minimum shareholding policy

During the year AFG adopted a formal Director Minimum Shareholding Policy. All Non-Executive Directors must establish and maintain a minimum level of ownership in AFG shares equal to their base annual director fees (including superannuation) within the later of 3 years of appointment and the date of adoption of the policy.

All Non-Executive Directors currently meet the minimum shareholding requirements under the policy.

7.6 Remuneration Report approval at 2020 AGM

The 30 June 2020 Remuneration Report was presented to shareholders and was approved at the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

8. Other Transactions and Balances with KMP and their Related Parties

- (i) Mr T. Gill is an Independent Director of First Mortgage Services (FMS), one of our providers of loan settlement services. During the year, the Group made payments to FMS. These dealings were in the ordinary course of business and were on normal terms and conditions. The payments made for the provision of the settlement services were \$837k (2020: \$1,038k). These payments are not considered to be material to the financial results of the Group and therefore do not impact on Mr T. Gill's independence as a Director.
- (ii) Establish Property Group Ltd (EPG) was created as part of the demerger of the property business prior to listing on the ASX on 22 April 2015. Directors of EPG include B. McKeon, D. Bailey and L. Bevan.

The Group's head office is located at 100 Havelock Street West Perth. The Group leases these premises at commercial arm's length rates from an investee of EPG, Qube Havelock Street Development Pty Ltd (Qube). AFG paid rent of \$1,150k which has been paid to Qube (2020: \$1,076k). In addition to the above McCabe Street Ltd has an outstanding loan owing to AFG amounting to \$230k (2020: \$224k), this loan is on commercial terms at arms-length. Directors of McCabe Street Ltd include B. McKeon, D. Bailey and L. Bevan.

End of Audited Remuneration Report

9. Independent Audit of Remuneration Report

The Remuneration Report has been audited by Ernst & Young. Please see page 93 of this Annual Report for Ernst & Young's report on the Remuneration Report.

This Directors' Report, including the Remuneration Report, is signed in accordance with a Resolution of Directors of AFG.



Tony Gill
Chairman

Sydney
26 August 2021

Independence declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001



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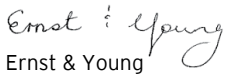
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Auditor's independence declaration to the directors of Australian Finance Group Limited

As lead auditor for the audit of the financial report of Australian Finance Group Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2021, I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- b. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of Australian Finance Group Limited and the entities it controlled during the financial year.


Ernst & Young


F Drummond
Partner

26 August 2021

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2021

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	<i>Note</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2020</i>
Assets			
Cash unrestricted	13(a)	106,930	108,147
Cash restricted	13(a)	119,118	53,381
Trade and other receivables	14	5,645	5,446
Other asset	15	15,000	-
Contract assets	16	1,050,613	974,599
Property, plant and equipment	17	693	506
Intangible assets	17	9,506	3,318
Loans and advances	18	3,403,102	2,920,773
Investment in associates	19	25,999	17,034
Right of use assets	25	4,979	6,323
Total assets		4,741,585	4,089,527
Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	20	1,036,275	950,792
Interest-bearing liabilities	21	3,457,712	2,914,562
Employee benefits	22	6,283	5,194
Current tax payable	12(b)	3,260	5,988
Provisions	23	3,327	2,787
Contract liability	24	8,681	5,619
Lease Liability	25	5,362	6,559
Deferred tax liability	12(c)	17,704	19,813
Total liabilities		4,538,604	3,911,314
Net assets		202,981	178,213
Equity			
Share capital	26(a)	102,125	102,157
Share-based payment reserve		4,572	2,604
Other capital reserves		(29)	(14)
Retained earnings		96,313	73,466
Total equity		202,981	178,213

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2021

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	<i>Note</i>	2021	2020
Continuing Operations			
Commission and other income	7	656,801	589,342
Securitisation interest income		90,242	85,667
Operating income		747,043	675,009
Commission and other cost of sales		(598,108)	(531,107)
Securitisation interest expense		(46,520)	(53,317)
Gross profit		102,415	90,585
Other income	8	14,423	14,488
Administration expenses		(7,383)	(5,770)
Impairment loss on loans and advances		-	(2,612)
Other expenses	9	(44,175)	(46,236)
Results from operating activities		65,280	50,455
Finance income	11	753	940
Finance expenses	11	(187)	(163)
Share of profit/(loss) of associates	19	4,919	2,314
Net finance and investing income		5,485	3,091
Profit before tax from continuing operations		70,765	53,546
Income tax expense	12(a)	(19,461)	(15,468)
Profit for the period		51,304	38,078
Attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		51,304	38,078
		51,304	38,078
Other comprehensive profit for the year, net of income tax		(15)	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		51,289	38,078
Earnings per share			
Basic earnings per share (cents per share)	27	19.12	17.30
Diluted earnings per share (cents per share)	27	18.88	17.09

The Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 30 June 2021

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	Share capital	Foreign currency translation reserve	Fair value reserve	Share-based payment reserve	Retained earnings	Total equity
Balance at 1 July 2019	43,541	(14)	(82)	1,630	59,747	104,822
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-
Profit	-	-	-	-	38,078	38,078
Transferred to Statement of Profit or Loss	-	-	82	-	-	82
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	82	-	38,078	38,160
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity						
Shares issued	60,001	-	-	-	-	60,001
Share issue costs (net of tax)	(1,385)	-	-	-	-	(1,385)
Dividends to equity holders	-	-	-	-	(24,359)	(24,359)
Share-based payment transactions	-	-	-	974	-	974
Total transactions with owners	58,616	-	-	974	(24,359)	35,231
Balance at 30 June 2020	102,157	(14)	-	2,604	73,466	178,213
Balance at 1 July 2020	102,157	(14)	-	2,604	73,466	178,213
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-
Movement in reserve	-	(15)	-	-	-	(15)
Profit	-	-	-	-	51,304	51,304
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(15)	-	-	51,304	51,289
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity						
Shares issued	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share issue costs (net of tax)	(32)	-	-	-	(8)	(40)
Dividends to equity holders	-	-	-	-	(28,449)	(28,449)
Share-based payment transactions	-	-	-	1,968	-	1,968
Total transactions with owners	(32)	-	-	1,968	(28,457)	(26,521)
Balance at 30 June 2021	102,125	(29)	-	4,572	96,313	202,981

The Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with Notes to the Financial Statements.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2021

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	Note	2021	2020
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash receipts from customers		597,068	521,491
Cash paid to suppliers and employees		(558,825)	(499,226)
Interest received		90,242	85,666
Interest paid		(46,520)	(53,317)
Income taxes paid		(23,363)	(14,298)
Net cash generated by operating activities	13(b)	58,602	40,316
Cash flows from investing activities			
Gross interest received		753	940
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment		(455)	(330)
Purchase of intangible assets		(6,522)	(2,645)
Additional Investment in Thinktank		(215)	(379)
Investment in MAB Broker Services Pty Ltd		(3,700)	-
Investment in Volt Corporation Ltd		(15,000)	-
Decrease in broker loans and advances		581	1,977
Net loans and advances to borrowers		(481,388)	(847,490)
Net cash used in investing activities		(505,946)	(847,927)
Cash flows used in financing activities			
Proceeds from warehouse facility		-	1,255,854
Repayments of warehouse facility		(729,500)	(602,798)
Proceeds from securitised funding facilities		1,672,390	432,543
Repayments to securitised funding facilities		(400,795)	(245,740)
Proceeds from issue of ordinary shares, net of issue costs		(40)	58,614
Payment of principal portion of lease liability		(1,742)	(1,793)
Dividends paid	26(b)	(28,449)	(24,359)
Net cash generated by financing activities		511,864	872,321
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		64,520	64,710
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July		161,528	96,818
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	13(a)	226,048	161,528

The Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements.

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1. Reporting entity

The Consolidated Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 comprise Australian Finance Group Limited (the 'Company'), which is a for profit entity and a Company domiciled in Australia and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the 'Group') and the Group's interest in associates and jointly controlled entities. The Group's principal activities in the course of the financial year were mortgage origination and lending. The Company's principal place of business is 100 Havelock Street, West Perth, Western Australia.

2. Basis of preparation

(a) Statement of compliance

The Financial Report complies with Australian Accounting Standards, and International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS') as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("AASB").

The Financial Report is a general-purpose financial report, for a 'for-profit' entity, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board. The Financial Report has also been prepared on a historical cost basis, except where noted.

The Financial Statements comprise the Consolidated Financial Statements of the AFG Group of companies.

The Financial Report is presented in Australian dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$000's) unless otherwise stated.

The Consolidated Financial Statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 26 August 2021. The Directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial report.

(b) Basis of measurement

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis except for the following material items:

- Payables relating to trailing commission are initially measured at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost;
- Contract assets are measured using the expected value method under AASB 15 "Revenue from contracts with customers".

(c) Functional and presentation currency

These Consolidated Financial Statements are presented in Australian dollars ("AUD").

The Group is of a kind referred to in ASIC Corporations Instrument 2016/191 dated 31 March 2016 and in accordance all financial information presented in Australian dollars has been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars unless otherwise stated.

(d) Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of Financial Statements in conformity with AASB's requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

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

Information about critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the Financial Statements is included in the following notes:

- Note 3(a)(i) – Consolidation of special purpose entities
- Note 3(b)(ii) – Impairment of financial assets held at amortised cost being customer loans and advances
- Note 3(i) – Expected value of trail commission income contract assets
- Note 5(a) – Impairment of contract asset

Information about assumptions and estimates that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment within the next financial years are included in the following:

- Note 3(i) and 29(d) - Determination of assumptions used in forecasting and discounting future trail commissions
- Note 28 - Measurement of share-based payments
- Note 29 - Valuation of contract assets and expected credit losses

Taxation

The Group's accounting for taxation requires Management's judgement in assessing whether deferred tax assets and certain deferred tax liabilities are recognised on the Statement of Financial Position. Deferred tax assets, including those arising from un-recouped tax losses, capital losses and temporary differences, are recognised only where it is considered more likely than not that they will be recovered, which is dependent on the generation of sufficient future taxable profits.

Assumptions about the generation of future taxable profits depend on Management's estimates of future cash flows. These depend on estimates of future income, operating costs, capital expenditure, dividends and other capital management transactions. Judgements and assumptions are also required about the application of income tax legislation. These judgments and assumptions are subject to risk uncertainty, hence there is a possibility that changes in circumstances will alter expectations, which may impact the amount of deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities recognised on the Statement of Financial Position and the amount of other tax losses and temporary differences not yet recognised. In such circumstances, some or all of the carrying amounts of recognised deferred tax assets and liabilities may require adjustment, resulting in a corresponding credit or charge to the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

(e) Changes in accounting policies and disclosures

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year except as follows:

(i) Adoption of new and revised Accounting Standards

New and revised Standards and amendments thereof and interpretations effective for the current year end that are relevant to the Group include:

- Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting
- AASB 2019-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Reference to the Conceptual Framework
- AASB 2018-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Definition of a Business
- AASB 2019-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Interest rate Benchmark reform
- AASB 2018-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Definition of Material
- AASB 2019-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of the Effect of New IFRS
- AASB 2020-4 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – COVID-19 Related Rent Concessions

The Group has adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations, including amendments to the existing standards issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (the AASB) that are relevant to their operations and effective for the current reporting period.

(ii) Accounting Standards and Interpretations Issued But Not Yet Effective

At the date of authorisation of the Financial Statements, the Standards and Interpretations that were issued but not yet effective, which have not been early adopted are listed below. The Group is still currently assessing the impact:

Affected Standards and Interpretations	Application date*	Application date for Group
AASB 2020-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2	1 January 2021	30 June 2022
AASB 2021-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – COVID-19 related rent concessions beyond 30 June 2021	1 April 2021	30 June 2022
AASB 2020-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Removal of Special Purpose Financial Statements for Certain For-Profit Private Sector Entities	1 July 2021	30 June 2022
AASB 2020-7 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – COVID-19 Related Rent Concessions: Tier 2 Disclosures	1 July 2021	30 June 2022
AASB 2020-9 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Tier 2 Disclosures: Interest Rate Benchmark Reform (Phase 2) and Other Amendments	1 July 2021	30 June 2022
AASB 2020-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual Improvements 2018-2020 and Other Amendments	1 January 2022	30 June 2023
AASB 2014-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture	1 January 2022	30 June 2023
AASB 17 Insurance Contracts	1 January 2023	30 June 2024
AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current	1 January 2023	30 June 2024
AASB 2021-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definitions of Accounting Estimates	1 January 2023	30 June 2024
AASB 2021-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a single transaction	1 January 2023	30 June 2024

*Reporting period commences on or after the application date.

3. Significant accounting policies

Except as expressly described in the Notes to the Financial Statements, the accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these Consolidated Financial Statements and have been applied consistently by all Group entities.

(a) Basis of consolidation

The Consolidated Financial Statements incorporate the Financial Statements of the Company and entities (including structured entities) controlled by the Company and its subsidiaries. Control is achieved when the Company:

- Has power over the investee
- Is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee
- Has the ability to use its power to affect its returns

When the Group has less than a majority of the voting rights or similar rights of an investee, the Group considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether it has power over an investee, including:

- The contractual arrangement with the other vote holders of the investee
- Right arising from other contractual arrangements
- The Group's voting rights and potential voting rights

Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Group obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Group loses control of the subsidiary. Specifically, income and expenses of a subsidiary acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income from the date the Company gains control until the date when the company ceases to control the subsidiary. Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Group.

When necessary, adjustments are made to the Financial Statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies in line with the Group's accounting policies.

Profit or loss and each component of other comprehensive income are attributed to the owners of the Company. Total comprehensive income of subsidiaries is attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

All intra-group balances, and any unrealised income and expenses arising from intra-group transactions, are eliminated in preparing the Consolidated Financial Statements. Unrealised gains arising from transactions with equity accounted investees are eliminated against the investment to the extent of the Group's interest in the investee. Unrealised losses are eliminated in the same way as unrealised gains, but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment.

Changes in the Group's ownership interests in subsidiaries that do not result in the Group losing control over the subsidiaries are accounted for as equity transactions. The carrying amounts of the Group's interests and the non-controlling interests are adjusted to

reflect the changes in their relative interests in the subsidiaries. Any difference between the amount by which the non-controlling interests are adjusted and the fair values of the consideration paid or received is recognised directly in equity and attributed to the owners of the Company.

When the Group loses control of a subsidiary, a gain or loss is recognised in the profit or loss and is calculated as the difference between (i) the aggregate of the fair value of the consideration received and the fair value of any retained interest and (ii) the previous carrying amount of the assets, and liabilities of the subsidiary and any non-controlling interests. All the amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in relation to that subsidiary are accounted for as if the Group has directly disposed of the related assets and liabilities of the subsidiary. The fair value of any investment retained in the former subsidiary at the date when control is lost is regarded as the fair value on initial recognition for subsequent accounting under AASB 9 as it becomes a financial instrument on loss of control.

(i) Special purpose entities

Special purpose entities are those entities over which the group has no ownership interest but in effect the substance of the relationship is such that the Group controls the entity. The Group holds capital and residual units in these respective special purpose entities.

The Group has established the following special purpose entities to support the specific funding needs of the Group's securitisation programme:

- AFG 2010-1 Trust and its Series (SPE) to conduct securitisation activities funded by short term warehouse facilities provided by warehouse and related mezzanine facility providers.
- AFG 2016-1 Trust, AFG 2017-1 Trust, AFG 2018-1 Trust, AFG 2019-1 Trust, AFG 2019-2 Trust, AFG 2020-1 Trust, AFG 2020-1 NC Trust and AFG 2021-1 Trust (SPE-RMBS) to hold securitised assets and issue Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (RMBS)
- AFG 2010-2 Pty Ltd and AFG 2010-3 Pty Ltd to hold and fund investments in some of our Residential Mortgage Backed Securities (RMBS) to meet risk retention requirements

The special purpose entities meet the criteria of being controlled entities under AASB 10 – *Consolidated Financial Statements*.

The elements indicating control include, but are not limited to, the below:

- The Group has existing rights that gives it the ability to direct relevant activities that significantly affect the special purpose entities' returns
- The Group is exposed, and has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the special purpose entities
- The Group has all the residual interest in the special purpose entities

- Fees received by the Group from the special purpose entities vary on the performance, or non-performance, of the securitised assets
- The Group has the ability to direct decision making accompanied by the objective of obtaining benefits from the special purpose entities' activities

As a result, the Company controls the SPE and on consolidation the underlying loans and notes issued are recognised as assets and liabilities and interest on loans is recognised in the statement of profit and loss.

(ii) Investments in associates (equity accounted investee)

Associates are those entities in which the Group has significant influence, but not control, over the financial and operating policies. Investments in associates are accounted for using the equity method (equity accounted investee) and are initially recognised at cost. The cost of the investment includes transaction costs (see Note 19).

The Consolidated Financial Statements include the Group's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income of the investee, after adjustments to align the accounting policies with those of the Group, from the date that significant influence commences until the date that significant influence ceases.

(b) Financial instruments

(i) Financial assets

Initial recognition and measurement

With the exception of trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component, the Group initially measures a financial asset at its fair value, plus in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset.

Transaction costs of financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are expensed in profit or loss. Trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component are initially measured at the transaction price determined under AASB 15 (see Note 3(i) Revenue from contracts with customers).

Subsequent measurement

Financial assets at amortised cost

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets the following conditions:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows;
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) on the principal amount outstanding; and
- it is not designated at Fair Value through Profit and Loss (FVPL).

The amortised cost of a financial asset is:

- the amount at which the financial asset is measured at initial recognition;
- minus the principal repayments;
- plus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount; and
- adjusted for any loss allowance.

Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in profit and loss.

Derecognition of financial assets

The Group derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. If the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Group recognises its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. When assessing whether or not to derecognise an asset, the entity considers whether there has been a change in counterparty and whether there has been a substantial modification to the terms of the arrangement. If the modification does not result in cashflows that are substantially different, the modification does not result in derecognition however, the modification will result in a gain/loss recognised in statement of profit and loss.

(ii) Impairment

The Group applies the Expected Credit Loss ("ECL") model under AASB 9. This applies to contract assets, and financial assets measured at amortised cost and but not to investments in equity instruments.

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive). It consists of 3 components:

- probability of default (PD): represents the possibility of a default over the next 12 months and remaining lifetime of the financial asset;
- a loss given default (LGD): expected loss if a default occurs, taking into consideration the mitigating effect of collateral assets and time value of money;
- exposure at default (EAD): the expected loss when a default takes place.

The Group measures the loss allowance for a financial instrument at an amount equal to the lifetime ECL if the credit risk on that financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, or if the financial instrument is a purchased or originated credit-impaired financial asset. If the credit risk on a financial instrument

has not increased significantly since initial recognition (except for a purchased or originated credit-impaired financial asset), the Group measures the loss allowance for that financial instrument at an amount equal to a 12-month ECL.

The Group has assessed the loans and advances (securitised assets) and recognised the ECL for these assets.

Impairment of Loans and Advances

The Group has applied the three-stage model based on the change in credit risk since initial recognition to determine the loss allowances of its loans and advances.

Stage 1: 12-month ECL

At initial recognition, ECL is collectively assessed and measured by classes of financial assets with the same level of credit risk based on the PD within the next 12 months and LGDs with consideration to forward looking economic indicators. Loss allowances for financial assets measured at amortised cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of the assets.

Stage 2: Lifetime ECL

When the Group determines that there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition but not considered to be credit impaired, the Group recognises a lifetime ECL calculated as a product of the PD for the remaining lifetime of the financial asset and LGD, with consideration to forward looking economic indicators. Similar to Stage 1, loss allowances for financial assets measured at amortised cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of the assets.

Stage 3: Lifetime ECL - credit impaired

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost are credit impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred. For financial assets that have been assessed as credit impaired, a lifetime ECL is recognised as a collective or specific provision, and interest revenue is calculated in subsequent reporting periods by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost instead of the carrying amount.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the Group considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Group's historical experience and informed credit assessment including forward-looking information.

As part of the forward-looking assessment, the Group has considered:

- actual or expected adverse changes in business, financial or economic conditions that are expected to cause a significant change to the borrower's ability to meet its obligations such as market interest rates, unemployment rates or property growth rates are incorporated in the model;
- external (if available) credit ratings;
- significant changes in the value of the collateral supporting the obligation or in the quality of third-party guarantees or credit enhancements;
- significant changes in the quality of the underwriter;
- S&P assumptions such as first homebuyer, occupancy, employment type, geographical concentration, principal and interest and interest only.

In addition to the above, the Group has considered the impact of COVID-19 in preparing the ECL.

As part of this assessment, the Group has considered:

- Government support to borrowers;
- Increased probability weightings for downside cases; and
- Staging for borrowers who have asked for a deferral of mortgage payments.

The 30 June 2020 results included an increased provision for impairment charges due to the expected economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19 economic impacts have continued to impact the likelihood of losses due to such things as increased unemployment and potential property price movements. The expected credit loss (ECL) provision has therefore remained at \$3,272k for the year ended 30 June 2021 (2020: \$3,272k). Impairment charges are discussed further in Note 3(b)(ii) and Note 29 of the 2021 Annual Report.

Given the dynamic and evolving nature of COVID-19, changes to the estimates and outcomes that have been applied in the measurement of the Group assets and liabilities may arise in the future.

In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Group has provided support to its customers by implementing a range of initiatives, such as granting deferrals of residential mortgage loan repayments to customers.

A summary of the assumptions underpinning the Groups ECL model is as follows:

Category	Definition of Category	Basis for recognition of ECL provision
Performing	Customers have a low risk of default and a strong capacity to meet contractual cash flows	12 month expected losses
Doubtful	Loans for which there is a significant increase in credit risk; as significant increase in credit risk is presumed if interest and/or principal repayments are 30 days past due	Lifetime expected losses
In default	Interest and/or principal repayments are 90 days past due	Lifetime expected losses
Write off	Interest and/or principal repayments are past due and there is no reasonable expectation of recovery	Asset is written off

Given the uncertainty around further lockdowns and the flow on effect to unemployment rates, interest rates and property prices and therefore probability of default, the final probability of default was calculated as the maximum of:

- The probability of default calculated using S&P methodology;
- The probability of default floor based on days past due; and
- The probability of default floor based on restructuring status, which takes into account any hardship arrangements.

The group assumes the credit risk on a financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition if the financial instrument is determined to have a low credit risk at the reporting date. A financial instrument is determined to have a low credit risk if:

- (1) the financial instrument has a low risk of default;
- (2) the debtor has a strong capacity to meets its contractual cash flow obligation in the near term; and
- (3) adverse changes in economic and business conditions in the longer term may, but will not necessarily, reduce the ability of the borrower to fulfil its contractual cash flow obligations.

Impairment of Contract Assets and Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Group's contract assets relate to trail commission receivable mainly from high credit quality financial institutions who are the members of AFG's lender panel (Refer to Note 5(a)). There have been no historical instances where a loss has been incurred, including through the global financial crisis. Even when forward looking assumptions are considered the ECL would not be material.

Impairment of trade receivables

Trade and other receivables from other customers are rare given the nature of the Group's business. The Group has assessed its history of losses as well as performing a forward-looking assessment, both of which have not resulted in any historical or expected material forward looking losses. Group does not require collateral in respect of trade and other receivable (refer to Note 5(a)).

Write off policy

The Group writes off a financial asset when there is information indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, e.g. when the debtor has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings. Financial assets written off may still be subject to enforcement activities under the Groups recovery procedures, taking into account legal advice where appropriate. Any recoveries made are recognised in profit or loss within impairment expense.

Trade receivables are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include, amongst others, the failure of a debtor to engage in a repayment plan with the Group, and a failure to make contractual payments.

(iii) Financial Liabilities

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial liabilities within the scope of AASB 9 are classified as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, or loans and borrowings. The Group determines the classification of its financial liabilities at initial recognition. All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value, in the case of loans and borrowings, net of directly attributable transactions.

The Group initially recognises financial liabilities on the trade date at which the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. The Group derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled or expired.

The Group's non-derivative financial liabilities include interest-bearing liabilities and trade and other payables.

Subsequent measurement

Subsequent to initial recognition, interest-bearing liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Derecognition

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in respect of the carrying amounts is recognised in the income statement. The Group considers a modification substantial based on qualitative factors and if it results in a difference between the adjusted discounted present value and the original carrying amount of the financial liability of, or greater than, ten per percent.

(iv) Amortised cost and effective interest method

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. For financial assets other than purchased or originated creditimpaired financial assets (i.e. assets that are creditimpaired on initial recognition), the effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) excluding expected credit losses, through the expected life of the debt instrument, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the gross carrying amount of the debt instrument on initial recognition. For purchased or originated creditimpaired financial assets, a creditadjusted effective interest rate is calculated by discounting the estimated future cash flows, including expected credit losses, to the amortised cost of the debt instrument on initial recognition.

The amortised cost of a financial asset is the amount at which the financial asset is measured at initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount, adjusted for any loss allowance. The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is the amortised cost of a financial asset before adjusting for any loss allowance.

(v) Share capital

Ordinary shares

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of ordinary shares and share options are recognised as a deduction from equity at the time of issuance, net of any related income tax benefit.

Repurchase of share capital

When share capital recognised as equity is repurchased the amount of consideration paid, including directly attributable costs, is recognised as a reduction in equity.

Dividends

Dividends are recognised as a liability in the period in which they are declared.

(c) Cash and short-term deposits

Cash and short-term deposits in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position comprise cash at bank and on hand, short term deposits with a maturity of three months or less from date of origination, as well as restricted cash such as proceeds and collections in the special purpose entities' accounts which are not available to the shareholders.

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of the cash and term deposits as defined above, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

(d) Property, plant and equipment

(i) Recognition and measurement

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation (see (iii) below) and impairment losses (see accounting policy 3(f)).

Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of that equipment. Borrowing costs related to the acquisition or construction of qualifying assets are capitalised as part of the cost of the assets.

Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for separately.

Gains and losses on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment are determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal with the carrying amount and are recognised net within "other income" in profit or loss.

(ii) Subsequent costs

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

(iii) Depreciation

Depreciation is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of property, plant and equipment. Leased assets are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful life unless it is reasonably certain that the Group will obtain ownership by the end of the lease term. Land is not depreciated.

The estimated useful lives for the current and comparative periods are as follows:

- (i) plant and equipment 2-5 years
- (ii) fixtures and fittings 5-20 years

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reassessed at each reporting date.

(e) Intangibles

(i) Software development costs

Software development costs are recognised as an expense when incurred, except to the extent that such costs, together with previous unamortised deferred costs in relation to that project, are expected probable, to provide future economic benefits.

The unamortised balance of software development costs deferred in previous periods is reviewed regularly and at each reporting date, to ensure the criterion for deferral continues to be met. Where such costs are considered to no longer provide future economic benefits they are written-off as an expense in the profit or loss.

(ii) Subsequent expenditure

Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates. All other expenditure is recognised in profit or loss when incurred.

(iii) Amortisation

Amortisation is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of intangible assets from the date that they are available for use. The estimated useful lives for the current and comparative periods are as follows:

- (i) Capitalised software development costs 2.5 - 5 years

(iv) Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) arrangements

SaaS arrangements are arrangements in which the Group does not currently control the underlying software used in the arrangement.

Where costs incurred to configure or customise SaaS arrangements result in the creation of a resource which is identifiable, and where the company has the power to obtain the future economic benefits flowing from the underlying resource and to restrict the access of others to those benefits, such costs are recognised as a separate intangible software asset and amortised over the useful life of the software on a straight-line basis. The amortisation is reviewed at least at the end of each reporting period and any changes are treated as changes in accounting estimates.

Where costs incurred to configure or customise do not result in the recognition of an intangible software asset, then those costs that provide the Group with a distinct service (in addition to the SaaS access) are now recognised as expenses when the supplier provides the services. When such costs incurred do not provide a distinct service, the costs are now recognised as expenses over the duration of the SaaS contract.

(f) Impairment of non-financial assets

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

For the purpose of impairment testing, assets are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or groups of assets (the "cash-generating unit").

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. A cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable asset group that generates cash flows that largely are independent from other assets and groups.

The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

Impairment losses recognised in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed (except goodwill) if there has been a change in the estimates that have been used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the assets carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss has been recognised.

(g) Employee benefits

(i) Long-term employee benefits

The Group's liability in respect of long-term employee benefits is the amount of future benefits that employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior periods; that benefit is discounted to determine its present value, and the fair value of any related assets is deducted. Consideration is given to the expected future wage and salary levels, and periods of service. The discount rate is the yield at the reporting date on government and high quality corporate bonds that have maturity dates approximating the terms of the Group's obligations and that are denominated in the same currency as the Group's functional currency.

(ii) Short-term benefits

Short-term employee benefits are measured on an undiscounted basis and are expensed as the related service is provided.

A liability is recognised for employee benefits such as wages, salaries and annual leave if the Group has present obligations resulting from employees' services provided to reporting date.

A provision is recognised for the amount expected to be paid under short-term and long-term cash bonus or profit-sharing plans if the

Group has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

(iii) Share-based payment transactions

The grant date fair value of options and shares granted to employees is recognised as an employee expense, with a corresponding increase in equity over the period in which the employees become unconditionally entitled to the options or shares. The amount recognised as an expense is adjusted to reflect the actual number of options or shares that vested, except for those that fail to vest due to market conditions not being met.

(h) Provisions

A provision is recognised if, as a result of a past event, the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting expected future cash flows at a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability.

The unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost.

Provision for clawbacks on settlements within the period are raised on both commission received and commission payable. Clawbacks will be re-measured each reporting period.

(i) Revenue from contracts with Customers

The Group accounts for revenue under AASB 15 Revenue from contracts with customers. The standard has introduced a single principle based five step recognition measurement model for revenue recognition:

- (1) Identifying the contract with a customer;
- (2) Identifying the separate performance obligations;
- (3) Determining the transaction price;
- (4) Allocating the transaction price to the performance obligations;
- (5) Recognising revenue when or as performance obligations are satisfied.

Revenue is recognised either at a point in time or over time, when (or as) the Group satisfies performance obligations by transferring the promised goods or services to its customers. The Group recognises contract liabilities (see Note 24) for consideration received in respect of unsatisfied performance obligations and reports these amounts as other liabilities in the statement of financial position. Similarly, if the Group performs a performance obligation before it receives the consideration, the Group recognises either a contract asset or a receivable in its statement of financial position, depending on whether something other than the passage of time is required before the consideration is due. In relation to the Group the contract asset is recognised to account for the revenue in relation to the satisfaction of a performance obligation.

Under AASB 15, revenue is recognised when the Group satisfies performance obligations by transferring the promised services to its customers. Determining the timing of the transfer of control - at a point in time or over time - requires judgement. Below is a summary of the major services provided and the Group's accounting policy on recognition as a result of adopting AASB 15.

The Group's significant income streams under AASB 15 include:

- Commissions – origination and trail commissions and associated interest income to account for the time value of money.
- Other income – sponsorship income and fees for services.

The Group often enters into transactions that will give rise to different streams of revenue. In all cases, the total transaction price for a contract is allocated amongst the various performance obligations based on their relative stand-alone selling prices. The transaction price for a contract excludes any amounts collected on behalf of third parties.

Commissions – origination and trail commissions

The Group provides loan origination services and receives origination commission on the settlement of loans. Additionally, the lender normally pays a trailing commission over the life of the loan.

Commission revenue is recognised as follows:

- Origination commissions: Origination commissions on loans other than those originated by the Group are recognised upon the loans being settled and receipt of commission net of clawbacks. Commissions may be clawed back by lenders in accordance with individual contracts. These potential clawbacks are estimated and recognised at the same time as origination commission and included in origination commission revenue.
- Trailing commissions: The Group receives trail commissions from lenders on settled loans over the life of the loan based on the loan balance outstanding. The Group also makes trail commission payments to brokers when trail commission is received from lenders. The future trail commission receivable is recognised upfront as a contract asset. Trailing commissions include revenue on residential, commercial and AFGHL white label trail books.
- Interest income: This is the financing component of the trail commission contract asset which brings into consideration the time value of money.

Trail commissions – significant estimates and judgements

The Group applies the AASB 15 variable consideration guidance to the measurement of the contract asset.

On initial recognition, the Group recognises a contract asset which represents management's estimate of the variable consideration to be received from lenders on settled loans. The Group uses the 'expected value' method of estimating variable consideration which requires significant judgement. A corresponding expense and

payable is also recognised, initially measured at fair value being the net present value of expected future trailing commission payable to brokers.

The value of trail commission receivable from lenders and the corresponding payable to brokers is determined by using a discounted cash flow valuation to determine the expected value. These calculations require the use of assumptions which are determined by management using a variety of inputs including external actuarial analysis of historical information. Key assumptions underlying the calculation include the average loan life, discount rate and the percentage paid to brokers. Refer to Note 29(d) for details on these key assumptions.

Other income

Sponsorship income is the income received in advance from sponsorship payment arrangements with lenders. The income is brought to account once the sponsored event has occurred.

Fees for services relates to providing marketing, compliance and administration services to the brokers. This revenue is recognised with reference to the stage of completion for the contract of services.

Impact of application of AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers

Determining performance obligations are satisfied (over time or a point in time) requires judgement. The below table illustrates a summary of the impact of AASB 15 on the Group's significant revenue from contracts with customers.

Payment for upfront commissions and fees for services are all typically due within 30 days of satisfying performance obligations.

"Point in time" or "Over time"	Types of Service	Nature and timing of satisfaction of performance obligations	Revenue recognition policy under AASB 15
Point in time	Commissions – origination commissions	At the point in time when the loan is settled with the lender.	The Group recognises revenue at the point in time when the loan is settled with the lender. The transaction price is adjusted for any expected clawbacks.
Point in time	Commissions – trail commissions	At the point in time when the loan is settled with the lender.	<p>The Group recognises this revenue at the point in time, when the loan is settled with the lender.</p> <p>On initial recognition a contract asset is recognised, representing managements estimate of the variable consideration to be received.</p> <p>The Group uses the "expected value" method of estimating the variable consideration, which includes significant financing component, by recalculating the net present value of the estimated future cash flows at the original effective interest rate.</p>
Over time	Interest income – discount unwind on the NPV trail commission contract asset	Revenue arising from the discount rate applied to the trail commission contract asset.	Interest income from the unwinding of the discount rate on the trail commission contract asset is recognised over time.
Point in time	Other income – sponsorship income	The performance obligation is that a sponsored event has occurred.	Funds are received in advance and initially recognised as contract liability (deferred income). Revenue is recognised at a point in time when the sponsored event has occurred.
Over time	Other income – Fees for services	The performance obligation is the provision of services to brokers, including marketing, compliance and administration services. The income is recognised with reference to the stage of completion for the contract of the services.	Revenue is recognised when performance obligation is satisfied.

(j) Leases

Recognition and measurement

When a contract is entered into, the Group assesses whether the contract contains a lease. A lease arises when the Group has the right to direct the use of an identified asset which is not substitutable and to obtain substantially all economic benefits from the use of the asset throughout the period of use. The leases recognised by the Group relate to office space.

Right of Use assets

The Group recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Unless the Group is reasonably certain to obtain ownership of the leased asset at the end of the lease term, the recognised right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of its estimated useful life and the lease term. Right-of-use assets are subject to impairment.

Lease Liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the Group recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable.

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Group uses the incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date.

After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the in-substance fixed lease payments or a change in the assessment to purchase the underlying asset.

Key estimates and judgements

- a) Control - Judgement is required to assess whether a contract is or contains a lease at inception by assessing whether the Group has the right to direct the use of the identified asset and obtain substantially all the economic benefits from the use of that asset.
- b) Lease term - Judgement is required when assessing the term of the lease and whether to include optional extension and termination periods. Option periods are only included in determining the lease term at inception when they are reasonably certain to be exercised. Lease terms are reassessed when a significant change in circumstances occurs.
- c) Discount rates - Judgement is required to determine the discount rate, where the discount rate is the Group's

incremental borrowing rate if the rate implicit in the lease cannot be readily determined.

(k) Finance income and expenses

Finance income comprises interest income on funds invested and foreign currency gains. Interest income is recognised as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

Finance expenses comprise interest payable on borrowings.

(l) Securitisation interest income and expense

Interest income is the key component of this revenue stream and it is recognised using the effective interest method in accordance with AASB 9. The rate at which revenue is recognised is referred to as the effective interest rate and is equivalent to the rate that effectively discounts estimated future cash flows throughout the estimated life to the net carrying value of the loan. Acquisition costs relating to trail commission to brokers are also spread across the estimated life of the loan using the effective interest method.

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method for debt instruments measured subsequently at amortised cost.

For financial assets other than purchased or originated creditimpaired financial assets, interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset, except for financial assets that have subsequently become creditimpaired.

For financial assets that have subsequently become credit impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset. If, in subsequent reporting periods, the credit risk on the creditimpaired financial instrument improves so that the financial asset is no longer credit impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset.

Securitisation expense comprises interest payable on borrowings.

(m) Income tax expense

Current tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred income tax is generally provided on all temporary differences at the balance sheet date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred tax assets are recognised where management consider that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available to utilise those temporary differences. The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilised.

Unrecognised deferred income tax assets are reassessed at each balance sheet date and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the year when the asset is realised, or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Income taxes relating to items recognised directly in equity are recognised in equity and not in the profit or loss.

(i) Tax consolidation

The Company and its wholly-owned Australian resident entities have formed a tax consolidated group with effect from 1 July 2004 and are therefore taxed as a single entity from that date. The head entity within the tax-consolidated group is the Company.

Current tax expenses, deferred tax liabilities and deferred tax assets arising from temporary differences of the members of the tax-consolidated group are recognised in the separate Financial Statements of the members of the tax-consolidated group using the 'group allocation' approach by reference to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the separate Financial Statements of each entity and the tax values applying under tax consolidation.

Any current tax liabilities (or assets) and deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses of the subsidiaries is assumed by the head entity in the tax-consolidated group and are recognised by the Company as amounts payable (receivable) to (from) other entities in the tax-consolidated group in conjunction with any tax funding arrangement amounts (refer below). Any difference between these amounts is recognised by the Company as an equity contribution or distribution.

The Company recognises deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses of the tax-consolidated group to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits of the tax-consolidated group will be available against which the asset can be utilised. Any subsequent period adjustments to deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses as a result of revised assessments of the probability of recoverability is recognised by the head entity only.

(ii) Nature of tax funding arrangements and tax sharing arrangements

The head entity, in conjunction with other members of the tax-consolidated group, has entered into a tax funding arrangement which sets out the funding obligations of members of the tax-consolidated group in respect of tax amounts. The tax funding arrangements require payments/(receipts) to/(from) the head entity equal to the current tax liability (asset) assumed by the head entity and any tax loss deferred tax asset assumed by the head entity, resulting in the head entity recognising an intra-group receivable (payable) equal in amount to the tax liability (asset) assumed. The inter-entity receivables (payables) are at call.

Contributions to fund the current tax liabilities are payable as per the tax funding arrangement and reflect the timing of the head entity's obligation to make payments for tax liabilities to the relevant tax authorities.

The head entity in conjunction with other members of the tax-consolidated group has also entered into a tax sharing agreement. The tax sharing agreement provides for the determination of the allocation of income tax liabilities between the entities should the head entity default on its tax payment obligations. No amounts have been recognised in the Financial Statements in respect of this agreement as payment of any amounts under the tax sharing agreement is considered remote.

(iii) Goods and services tax

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) is included as a current asset or liability or as part of the expense.

Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as cash flows from operating activities.

(n) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are capitalised as part of the cost of that asset and subsequently amortised over the life of that asset. Borrowing costs that are not directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are recognised in the profit or loss using the effective interest method.

(o) Trail commissions payable

The Group pays trail commissions to brokers. This is initially measured at expected value being the net present value of expected future trailing commission payable to brokers.

The trail commissions payable to brokers is determined by using a discounted cash flow valuation. These calculations require the use of assumptions which are determined by management using a variety of inputs including external actuarial analysis of historical runoff information. Refer to Note 29(d) for details on the key assumptions.

(p) Reclassification of comparative numbers

The commission expense relating to AFG's own-originated loans has been reclassified from "commission expense" to "interest income" as this is part of the effective interest rate on the loans and advances \$9.9M (2020: \$7.2M). Comparative figures have been reclassified to ensure consistency in presentation with current year numbers.

(q) Other assets

Other assets relates to amounts held in escrow at year end, pertaining to an investment. Once the specified conditions are satisfied this amount will be reclassified to Investments.

4. Determination of fair values

A number of the Group's accounting policies and disclosures require the determination of fair value, for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. Fair values have been determined for measurement and/or disclosure purposes based on the following methods. Where applicable, further information about the assumptions made in determining fair values are disclosed in the notes specific to that asset or liability.

Contract Asset

The Group receives trail commissions from lenders on settled loans over the life of the loan based on the loan book balance outstanding. This is initially recognised as a contract asset and is measured using the 'expected value' method under AASB 15 (refer to Note 3(i) Revenue from Contracts with Customers).

The contract asset from lenders is determined by using a discounted cash flow valuation. These calculations require the use of assumptions which are determined by management using a variety of inputs including external actuarial analysis of historical runoff information. Refer to Note 29(d) for details on the key assumptions.

Trade and other payables

All trade and other payables have a remaining life of less than one year and the notional amount is deemed to reflect the fair value.

Other financial instruments

The carrying amount of all other financial assets and liabilities recognised in the Statement of Financial Position approximate their fair value, with the exception of the trail commission payables that are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost based on an actuarial assessment of future cashflow using appropriate discount rates.

5. Financial risk management

Overview

The Group has exposure to credit, liquidity and market risks from the use of financial instruments.

This note presents information about the Group's exposure to each of the below risks, the objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the management of capital. Further quantitative disclosures are included throughout the financial report.

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the risk management framework. The Risk and Compliance Committee is responsible for developing and monitoring risk management policies.

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

The Risk and Compliance Committee oversees how management monitors compliance with the Group's risk management policies and procedures and reviews the adequacy of the risk management framework in relation to the risks faced by the Company and the Group.

(a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Group if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations and arises principally from the Group's receivables from customers. Refer to Note 29(a) for details.

Trade and other receivables

The Group's exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each customer. The demographics of the Group's customer base, including the default risk of the industry and country in which customers operate, has less of an influence on credit risk.

Excluding financial institutions on the lender panel, trade and other receivables from other customers are rare given the nature of the Group's business. The Group has assessed its history of losses as well as performing a forward-looking assessment, both of which have not resulted in any historical or expected material forward looking losses. Group does not require collateral in respect of trade and other receivables.

Contract assets

The Group's contract assets relate mainly to high credit quality financial institutions who are the members of the lender panel. New panel entrants are subject to commercial due diligence prior to joining the panel. The Group bears the risk of non-payment of future trail commissions by lenders (contract assets) should they not maintain solvency. However, should a lender not meet its obligations as a debtor then the Group is under no obligation to pay out any future trail commissions to brokers.

Loans and advances

To mitigate exposure to credit risk on loans and advances, the Group has adopted the policy of only dealing with creditworthy counterparties and obtaining sufficient collateral or other security where appropriate.

The Group's loans and advances relate mainly to loans advanced through its residential mortgage securitisation programme. Credit risk management is linked to the origination conditions externally imposed on the Group by the warehouse facility provider including geographical limitations. As a consequence, the Group has no

significant concentrations of credit risk. The Group has established a credit quality review process to provide early identification of possible changes in credit worthiness of counterparties by the use of external credit agencies, which assigns each counterparty a risk rating. Risk ratings are subject to regular review.

The Group's maximum exposure is the carrying amount of the loans, net of any impairment losses. Subsequent to June 2014 all residential loans with a loan to value ratio of greater than 80% are subject to a lenders mortgage insurance contract.

The Group has applied an ECL model to determine the collective impairment provision of its loans and advances. Refer Notes 3(b)(ii) and 29(a)(ii) for details. COVID-19 economic impacts have continued to impact the likelihood of losses due to such things as increased unemployment and potential property price movements. These factors have been included in the ECL model which has seen the provision remain at \$3,272k (2020: \$3,272k).

(b) Liquidity risk

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

To limit this risk, the Group manages assets with liquidity in mind, and monitors future cash flows and liquidity on a regular basis. This incorporates an assessment of expected cash flows and the availability of high-grade collateral which could be used to secure additional funding if required.

The liquidity position is assessed and managed under a variety of scenarios, giving due consideration to stress factors relating to both the market in general and specifically to the Group.

(c) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices will affect the Group's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return.

Currency risk

The Group is exposed to foreign currency risk on cash assets that are denominated in a currency other than AUD. The currencies giving rise to this risk are denominated in US dollars (USD) and New Zealand dollars (NZD). The Group elects not to enter into foreign exchange contracts to hedge this exposure as the net movements would not be material. The Group has no significant exposure to currency risk.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk to the Group's earnings and equity arising from movements in interest rates. Positions are monitored on an

ongoing basis to ensure risk levels are maintained within established limits.

The Group's most significant exposure to interest rate risk is on the interest-bearing loans within the SPE which fund the residential mortgage securitisation programme. To minimise its exposure to increases in cost of funding, the Group only lends monies on variable interest rate term. Should there be changes in pricing the Group has the option to review its position and offset those costs by passing on interest rate changes to the end customer.

Prepayment risk

Prepayment risk is the risk that the Group will incur a financial loss because its customers and counterparties repay or request repayment earlier than expected.

The Group's key exposure relates to the net present value of contracts assets and future trail commissions payable. The Group uses regression models to project the impact of varying levels of prepayment on its net income. The model makes a distinction between the different reasons for repayment and takes into account the effect of any prepayment penalties. The model is back tested against actual outcomes.

For the loans and advances within the SPE and SPE-RMBS, the Group minimises the prepayment risk by passing back all principal repayments to the warehouse facility providers and bondholders.

Other market risk

The Group is exposed to an increase in the level of credit support required within its securitisation programme arising from changes in the credit rating of mortgage insurers used by the SPE, and the composition of the available collateral held. The Group regularly reviews and reports on the credit ratings of those insurers as well as the Company's maximum cash flow requirements should there be any adverse movement in those credit ratings.

(d) Capital management

The Board's policy is to maintain a strong capital base so as to maintain investor, creditor and market confidence and to sustain future development of the business. The Board of Directors monitors the return on capital, which the Group defines as net operating income divided by total shareholders' equity and aims to maintain a capital structure that ensures the lowest cost of capital available to the Group. The Board of Directors also monitors the level of dividends to ordinary shareholders.

The SPEs are subject to the external requirements imposed by the warehouse facility providers. The terms of the warehouse facilities provide a mechanism for managing the lending activities of the SPE and ensure that all outstanding principal and interest is paid at the end of each reporting period. Similarly, the SPE-RMBS are subject to external requirements imposed by the bondholders and the rating agencies. The terms of the RMBS transactions provide a mechanism for ensuring that all outstanding principal and interest is paid at the end of each reporting period. There were no breaches of the covenants or funding terms imposed by the warehouse and RMBS

transactions in the current period. AFG Securities Pty Ltd is subject to externally imposed minimum capital requirements by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) in accordance with the conditions of their Australian Financial Services Licence.

6. Segment information

AASB 8 requires operating segments to be identified on the basis of internal reports about business activities in which the Group is engaged and that are regularly received by the chief operating decision maker, the Board of Directors, in order to allocate resources to the segment and to assess its performance.

The Group has identified two reportable segments based on the nature of the products and services, the type of customers for those products and services, the processes followed to produce, the method used to distribute those products and services and the similarity of their economic characteristics. All external customers are Australian entities.

The following summary describes the operations in each of the Group's reportable segments:

AFG Wholesale Mortgage Broking

The mortgage broking segment refers to the operating activities in which the Group acts as a wholesale mortgage broker that provides its contracted brokers with administrative and infrastructure support as well as access to a panel of lenders.

The Group receives two types of commission payments on loans originated through its network;

- Upfront commissions on settled loans

Upfront commissions are received by the Group from lenders as a percentage of the total amount borrowed. Once a loan settles, the Group receives a one-off payment linked to the total amount borrowed as an upfront commission, a large portion of which is then paid by the Group to the originating broker.

- Trail commissions on the loan book

Trail commissions are received by the Group from lenders over the life of the loan (if it is in good order and not in default), as a percentage of the particular loan's outstanding balance. The trail book represents the aggregate of residential mortgages outstanding that have been originated by the Group's contracted brokers and are generating trail income.

AFG Home Loans

AFGHL offers the Group's branded mortgage products, funded by third party wholesale funding providers (white label products) or AFG Securities mortgages (securitised loans issued by AFG Securities Pty Ltd) that are distributed through the Group's distribution network. AFGHL sits on the Group's panel of lenders alongside the other residential lenders and competes with them for home loan customers.

The segment earns fees for services, largely in the form of upfront and trail commissions, and net interest margin on loans funded by its securitisation programme. Segment results that are reported to the Board of Directors include items directly attributable to the relevant segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis.

Other/Unallocated

Other/unallocated items are comprised mainly of other operating activities from which the Group earns revenue and incurs expenses that are not required to be reported separately since they don't meet the quantitative thresholds prescribed by AASB 8 or are not managed separately and include corporate and taxation overheads, assets and liabilities. Information regarding the results of each reportable segment is included below. Performance is measured based on segment profit before tax, as included in the internal management reports that are reviewed by the Board of Directors.

Year ended 30 June 2021 In thousands of AUD	AFG Wholesale Mortgage Broking	AFG Home Loans	Other / Unallocated / Eliminations	Total
Income				
Operating income	614,048	131,401	1,594	747,043
Inter-segment ¹	37,066	-	(37,066)	-
Other income	2,497	-	11,926	14,423
Finance income	-	49	704	753
Share of profit of an associate	-	-	4,919	4,919
Total segment income	653,611	131,450	(17,923)	767,138
Timing of revenue recognition				
At a point in time	653,611	40,029	(34,768)	658,872
Over time	-	91,421	16,845	108,266
Results				
Segment profit before income tax	56,810	13,346	609	70,765
Income tax expense				(19,461)
Net profit after tax				51,304
Assets and liabilities				
Total segment assets	1,036,349	3,750,915	(45,679)	4,741,585
Total segment liabilities	1,032,717	3,621,012	(115,125)	4,538,604
Other segment information				
Depreciation and amortisation	(66)	(28)	(1,971)	(2,065)

Year ended 30 June 2020 In thousands of AUD	AFG Wholesale Mortgage Broking	AFG Home Loans	Other / Unallocated / Eliminations	Total
Income				
Operating income	551,283	122,247	1,479	675,009
Inter-segment ¹	34,871	-	(34,871)	-
Other income	1,119	-	13,369	14,488
Finance income	-	105	835	940
Share of profit of an associate	-	-	2,314	2,314
Total segment income	587,273	122,352	(16,874)	692,751
Timing of revenue recognition				
At a point in time	587,273	35,546	(29,789)	593,030
Over time	-	86,806	12,915	99,721
Results				
Segment profit/(loss) before income tax	43,980	11,430	(1,864)	53,546
Income tax expense				(15,468)
Net profit after tax				38,078
Assets and liabilities				
Total segment assets	971,979	3,079,982	37,566	4,089,527
Total segment liabilities	946,520	2,967,384	(2,590)	3,911,314
Other segment information				
Depreciation and amortisation	(87)	(22)	(2,377)	(2,486)

¹ Relate to Intercompany transactions

7. Commissions and other income

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Timing of revenue recognition		
<i>At a point in time</i>		
Commissions	585,758	530,654
Securitisation transaction fees	2,373	1,764
<i>Over time</i>		
Interest on commission income receivable	67,491	55,785
Mortgage management services	254	268
Securitisation transaction fees	925	871
Total commissions and other income	656,801	589,342

Commission and other income is accounted for in accordance with AASB 15 – Revenue from contracts with customers. Refer to Note 3(i) for accounting policy.

8. Other income

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Timing of revenue recognition		
<i>At a point in time</i>		
Sponsorship and incentive income	1,833	2,977
Performance bonus income	390	512
<i>Over time</i>		
Professional indemnity insurance ⁽ⁱ⁾	2,580	2,358
Software licence fees ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	3,104	2,925
Fees for services	5,923	5,114
Other ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾	593	602
Total Other income	14,423	14,488

i. Professional indemnity insurance is the income generated from professional indemnity insurance cover. AFG purchases a third-party professional indemnity insurance policy for which it pays a premium and offers AFG's brokers the option to be included under AFG's policy cover. If this offer is taken up, brokers will be charged a fee. This revenue from this fee is brought to account over time.

ii. Software Licences is the income generated from FLEX & SMART. This revenue relates to AFG software and marketing services used by brokers and is recognised over time.

iii. Other income is accounted for in accordance with AASB 15 – Revenue from contracts with customers. Refer to Note 3(i) for accounting policy.

9. Other expenses and employee costs

(a) Other expenses

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	<i>Note</i>	2021	2020
Advertising and promotion		1,848	3,588
Consultancy and professional fees		3,441	4,244
Information technology		4,697	4,993
Occupancy costs		431	397
Employee costs	9(b)	31,693	30,528
Depreciation and amortisation		2,065	2,486
		44,175	46,236

(b) Employee costs

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Wages and salaries	21,990	21,324
Other associated personnel expenses	5,868	6,165
Change in liabilities for employee benefits	416	31
Share-based payment transactions	1,168	924
Superannuation	2,251	2,084
	31,693	30,528

10. Auditors' remuneration

	2021	2020
Fees to Ernst & Young (Australia – Amount in AUD)		
Fees for auditing the statutory financial report of the parent covering the Group and auditing the statutory financial reports of any controlled entities	278,100	271,940
Fees for assurance services that are required by legislation provided by the auditor – AFSL & APRA	35,500	35,000
Fees for other services – CBA lender review program	55,000	30,000
Total fees to Ernst & Young (Australia)	368,600	336,940
Fees to other overseas member firms of Ernst & Young (Australia)	-	-
Total Fees to Ernst & Young	368,600	336,940

11. Finance income and expenses

Recognised in profit or loss

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Interest income on broker loans and receivables	273	400
Interest income on cash and cash equivalents	480	540
Finance income	753	940
Interest expense on lease liability	187	163
Finance expense	187	163

12. Income tax

(a) Current tax expense

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Income tax recognised in profit or loss		
Current tax expense		
Current period	21,141	17,321
Adjustments for prior periods	-	-
Other adjustments	25	-
Deferred tax expense		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	(1,705)	(1,853)
Income tax expense reported in the statement of profit or loss	19,461	15,468

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Income tax recognised in other comprehensive income		
Deferred tax movements recognised in other comprehensive income	(418)	-
Income tax benefit arising from a previously unrecognised tax credit	(517)	-

Numerical reconciliation between tax expense and pre-tax accounting profit

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Profit before tax from continuing operations	70,765	53,546
Income tax using the Company's domestic tax rate of 30% (2020: 30%)	21,229	16,064
Non-deductible expenses	(1,676)	(596)
Over provision in prior periods	25	-
Other adjustments	(117)	-
	19,461	15,468

(b) Current tax assets and liabilities

The current tax liability for the Group of \$3,260k (2020: \$5,988k) represents the amount of income taxes payable in respect of current and prior financial years.

(c) Deferred tax assets and liabilities

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are attributable to the following:

	Assets		Liabilities		Net	
<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Property, plant and equipment and intangibles	(447)	(265)	-	-	(447)	(265)
Contract asset	-	-	307,497	285,195	307,497	285,195
Employee benefits	(2,109)	(1,364)	-	-	(2,109)	(1,364)
Trade and other payables	(282,425)	(260,465)	-	-	(282,425)	(260,465)
Other items	(4,812)	(3,288)	-	-	(4,812)	(3,288)
Tax (assets) / liabilities	(289,793)	(265,382)	307,497	285,195	17,704	19,813
Set off of tax	289,793	265,382	(289,793)	(265,382)	-	-
Net deferred tax liabilities	-	-	17,704	19,813	17,704	19,813

13. Cash and cash equivalents

(a) Cash and cash equivalents

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Cash at bank	105,700	106,895
Short term deposits	1,230	1,252
Unrestricted cash	106,930	108,147
Cash collections accounts ¹	111,500	41,348
Restricted cash ²	7,618	12,033
Restricted cash	119,118	53,381
Cash and cash equivalents	226,048	161,528
Cash and cash equivalents in the Statement of Cash Flows	226,048	161,528

1. Discloses amounts held in the special purpose securitised trusts and series on behalf of the warehouse funder and the bondholders
2. Discloses cash collateralised standby letter of credit, liquidity reserve account and cash provided in trust by the warehouse providers to fund pending settlements

The effective interest rate on short term deposits in 2021 was 0.42% (2020: 1.30%). The deposits had an average maturity of 72 days (2020: 68 days).

The Group's exposure to interest rate risk and a sensitivity analysis for financial assets and liabilities are disclosed in Note 29.

(b) Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit for the period from continuing operations	51,304	38,078
<i>Adjustments to reconcile the profit to net cash flows:</i>		
Income tax expense from continuing operations	19,461	15,468
Depreciation and amortisation	2,065	2,486
Interest on leases	295	343
Term out cost amortisation	1,055	932
Net interest income from investing activities	(753)	(940)
Expense recognised in respect of equity-settled share-based payments	1,032	976
Share of profit in associates	(4,919)	(2,314)
Present value of future trail commission income	(76,014)	(74,872)
Present value of future trail commission expense	73,559	72,284
Other non-cash movements	2	2
	67,087	52,443
<i>Working capital adjustments:</i>		
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Increase in receivables and prepayments	(1,099)	(5,717)
Increase in ECL provision	-	2,516
Increase in trade and other payables	11,539	4,077
Increase in contract liability	2,943	1,678
Increase/(Decrease) in employee entitlements	1,087	(41)
Increase/(Decrease) in provisions	408	(342)
Cash generated from operations	81,965	54,614
Income tax paid	(23,363)	(14,298)
Net cash generated by operating activities	58,602	40,316

14. Trade and other receivables

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Current		
Trade and other receivables	147	214
Other receivables	1,173	2,031
Accrued income	398	150
	1,718	2,395
Prepayments	3,927	3,051
	5,645	5,446

15. Other asset

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Current		
Other Asset ¹	15,000	-
	15,000	-

1. Other asset relates to the investment in Volt Corporation Limited ("Volt"). As at 30 June 2021 this amount was held in escrow, with the investment subsequently completing in July 2021 (Note 35).

16. Contract Assets

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Current		
Net present value of future trail commissions contract asset	209,355	209,863
Non-current		
Net present value of future trail commissions contract asset	841,258	764,736
	1,050,613	974,599

The Group's exposure to credit and currency risks and impairment losses related to contract assets are disclosed in Note 29.

17. Property, plant and equipment and Intangibles

Property, plant and equipment			
<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	Plant and equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Total
Consolidated			
Balance at 1 July 2019	312	537	849
Acquisitions	185	145	330
Depreciation	(206)	(467)	(673)
Balance at 30 June 2020	291	215	506
Balance at 1 July 2020	291	215	506
Acquisitions	374	81	455
Write-offs	(26)	(17)	(43)
Depreciation	(178)	(47)	(225)
Balance at 30 June 2021	461	232	693

Intangibles*In thousands of AUD***\$'000****Consolidated**

Balance at 1 July 2019	812
Acquisitions	2,726
Depreciation	(220)
Balance at 30 June 2020	3,318
Balance at 1 July 2020	3,318
Acquisitions ¹	6,541
Depreciation	(353)
Balance at 30 June 2021	9,506

1. The \$6.5M acquisitions relate to work in progress as at 30 June 2021.

18. Loans and advances*In thousands of AUD***2021****2020****Current**

Securitised assets ¹	841,490	457,834
Other secured loans ²	1,299	1,223
	842,789	459,057

Non-current

Securitised assets ¹	2,562,041	2,462,787
Other secured loans ²	1,544	2,201
Less: Provision for expected credit loss ³	(3,272)	(3,272)
	2,560,313	2,461,716
	3,403,102	2,920,773

1. The originated mortgage loans and securitised assets are held as security for the various debt interests in the special purpose securitised trusts and series.

2. Other secured loans include:

- a) Loans and advances to Brokers secured over future trail commissions' payable to the broker and in some cases personal guarantees. Interest is charged on average at 9.58% p.a. (2020: 9.77% p.a.).
- b) Loan and advances to McCabe St Limited (related party) \$230k (2020: \$224k) are secured over its land and assets. Interest is charged on average at 2.45% p.a. (2020: 2.94% p.a.).

3. Refer to Note 29(a)(ii) for a reconciliation of opening and closing expected credit losses on loans and advances including movements between credit risk stages.

At the end of the reporting period, the balance of the Group's securitised assets includes a provision for expected credit loss of \$3,272k (2020: \$3,272k).

During the financial year, new loans issued in the Group's securitisation programme were \$1,345,534k (2020: \$1,354,499k).

The Group's exposure to credit, currency and interest rate risks related to loans and advances is disclosed in Note 29.

19. Investment in associates

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Non-current		
Thinktank		
Cost of investment ¹	12,629	11,141
Contingent consideration liability	-	1,488
Share of post-acquisition profit	9,297	4,026
Purchase additional shares	725	379
	22,651	17,034
MAB Broker Services Pty Ltd		
Cost of investment ²	3,700	-
Share of post-acquisition losses	(352)	-
	3,348	-
Total Investment in associates	25,999	17,034

1. Investment in Thinktank Group Pty Ltd ("Thinktank") includes transaction costs.

2. Investment in MAB Broker Services Pty Ltd includes transaction costs

Thinktank Investment

AFG holds a 32.29% investment in Thinktank Group Pty Ltd ("Thinktank"). Principal place of business, Sydney NSW Australia. In connection with the investment AFG distributes a white label Commercial Property product through its network of brokers. The strategic investment in Thinktank represents the next evolutionary step for AFG to diversify its earnings base. The ongoing success of AFGHL and the introduction of AFG Business are important contributors to the future growth of AFG. The investment in Thinktank allows AFG to participate further in commercial property lending - both directly through the white label opportunity and indirectly through AFG's shareholding to generate further earnings for AFG.

Associates are all entities over which the Group has significant influence but not control. Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of the investee but is not control or joint control over those policies. This investment has been classified as an investment in an associate due to the Group's significant involvement in the financial and operating policy decisions including Board representation of Thinktank.

MAB Broker Services Pty Ltd Investment

On 25 September 2020, AFG, Mortgage Advice Bureau Australia (Holdings) Pty Ltd and Mortgage Advice Bureau Limited entered into a Share Subscription Agreement. As at 30 June 2021, AFG holds a 48.05% investment in MAB Broker Services Pty Ltd ("MAB"). Principal place of business, Sydney NSW Australia.

Associates are all entities over which the Group has significant influence but not control. Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of the investee but is not control or joint control over those policies. This investment has been classified as an investment in an associate due to the Group's significant involvement in the financial and operating policy decisions including Board representation of MAB.

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Thinktank's summarised financial information		
Balance Sheet		
Current assets	154,844	72,006
Non-current assets	2,351,348	1,647,111
Total Assets	2,506,192	1,719,117
Current liabilities	1,606,362	919,756
Non-current liabilities	862,082	778,984
Total Liabilities	2,468,444	1,698,740
Net assets	37,748	20,377
Income Statement		
Revenue	115,724	88,644
Profit after tax	16,519	8,584
Reconciliation to carrying amounts:		
Carrying amount of investment	22,651	17,034
Group's share of profit after tax for the period	9,297	4,026
Acquisition costs	12,629	11,141
Contingent consideration liability	-	1,488
Purchase additional shares	725	379
	22,651	17,034
MAB summarised financial information		
Balance Sheet		
Current assets	2,603	-
Non-current assets	148	-
Total Assets	2,751	-
Current liabilities	306	-
Non-current liabilities	183	-
Total Liabilities	489	-
Net assets	2,262	-
Income Statement		
Revenue	540	-
Loss after tax	(632)	-
Reconciliation to carrying amounts:		
Carrying amount of investment	3,348	-
Group's share of loss after tax for the period	(352)	-
Acquisition costs	3,700	-
	3,348	-

20. Trade and other payables

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	Note	2021	2020
Current			
Present value of future trail commissions payable	4	187,309	187,347
Other trade payables		77,863	65,483
Non-trade payables and accrued expenses		5,756	6,212
		270,928	259,042
Non-current			
Net present value of future trail commissions payable		765,347	691,750
		765,347	691,750
		1,036,275	950,792

Trade payables are non-interest-bearing and are normally settled on 60-day terms.

Non-trade payables are non-interest-bearing and are normally paid on a 60-day basis.

The Group's exposure to liquidity risk related to trade and other payables is disclosed in Note 29.

21. Interest-bearing liabilities

This note provides information about the contractual terms of the Group's interest-bearing loans and borrowings. For more information about the Group's exposure to interest rate risk, see Note 29.

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Current		
Securitisation warehouse facilities	886,000	1,615,500
Securitised funding facilities ¹	637,920	203,515
	1,523,920	1,819,015
Non-current		
Securitised funding facilities ¹	1,933,792	1,095,547
	1,933,792	1,095,547
	3,457,712	2,914,562

1. Securitised funding facilities include RMBS and risk retention facilities

Terms and debt repayment schedule

Terms and conditions of outstanding loans were as follows:

In thousands of AUD	2021				2020			
	Weighted Average Effective interest rate	Year of maturity	Face value	Carrying amount	Weighted Average Effective interest rate	Year of maturity	Face value	Carrying amount
Warehouse facilities	1.83%	2021-2022	886,000	886,000	2.13%	2020-2021	1,615,500	1,615,500
Securitised funding facilities	1.43%	2021-2026	2,575,245	2,571,712	2.16%	2020-2024	1,294,978	1,299,062
			3,461,245	3,457,712			2,910,478	2,914,562

(a) Warehouse and Securitised funding facilities

(i) Warehouse facilities

The warehouse facilities provide funding for the financing of loans and advances to customers within the SPE and its Series.

The security for advances under these facilities is a combination of fixed and floating charges over all assets of the SPE being loans and advances to customers. If the warehouse facility is not renewed or should there be a default by the trustee under the existing terms and conditions, the warehouse facility funder will not have a right of recourse against the remainder of the Group.

Customer loans and advances are secured against residential properties only. Up until 1 July 2014, all new loans settled irrespective of their LVR were covered by a separate individual lenders mortgage insurance contract. Subsequent to this date, all new loans settled with an LVR of less than or equal to 80% were settled on the basis that no lenders mortgage insurance policy was required. When purchased, a lender's mortgage insurance contract covers 100% of the principal of the loan.

As at the reporting date the unutilised securitisation warehouse facility for all Series is \$363,500k (2020: \$401,000k). The interest is recognised at an effective rate of 1.83% (2020: 2.13%).

As at the reporting date we have two securitisation warehouse facilities, expiring on the 13 December 2021 and 10 April 2022.

(ii) Securitised funding facilities

Secured bond issues

SPE-RMBS were established to provide funding for loans and advances (securitised assets) originated by AFG Securities Pty Ltd. The bond issues have a legal final maturity of 31.5 years from issue, and a weighted average life of up to 5 years. The security for loans and advances is a combination of fixed and floating charges over all assets of the SPE-RMBS.

Under the current trust terms, a default by the borrowing customer will not result in the bondholders having a right of recourse against the Group (as Originator, Trust Manager or Servicer). The interest is recognised at a weighted effective rate of 1.43% (2020: 2.13%).

Liquidity facility

Various mechanisms have been put in place to support liquidity within the transaction to support timely payment of interest, including;

- principal draws which are covered by Redraw Notes for redraws that cannot be covered by normal collections (available principal),
- a liquidity facility being 1% of the aggregated invested amount of all notes at that time,
- \$150k Reserve Account which is an Extraordinary Expense Ledger account, and
- available income.

Additional credit support includes subordinated credit enhancement held by the Company of \$13,715k (2020: \$5,640k).

During the financial year there were no breaches to the terms of the SPE-RMBS that gave right to the bondholders to demand payment of the outstanding value.

Other Securitised funding facilities

Securitised funding facilities are secured only on the assets of each of the individual securitisation trusts. As at the reporting date we have two other securitised funding facilities, provided for the purpose of funding the purchase of Notes in our RMBS issues required to be retained under the EU Regulations. These facilities are also supported by a guarantee provided by AFG Securities Pty Ltd. Total funding provided in financial year ending 30 June 2021 was \$109,234k (2020: \$38,304k).

(b) Other finance facilities

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Standby facility	200	200
Bank guarantee facility	230	252
	430	452
Facilities utilised at reporting date		
Standby facility	71	38
Bank guarantee facility	230	252
	301	290
Facilities not utilised at reporting date		
Standby facility	129	162
	129	162

The facilities are subject to annual review.

22. Employee benefits

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Current		
Salaries and wages accrued	3,094	2,421
Liability for long service leave	1,449	1,317
Liability for annual leave	1,620	1,358
	6,163	5,096
Non-Current		
Liability for long-service leave	120	98
	120	98
	6,283	5,194

23. Provisions

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Provision for Clawbacks ¹	1,508	1,089
Provision for Contingent Payment ²	-	1,488
Provision for make good	199	210
Provision other	1,620	-
	3,327	2,787

1. Provision for clawbacks relates to commissions that maybe clawed back by lenders in accordance with individual contracts. These potential clawbacks are estimated, and a provision raised (see Note 3(i)).
2. Provision for contingent payment to Thinktank (see Note 19). The contingent payment referred to the contingent consideration payable (2020: \$1,488k) in relation to the Thinktank strategic investment. No longer required due to 3-year period expiring at 30 June 2021. Released to the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

24. Contract liability

Contract Liability		
<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Current		
Sponsorship income	8,400	5,287
Unearned income	281	332
	8,681	5,619

25. Leases

The Group leases a number of office facilities under operating leases. The leases run for a period of up to 5 years, with an option to renew the lease after that date. Lease payments are generally increased every year to at least reflect Consumer Price Index (CPI) movements, with regular adjustments to reflect market rentals.

Lease Assets	2021	2020
<i>In thousands of AUD</i>		
At 1 July	6,323	6,806
Additions	125	1,134
Depreciation	(1,469)	(1,617)
Carrying amount at 30 June	4,979	6,323

Lease Liabilities	2021	2020
<i>In thousands of AUD</i>		
At 1 July	6,559	6,806
Additions	125	1,134
Repayments	(1,616)	(1,723)
Accretion of interest	294	342
Carrying amount at 30 June	5,362	6,559

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Current	1,298	1,292
Non-current	4,064	5,267
Carrying amount at 30 June	5,362	6,559

Maturity profile of lease liabilities. The table below presents the contractual discounted cash flows associated with the Group's lease liabilities, representing principal and interest.

Maturity profile of lease liabilities	2021	2020
Due for payment in:		
<i>In thousands of AUD</i>		
1 year or less	1,298	1,292
1-2 years	1,275	1,236
2-3 years	1,348	1,242
3-4 years	1,239	1,348
4-5 years	202	1,239
More than 5 years	-	202
	5,362	6,559

26. Capital and reserves

(a) Share capital

The Company	Share Capital (\$'000)		Number of Ordinary shares ('000)	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
On issue at 1 July	102,157	43,541	267,741	214,813
Issued for cash	-	60,001	641	52,928
Share issue costs	(32)	(1,385)	-	-
On issue at 30 June – fully paid	102,125	102,157	268,382	267,741

The Company does not have authorised capital or par value in respect of its issued shares. All issued shares are fully paid and rank equally with regard to the Company's residual assets.

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Company.

(b) Dividends

	Cents per share	Total amount (\$'000)	Franked / unfranked	Date of payment
2021				
Final 2020 ordinary	4.7	12,614	100%	29/09/2020
1 st interim 2021 ordinary	5.9	15,835	100%	18/03/2021
		<u>28,449</u>		

2020				
Final 2019 ordinary	5.9	12,719	100%	03/10/2019
1 st interim 2020 ordinary	5.4	11,640	100%	26/03/2020
		<u>24,359</u>		

Declared but not recognised as a liability:

2021				
Final 2021 ordinary	7.4	19,860	100%	23/09/2021
		<u>19,860</u>		

Dividends declared or paid during the year or after 30 June 2021 were franked at the rate of 30%.

In thousands of AUD	2021	2020
Dividend franking account	29,550	18,379
30 per cent franking credits available to shareholders of Australian Finance Group Limited for subsequent financial years	68,950	42,885
	<u>98,500</u>	<u>61,264</u>

The ability to utilise the franking credits is dependent upon the ability to declare dividends. In accordance with the tax consolidation legislation the Company as the head entity in the tax-consolidated group has also assumed the benefit of \$98,500k (2020: \$61,264k) franking credits.

27. Earnings per share (EPS)

Basic EPS amounts are calculated by dividing the profit for the year attributable to ordinary equity holders of Australian Finance Group Limited by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year.

Diluted EPS amounts are calculated by dividing the profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of Australian Finance Group Limited by the weighted average number of ordinary shares during the year plus the weighted average number of ordinary shares that would be issued on conversion of all the dilutive potential ordinary shares into ordinary shares.

The following reflects in the income and share data used in the basic and dilutive EPS computations:

In thousands of AUD	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
Profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company	51,304	38,078
	Thousands	Thousands
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for basic EPS (thousands)	268,286	220,149
Effect of dilution: Performance rights	3,427	2,676
Weighted average number of ordinary shares adjusted for the effect of dilution	271,713	222,825

There have been no other transactions involving ordinary shares or potential ordinary shares between the reporting date and the date of authorisation of these financial statements.

28. Share based payments

Executive Rights plan (Long-Term Incentive Plan)

The Group has in place an Executive Long-Term Incentive Plan (LTIP) which grants rights, settled in equity, to certain Executives subject to the achievement of performance and service requirements. Eligible Executives are granted rights to a value determined by the Board that is benchmarked against direct industry peers and other Australian listed companies of a similar size and complexity.

Executives participating in the plan will not be required to make any payment for the acquisition of rights.

The rights lapse if the performance and service criteria are not met. The rights granted under the plan are subject to instalment vesting over a three-year period. The rights are subject to Total Shareholder Return (TSR) and Earnings Per Share (EPS) performance hurdles in addition to continuous service vesting conditions. The Board has the full discretion to determine whether some or all of the rights vest or lapse or whether unvested rights remain subject to vesting conditions in the event of a change of control. Refer to section 3.5 of the remuneration report for further detail.

In any event, any rights that remain unvested will lapse immediately after the end of the relevant vesting period.

The following table outlines performance rights that are conditionally issued under LTIP:

Offer Date	Vesting date	Balance at start of the year	Granted during the year	Vested during the year	Expired during the year	Forfeited during the year	Balance at end of the year
1/07/2016	30/06/2019	-	593,136	-	-	-	593,196
1/07/2017	30/06/2020	593,136	695,396	-	-	31,291	1,257,241
1/07/2018	30/06/2021	1,257,241	752,309	755,176	-	91,953	1,363,398
1/07/2019	30/06/2022	1,363,398	1,325,215	640,635	-	146,753	1,987,804
1/07/2020	30/06/2023	1,987,804	1,349,079	746,487 ¹	-	99,789	2,652,246

1. Number vested during the year is calculated on T1 72%, T2 150% and T3 150%.

29. Financial instruments

(a) Credit risk

Exposure to credit risk

The carrying amount of the Group's financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure.

(i) Contract assets

The majority of the Group's net present value of future trail commission receivables is from counterparties that are rated between AA+ and A-. The following table provides information on the credit ratings at the reporting date according to the Standard & Poor's counterparty credit with AAA and BBB being respectively the highest and the lowest possible ratings. An impairment assessment using forward looking assumptions has been undertaken refer to Note 3(b)(ii) for further information.

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	Current	Non-Current	Current	Non-Current
Standard & Poor's Credit rating	2021	2021	2020	2020
AA-	145,687	585,419	148,402	540,772
A+	28,617	114,993	28,519	103,923
A	2,087	8,388	1,673	6,096
A-	3,718	14,940	3,421	12,465
BBB+	6,841	27,490	6,820	24,852
BBB	7,911	31,790	7,098	25,863
BBB-	2,595	10,429	2,452	8,934
Not rated	11,899	47,809	11,479	41,830
	209,355	841,258	209,864	764,735

(ii) Loans and advances

Exposure to credit risk

The Group's maximum exposure to credit risk for loans and advances at the reporting date by customer type are summarised as follows:

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	Carrying amount	
	2021	2020
Customer type		
Residential mortgage borrowers	3,393,462	2,912,074
Mortgage Brokers	2,613	3,199
Other	7,027	5,500
	3,403,102	2,920,773

Residential mortgage borrowers

The Group minimises credit risk by obtaining security over residential mortgage property for each loan. The estimated value of collateral held at balance date was \$6,150,469k (2020: \$5,145,814k). During the year ended 30 June 2021 the Group took possession of 4 residential securities. During the financial year 2 securities were sold as mortgagee in possession, neither experienced a shortfall, as sales proceeds exceeded the outstanding loan balance in both instances.

In monitoring the credit risk, mortgage securitisation customers are grouped according to their credit characteristics using credit risk classification systems. This includes the use of the Loan to Value Ratio (LVR) to assess its exposure to credit risk from loans originated through the securitisation programme.

The table below summarises the Group exposure to residential mortgage borrowers by current LVR, with the valuation used determined as at the time of settlement of the individual loan. The ECL model considers the different risk profiles across the different loan portfolios full doc, near prime and low doc. The assumptions applied are the same across the portfolios.

In thousands of AUD	Carrying amount	
	2021	2020
Loan to value ratio		
Greater than 95% ¹	395	403
Between 90%-95% ¹	17,417	37,528
Between 80%-90% ¹	498,752	421,061
Less than 80%	2,876,898	2,453,082
	3,393,462	2,912,074

1. LVR greater than 80% is required to have Lenders Mortgage Insurance (LMI), resulting in 100% of this balance being insured.

COVID-19 economic impacts have continued to impact the likelihood of losses due to such things as increased unemployment and potential property price movements. These factors have been included in the ECL model which has seen the provision remain at \$3,272k (2020: \$3,272k).

Given the dynamic and evolving nature of COVID-19 changes to the estimates and outcomes that have been applied in the measurement of the Group assets and liabilities may arise in the future.

In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Group has provided support to its customers by implementing a range of initiatives, such as granting deferrals of residential mortgage loan repayments to customers.

A summary of the assumptions underpinning the Groups ECL model is as follows:

Category	Definition of Category	Basis for recognition of ECL provision
Performing	Customers have a low risk of default and a strong capacity to meet contractual cash flows	12 month expected losses
Doubtful	Loans for which there is a significant increase in credit risk; as significant increase in credit risk is presumed if interest and/or principal repayments are 30 days past due	Lifetime expected losses
In default	Interest and/or principal repayments are 90 days past due	Lifetime expected losses
Write off	Interest and/or principal repayments are past due and there is no reasonable expectation of recovery	Asset is written off

Given the uncertainty around further lockdowns and the flow on effect to unemployment rates, interest rates and property prices and therefore probability of default, the final probability of default was calculated as the maximum of:

- The probability of default calculated using S&P methodology;
- The probability of default floor based on days past due; and
- The probability of default floor based on restructuring status, which takes into account any hardship arrangements.

30 June 2020

	ECL rate	Basis of recognition of ECL provision	Estimated gross carrying amount at default	Carrying amount (net of impairment provision)	Basis for calculation of interest revenue
<i>In thousands of AUD</i>					
Performing	0.05%	12 month expected losses	2,638,147	2,636,820	Gross carrying amount
Underperforming	0.56%	Lifetime expected losses	246,634	245,255	Gross Carrying amount
Non-performing	2.08%	Lifetime expected losses	27,293	26,727	Amortised cost
Write off	-	Asset is written off	-	-	None
Total Loans			2,912,074	2,908,802	

30 June 2021

	ECL rate	Basis of recognition of ECL provision	Estimated gross carrying amount at default	Carrying amount (net of impairment provision)	Basis for calculation of interest revenue
<i>In thousands of AUD</i>					
Performing	0.09%	12 month expected losses	3,373,469	3,370,552	Gross carrying amount
Underperforming	0.71%	Lifetime expected losses	8,305	8,247	Gross Carrying amount
Non-performing	2.54%	Lifetime expected losses	11,688	11,391	Amortised cost
Write off	-	Asset is written off	-	-	None
Total Loans			3,393,462	3,390,190	

30 June 2020

	Performing	Under performing	Non-performing	Write off	Total
<i>In thousands of AUD</i>					
Opening loss allowance as at 1 July 2019	449	106	202	-	757
Individual financial assets transferred to under-performing (lifetime expected credit losses)	-	-	-	-	-
Individual financial assets transferred to non-performing (credit-impaired financial assets)	-	-	-	-	-
New financial assets originated or purchased	395	877	359	-	1,631
Write-offs	-	-	-	-	-
Recoveries	-	(106)	(201)	-	(307)
Other changes	482	502	207	-	1,191
Closing loss allowance as at 30 June 2020	1,326	1,379	567	-	3,272

30 June 2021

	Performing	Under performing	Non-performing	Write off	Total
<i>In thousands of AUD</i>					
Opening loss allowance as at 1 July 2020	1,326	1,379	567	-	3,272
Individual financial assets transferred to under-performing (lifetime expected credit losses)	(4)	4	-	-	-
Individual financial assets transferred to non-performing (credit-impaired financial assets)	(2)	(25)	27	-	-
New financial assets originated or purchased	852	-	-	-	852
Write-offs	-	-	-	-	-
Recoveries	771	(607)	(106)	-	58
Other changes	(26)	(692)	(192)	-	(910)
Closing loss allowance as at 30 June 2021	2,917	59	296	-	3,272

	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
<i>In thousands of AUD</i>		
Performing	3,373,469	2,638,147
Underperforming	8,305	246,634
Non-performing	11,688	27,293
Loans written off	-	-
Total gross loans and advances	3,393,462	2,912,074
Less Loan loss allowance	(3,272)	(3,272)
Less Write off	-	-
Loans and advances net of ECL as at 30 June	3,390,190	2,908,802

The reconciliation of opening and closing expected credit losses on loans and advances are as follows:

	30 June 2020	Movement	30 June 2021
<i>In thousands of AUD</i>			
Stage 1	1,326	1,591	2,917
Stage 2	1,379	(1,320)	59
Stage 3	567	(271)	296
Total Provision for ECL	3,272	-	3,272

	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
<i>In thousands of AUD</i>		
Opening loss allowance as at 1 July	3,272	757
Stage 1	1,591	877
Stage 2	(1,320)	1,273
Stage 3	(271)	365
Closing loss allowance as at 30 June	3,272	3,272

Securitisation assets

Loans and advances of SPEs: The Group is required to provide the warehouse facility provider with a level of subordination or Credit Support. The Group's maximum exposure to credit risk on securitised loans at reporting date is the carrying amount of subordinated notes.

The SPE-RMBS loans and advances: Under the current trust terms, a default by the customers will not result in the bond holders having a right of recourse against the Group (as Originator, Trust Manager or Servicer). Importantly, all residential mortgages under SPE-RMBS with an LVR exceeding 80% are insured by a lender's mortgage insurance contract which covers 100% of the principal. The Group's maximum exposure is the loss of future interest income on its Class C notes investment, which eliminate on consolidation. No impairment loss was recognised during 2021 (2020: Nil).

Other secured loans

The Group has minimal exposure to credit risk for loans made during the year. No impairment loss was recognised during 2021 (2020: Nil).

(b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Group's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Group's reputation. The Board of Directors reviews the rolling cash flow forecast on a monthly basis to ensure that the level of its cash and cash equivalents is at an amount in excess of expected cash outflows over the proceeding months. Excess funds are generally invested in at call bank accounts with maturities of less than 90 days. Within the special purpose entities, the Group also maintains sufficient cash reserves to fund redraws and additional advances on existing loans.

The following are the contractual maturities of financial liabilities based on undiscounted payments, including estimated interest payments and excluding the impact of netting agreements for the Group.

2021							
<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	Carrying amount	Contractual cash flows	6 months or less	6-12 months	1-2 years	2-5 years	More than 5 years
Securitisation warehouse facilities	886,000	908,521	757,157	151,364	-	-	-
Secured funding facilities ¹	2,571,712	2,588,960	373,775	308,304	616,892	1,289,989	-
Net present value of future trail commissions payable	952,656	1,114,848	128,927	116,890	200,338	399,233	269,460
Trade and other payables	83,619	83,619	83,619	-	-	-	-
Lease liability	5,362	5,362	649	649	1,275	2,789	-
	4,499,349	4,701,310	1,344,127	577,207	818,505	1,692,011	269,460

1. Excludes set up costs amortisation

2020							
<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	Carrying amount	Contractual cash flows	6 months or less	6-12 months	1-2 years	2-5 years	More than 5 years
Securitisation warehouse facilities	1,615,500	1,647,613	1,364,658	282,955	-	-	-
Secured funding facilities ¹	1,299,060	1,313,068	102,288	102,288	253,585	854,907	-
Net present value of future trail commissions payable	879,096	1,036,190	120,658	109,695	189,051	377,219	239,567
Trade and other payables	71,696	71,696	71,696	-	-	-	-
Lease liability	6,559	6,559	646	646	1,236	3,829	202
	3,871,911	4,075,126	1,659,946	495,584	443,872	1,235,955	239,769

1. Excludes set up costs amortisation

The obligation in respect of the net present value of future trail commission only arises if and when the Group receives the corresponding trail commission revenue from the lenders. It is not expected that the cash flows included in the maturity analysis could occur significantly earlier, or at significantly different amounts.

Securitisation warehouse facilities

Secured bond issuances are based on expected cashflows rather than contractual cashflows as each must be repaid to secured bondholders on receipt of funds from underlying mortgage customers. The warehouse facilities are short term funding facilities that are generally renewable bi-annually or annually. If the warehouse facility is not renewed or should there be a default by the trustee under the existing terms and conditions, the warehouse facility funder will not have a right of recourse against the remainder of the Group. Should the warehouse facility not be renewed then the maximum exposure to the Group would be the loss of future income streams from excess spread, being the difference between the Group's mortgage rate and the underlying cost of funds and inability to fund new loans.

The expiry dates of the Group's warehouse facilities are the 13 December 2021 and 10 April 2022. The Group has a history of successfully renegotiating the warehouse facility agreements prior to the expiry of the facility.

Securitised funding facilities

The securities are issued by the SPE-RMBS with an expected weighted average life of 3 to 5 years. They are pass through securities that may be repaid early (at the call date) by the issuer (the Group) in certain circumstances. The above maturity assumes that the securities will be paid at the securities call date.

The Directors are satisfied that the Group's ability to continue as a going concern will not be affected. For terms and conditions relating to trade payables and net present value of future trail commissions payable refer to Note 20.

(c) Market risk

(i) Currency risk

Exposure to currency risk

As at reporting date the Group held cash assets denominated in NZD and USD. Fluctuations in foreign currencies are not expected to have a material impact on the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income and equity of the Group and have therefore not formed part of the disclosures.

(ii) Interest rate risk

The table below summarises the profile of the Group's interest-bearing financial instruments and contract assets at reporting date.

In thousands of AUD	Carrying amount	
	2021	2020
Fixed rate instruments¹		
Contract assets	1,050,613	974,599
Financial liabilities	(952,656)	(879,096)
	97,957	95,503
Variable rate instruments		
Cash and cash equivalents	226,048	161,528
Other secured loans	2,843	3,423
Securitised assets	3,400,259	2,917,349
Financial liabilities	(3,457,712)	(2,914,562)
	171,438	167,738

The Group's main interest rate risk arises from securitised assets, cash deposits and interest-bearing facilities. All the Group's borrowings are issued at variable rates, however the vast majority pertains to the warehouse facility which is arranged as 'pass through' facilities, and therefore the exposure to the interest rate risk is mitigated by the ability to pass any rate increases onto borrowers.

1. Discount rate for trail commission receivable and payable is fixed for the life of the loan.

Cash flow sensitivity analysis for variable rate instruments

Due to the market conditions existing at 30 June 2021, the Group does not expect that interest rates will move in excess of 100 basis points (bps) from current conditions in the next reporting period. This has therefore formed the basis for the sensitivity analysis.

A change of 100 basis points in interest rates at the reporting date would have increased/(decreased) equity and profit or loss by the amounts shown below. This analysis assumes that all other variables remain constant. The analysis is performed on the same basis for 2020 and 2021.

Effect in thousands of AUD	After tax profit		After tax equity	
	100bp increase	100bp decrease	100bp increase	100bp decrease
30 June 2021				
Variable rate financial assets	25,384	(25,384)	25,384	(25,384)
Variable rate financial liabilities	(8,860)	8,860	(8,860)	8,860
Cash flow sensitivity (net)	16,524	(16,524)	16,524	(16,524)
30 June 2020				
Variable rate financial assets	21,538	(21,538)	21,538	(21,538)
Variable rate financial liabilities	(16,155)	16,155	(16,155)	16,155
Cash flow sensitivity (net)	5,383	(5,383)	5,383	(5,383)

(iii) Prepayment risk**Net present value of contract assets and future trail commissions payable****Exposure to prepayment risk**

The Group will incur financial loss if customers or counterparties repay or request repayment earlier or later than expected. A change in the pattern of repayment by end consumers will have an impact on the fair value of future trail commissions contract asset and future trail commission payables. Refer to Note 29(d) for more details.

Sensitivity analysis

Management have engaged the use of actuaries for the purposes of reviewing the run-off rate of the loans under management. Management does not expect the run-off rate to change in excess of 5% positive or 5% negative of the rates revealed from the actuarial analysis performed on AFG's historical loan data. The change estimate is calculated based on historical movements of the prepayment rate.

The effect from changes in prepayment rates, with all other variables held constant, is as follows:

In thousands of AUD	2021		2020	
	+5%	-5%	+5%	-5%
After tax profit	(3,091)	3,275	(2,894)	3,058

Securitised assets

The Group is exposed to prepayment risk on its securitised assets. The warehouse facilities and the securitised funding facilities funding the securitisation operations are pass through funding facilities in nature. All principal amounts prepaid by residential mortgage borrowers are passed through to the warehouse facility provider or the bond holders as part of the monthly payment terms. Consequently, the Group has no material exposure to prepayment risk on its securitised assets.

(iv) Other market risks

The Group is exposed to other market risks on the credit support (securitisation loan receivable) provided by the Group in relation to the warehouse facilities. The value of the loan is dynamic in that it can change due to circumstances including the credit ratings of mortgage insurers. The Group has assessed that if this were to occur, it would not have a material impact on the Group's profit after tax and equity.

(d) Accounting classifications and fair values**Fair value hierarchy**

The different levels have been defined as follows:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).
- Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

Fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are not measured at fair value (but fair value disclosures are required)

The table below reflects the fair value of the trail commission payable, non-current loans and advances and non-current securitised funding facilities. The carrying amount of all the other financial assets and liabilities recognised in the Statement of Financial Position approximate their fair value due to their short-term nature.

In thousands of AUD	30 June 2021		30 June 2020	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
Financial assets				
Non-current loans and advances	2,563,585	2,555,880	2,464,989	2,457,168
Financial liabilities				
Future Trailing commission payable ¹	952,656	984,195	879,096	917,984
Non-current securitised funding facilities	1,933,792	1,863,255	1,095,547	1,086,130

¹ Note 4% (2020:4%) discount rate applied to the Fair value calculations. Run off rate and pay out percentage remain consistent with the carrying value calculation assumptions.

Loans and advances

The fair values of loans and advances are estimated using a discounted cash flow analysis, based on current lending rates for similar types of lending arrangements ranging from 2.2% to 6.8%, (2020: 2.6% to 6.8%).

For the purpose of fair value disclosure under AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement, the loans and advances would be categorised as a level 3 asset where the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable.

Future Trailing commission payable

Trailing commissions are received from lenders on settled loans over the life of the loan based on the loan book balance outstanding if the respective loans are in good order and not in default. The Group is entitled to the trailing commissions without having to perform further services. The Group also makes trailing commission payments to Members when trailing commission is received from lenders. Trail commissions are actuarially assessed on future cashflow based on a number of assumptions including estimated loan life, discount rate, payout ratio and income rate.

The trail commission assets and liabilities at 30 June 2021 relate to the Residential, Commercial and the AFGHL white label loan books.

The movement in the future trail commission balances for the period are mostly attributable to the growth of the respective trail books over the financial year as opposed to any significant changes in the assumptions applied.

The fair value of trailing commission contract asset from lenders and the corresponding payable to members is determined by using a discounted cash flow valuation. These calculations require the use of assumptions which are determined by management, reviewed by external actuaries, by reference to market observable inputs. The valuation is classified as level 3 in the fair value measurement hierarchy.

The key assumptions/inputs underlying the carrying value calculations of trailing commission receivable and the corresponding payable to members at the reporting date is summarised in the following table:

	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
Average loan life	Between 3.1 and 5.0 years	Between 3.2 and 5.1 years
Discount rate per annum	Between 4% and 13.5%	Between 4% and 13.5%
Percentage paid to brokers	Between 85% and 94.3%	Between 85% and 94%

Securitised funding facilities

The fair values of securitised funding facilities are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis, based on current borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements ranging from 0.9% to 1.9%.

For the purposes of fair value disclosure under AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement, the subordinated notes would be categorised as a level 3 liability where the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable.

30. Group entities

	Country of incorporation	Percentage Ownership interest	
		2021	2020
Parent entity			
Australian Finance Group Limited	Australia	100	100
Significant subsidiaries			
Australian Finance Group (Commercial) Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
Australian Finance Group Securities Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
AFG Securities Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
AFG 2010-1 Trust	Australia	100	100
AFG 2016-1 Trust	Australia	100	100
AFG 2017-1 Trust	Australia	100	100
AFG 2018-1 Trust	Australia	100	100
AFG 2019-1 Trust	Australia	100	100
AFG 2019-2 Trust	Australia	100	100
AFG 2020-1 Trust ²	Australia	100	-
AFG 2020-1 NC Trust ²	Australia	100	-
AFG 2021-1 Trust ²	Australia	100	-
AFG 2010-2 Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
AFG 2010-3 Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
New Zealand Finance Group Ltd ¹	New Zealand	-	100
AFG Home Loans Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
Investment in associates			
Thinktank Group Pty Ltd	Australia	32.29	32.81
MAB Broker Services Pty Ltd ³	Australia	48.05	-

1. New Zealand Finance Group Ltd was deregistered during the year ended 30 June 2021.

2. AFG 2020-1 Trust, AFG 2021-1 Trust and AFG 2020-1 NC Trust were incorporated during the year ended 30 June 2021.

3. The Group invested in MAB Broker Services Pty Ltd during the year ended 30 June 2021.

Additional disclosures with respect to Consolidated Structured EntitiesSubscription of Subordinated Notes within the Trust Structures

As part of the funding arrangement for the Group's Securitisation business the Company has subscribed for the subordinated note in each of the independent funding structures. These notes represent the first loss position for each of the securitisation vehicles. In the event that a loss is incurred in the relevant structure, then the balance of subordinated note is first applied against such losses. A loss would only be incurred within the respective Trust in the event that the sale of the underlying security was not sufficient to cover the loan balance, there was no mortgage insurance policy in existence and the loss could not be covered out of the excess spread generated by the respective Trust.

The weighted average loan to value ratio of all outstanding loans as at time of settlement was below 70% and as at year end, approximately 63% (2020: 63%) of the loans (in dollar value) have a lenders mortgage insurance policy which have been individually underwritten by a mortgage insurer. With respect to those loans which do not have mortgage insurance, the weighted average loan to value ratio for all of these loans is 20% (2020: 24%).

At no point since the inception of the Securitisation business has the subordinated note been required to be accessed to cover any lending losses within the respective Trusts.

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Subordinated notes held in AFG 2010-1 Trust and Series ¹	22,521	32,113
Subordinated notes held in SPE-RMBS trusts following a term transaction:		
• AFG 2016-1	450	450
• AFG 2017-1	560	560
• AFG 2018-1	700	700
• AFG 2019-1	3,930	3,930
• AFG 2020-1	3,325	-
• AFG 2020-1 NC	4,750	-

1. The level of subordination subscribed by the company will increase or decrease over time depending upon a number of factors including the size of the warehouse or RMBS term structure as well as the ratings methodology used for these warehouse facilities

Other

Holders of RMBS are limited in their recourse to the assets of the Securitisation vehicle (subject to limited exceptions). AFG Group companies may however incur liabilities in connection with RMBS which are not subject to the limited recourse restrictions (for example where an AFG Group company acts as a trust manager or servicer of a Securitisation vehicle).

31. Parent entity

Throughout the financial year ending 30 June 2021, the parent Company of the Group was Australian Finance Group Limited.

<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Results of the parent entity		
Profit for the period	34,139	34,992
Total comprehensive income for the period	34,139	34,992
<i>In thousands of AUD</i>	2021	2020
Financial position of parent entity at year end		
Current assets	261,616	265,200
Total assets	1,146,199	1,068,818
Current liabilities	225,897	231,929
Total liabilities	1,002,851	933,048
Total equity of the parent entity comprising of:		
Share capital	102,125	102,157
Reserves	4,423	2,504
Retained earnings	36,800	31,109
Total equity	143,348	135,770

See Notes 32 and 33 for the parent entity capital and other commitments, and contingencies.

32. Capital and other commitments

There are no capital commitments as at the reporting date.

33. Contingencies

Third Party Guarantees

Bank guarantees have been issued by third party financial institutions on behalf of the Group and its subsidiaries for items in the normal course of business such as operating lease contracts. The amounts involved are not considered to be material to the Group.

Other than above, no material claims against these warranties have been received by the Group at the date of this report, and the Directors are of the opinion that no material loss will be incurred.

34. Related parties

(a) Other related parties

A number of key management personnel held positions in other entities that result in them having control over the financial or operating policies of these entities.

A number of these entities transacted with the Group in the reporting period. The terms and conditions of the transactions with the other related parties were no more favourable than those available, or which might reasonably be expected to be available, on similar transactions to non-key management personnel related entities on an arm's length basis.

The aggregate amounts recognised during the year relating to other related parties were as follows:

- (i) Mr T. Gill is an Independent Director of First Mortgage Services (FMS), one of our providers of loan settlement services. During the year, the Group made payments to FMS. These dealings were in the ordinary course of business and were on normal terms and conditions. The payments made for the provision of the settlement services were \$837k (2020: \$1,038k). These payments are not considered to be material to the financial results of the Group and therefore do not impact on Mr T. Gill's independence as a Director.
- (ii) Establish Property Group Ltd (EPG) was created as part of the demerger of the property business prior to listing on the ASX on 22 April 2015. Directors of EPG include B. McKeon, D. Bailey and L. Bevan.
- The Group's head office is located at 100 Havelock Street West Perth. The Group leases these premises at commercial arm's length rates from an investee of EPG, Qube Havelock Street Development Pty Ltd (Qube). AFG paid rent of \$1,150k which has been paid to Qube (2020: \$1,076k). In addition to the above McCabe Street Ltd has an outstanding loan owing to AFG amounting to \$230k (2020: \$224k), this loan is on commercial terms at arms-length. Directors of McCabe Street Ltd include B. McKeon, D. Bailey and L. Bevan.

(b) Compensation of key management personnel of the Group

In thousands of AUD	2021	2020
Short term employment benefits	2,327	2,080
Post-employment pension and medical benefits	100	96
Share based payment transactions	1,002	727
Other long-term benefits	46	21
Total compensation of key management personnel of the Group	3,475	2,924

The amounts disclosed in the table are the amounts recognised as an expense during the reporting period related to key management personnel.

(c) Subsidiaries

Loans are made by the parent entity to wholly owned subsidiaries to fund working capital. Loans outstanding between the Company and its subsidiaries are unsecured, have no fixed date of repayment and are non-interest bearing. Interest-free loans made by the parent entity to all its subsidiaries are payable on demand.

(d) Associates

In thousands of AUD	30 June 2021		30 June 2020	
	Commissions from related parties	Commissions to related parties	Commissions from related parties	Commissions to related parties
Associate				
Thinktank	2,370	-	2,248	-
MAB	-	1,383	-	-

The amounts disclosed in the table are the amounts recognised as commission income and commission expense during the reporting period related to associates.

35. Subsequent events

On 12 July 2021, the Group successfully acquired an 8.04% interest in Volt Corporation Limited ("Volt"), and entered into a strategic alliance with Australia's first neobank.

On 23 July 2021, the Group noted the expiry date of the Connective merger. The Connective merger is unlikely to proceed due to the length of time the Connective court case judgment has taken to date.

On 26 August 2021, the Directors recommended the payment of a dividend of 7.4 cents per fully paid ordinary share, fully franked based on tax paid at 30%. The dividend has a record date of 7 September 2021 and a payment date of 23 September 2021. The aggregate amount of the proposed dividend expected to be paid out of retained earnings at 30 June 2021 is \$19,860k. The financial effect of this dividend has not been brought to account in the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021.

There has not been any matter or circumstance, other than that referred to in the financial statements or notes thereto, that has arisen since the end of the financial year, that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Group, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Group in future financial years.

Director's Declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Australian Finance Group Limited, I state that:

In the opinion of the Directors:

- a) The Financial Statements and Notes to the Financial Statements of Australian Finance Group Limited are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) Giving a true and fair view of the Consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its performance for the year ended on that date
 - (ii) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Regulations 2001
- b) The Financial Statements and Notes to the Financial Statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 2(a)
- c) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

The Directors have been given the declarations by the Chief Executive Officer, and the Chief Financial Officer required by Section 295A of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the Board



Tony Gill

Chairman

Dated at Sydney, New South Wales on 26 August 2021

Independent Audit Report

to the members of Australian Finance Group Limited



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Independent auditor's report to the members of Australian Finance Group Limited

Report on the audit of the financial report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Australian Finance Group Limited (the Company) and its subsidiaries (collectively the Group), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

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

- a. giving a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 30 June 2021 and of its consolidated financial performance for the year ended on that date; 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 Group 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.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report of the current year. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, but we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. For each matter below, our description of how our audit addressed the matter is provided in that context.

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying financial report.



Provision for expected credit loss

Why significant

As described in Notes 3 *Significant accounting policies*, 5 *Financial risk management* and 29 *Financial Instruments*, the provision for expected credit losses (ECL) is determined in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - AASB 9 *Financial Instruments* (AASB 9).

This was a key audit matter due to the size and timing of the recognition of the provision, and the degree of judgement and estimation uncertainty associated with the calculations, including the continued impacts of COVID 19 on the ECL.

Key areas of judgement included:

- ▶ the application of the impairment requirements within AASB 9, which is reflected in the Group's expected credit loss model;
- ▶ the identification of exposures with a significant deterioration in credit quality;
- ▶ assumptions used in the expected credit loss model (for exposures assessed on an individual and collective basis);
- ▶ the incorporation of forward-looking information to reflect current or future external factors (e.g. unemployment rates, interest rates, gross domestic product growth rates, and property prices)
- ▶ forward-looking macroeconomic factors, including developing macroeconomic scenarios and their associated weightings given the wide range of potential economic outcomes and continued impacts from COVID-19 that may impact future expected credit losses.

How our audit addressed the key audit matter

Our audit procedures included the following:

We assessed:

- ▶ the alignment of the Group's expected credit loss model and its underlying methodology with the requirements of AASB 9;
- ▶ the approach determined by the Group for the incorporation of forward-looking macroeconomic factors including specifically the consideration of the continued impacts from COVID-19;
- ▶ the effectiveness of relevant controls relating to the:
 - ▶ capture of data used to determine the provision for credit impairment, including transactional data captured at loan origination, ongoing internal credit quality assessments, storage of data and interfaces to the expected credit loss model;
 - ▶ expected credit loss model, including functionality, ongoing monitoring/validation and model governance.

We examined a sample of exposures assessed on an individual basis to consider the reasonableness of provisions adopted.

We assessed the significant modelling assumptions for exposures evaluated on a collective basis and overlays, with a focus on the:

- ▶ basis for and data used to determine overlays;
- ▶ sensitivity of the collective provisions to changes in modelling assumptions; and
- ▶ reasonableness of macroeconomic scenarios and the continued impacts of COVID-19 at balance date.

We have involved our Actuarial and IT specialists in the performance of these procedures where their specific expertise was required.

We considered the adequacy and appropriateness of the disclosures related to credit impairment within the Financial Report.



Future trailing commission

Why significant

As described in Note 3 *Significant accounting policies*, 4 *Determination of fair values* and 29 *Financial instruments*, the Group recognised a contract asset representing the expected value of future trailing commission receivable in accordance with AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (AASB 15) and a corresponding trailing commission payable was recognised under AASB 9 *Financial Instruments* (AASB 9) representing the net present value of future trailing commissions payable by the Group.

This is a key audit matter due to the size of the contract assets and trailing commission payable and the degree of judgment and estimation uncertainty associated with the calculations.

Key areas of judgement included:

- ▶ the estimation of the discount rate;
- ▶ the percentage of commissions paid to members; and
- ▶ loan book run-off rate assumptions.

How our audit addressed the key audit matter

Our audit procedures included the following:

We assessed:

- ▶ the alignment of the Group's trailing commission model and its underlying methodology with the requirements of AASB 15 for the contract asset and AASB 9 for the trailing commission payable;
- ▶ the effectiveness of relevant controls relating to the approval and determination of the net present value of the future trailing commission receivable and payable;
- ▶ the reasonableness of management's assumptions applied, including the discount rate and loan run-off rates;
- ▶ the historical accuracy of management's estimates by comparing the previously forecast trailing commission income and expense to the actual results.

We have tested:

- ▶ the capture of the data used in management's trail commission model for completeness;
- ▶ a sample of loans from the data used in the model to external supporting documents such as lender commission statements for accuracy;
- ▶ the mathematical accuracy of the models; and
- ▶ the expected percentage to be paid to members by recalculation based on the loan book data and applicable remuneration structure.

We involved our Actuarial and IT specialists in areas that required their specific expertise.

We assessed the adequacy and appropriateness of the disclosures related to trailing commission within the Financial Report.



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 Company's 2021 Annual Report, 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, with the exception of the Remuneration Report and our related assurance opinion.

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

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

Responsibilities of the directors for the financial report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment 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 Group'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 Group'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 Group 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.
- ▶ Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated to the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current year and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.



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Report on the audit of the remuneration report

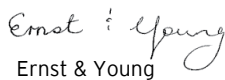
Opinion on the remuneration report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 27 to 41 of the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2021.

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Australian Finance Group Limited for the year ended 30 June 2021, complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Responsibilities

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.


Ernst & Young


Fiona Drummond
Partner
Perth

26 August 2021

Shareholder Information

Additional information required by the Australian Stock Exchange Ltd (ASX) and not disclosed elsewhere in this report is set out below. The information is current as at 30 July 2021.

(a) Number of holders of equity securities

Ordinary share capital

268,382,396 fully paid ordinary shares are held by 6,519 individual shareholders

All issued ordinary shares carry one vote per share.

(b) Distribution of holders of equity securities

The number of shareholders by size of holding is set out below:

Range	Securities	%	No. of holders	%
100,001 and Over	219,933,448	81.95	78	1.20
10,001 to 100,000	33,646,820	12.54	1,365	20.94
5,001 to 10,000	7,670,784	2.86	1,007	15.45
1,001 to 5,000	6,194,679	2.31	2,289	35.11
1 to 1,000	936,665	0.35	1,780	27.30
Total	268,382,396	100	6,519	100
Unmarketable Parcels*	14,358	0.01	193	2.96

*An unmarketable parcel is considered to be a shareholding of 193 shares or less, being a value of \$500 or less in total, based on the Company's last sale price on the ASX at 30 July 2021 of \$2.59

(c) Substantial shareholders

The names and the number of securities held by substantial shareholders are set out below:

	# Shares	% of issued capital
MSW Investments ATF The Malcolm Stephen Watkins Family Trust	17,493,656	6.52%
MBM Investments ATF The Brett McKeon Family Trust	16,310,694	6.08%
Banyard Holdings Pty Ltd ATF The B&K McGougan Trust	14,788,765	5.51%

(d) Twenty largest holders of quoted equity securities

Top holders		# Shares	% of issues capital
HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED		54,038,846	20.14
NATIONAL NOMINEES LIMITED		41,199,304	15.35
CITICORP NOMINEES PTY LIMITED		29,081,825	10.84
J P MORGAN NOMINEES AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED		18,145,498	6.76
MBM INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	THE BRETT MCKEON FAMILY	16,310,694	6.08
BANYARD HOLDINGS PTY LTD	B & K MCGOUGAN	14,788,765	5.51
PERPETUAL CORPORATE TRUST LTD	<983L AC>	12,345,025	4.60
BNP PARIBAS NOMINEES PTY LTD	<AGENCY LENDING DRP A/C>	5,083,570	1.89
BNP PARIBAS NOMS PTY LTD	<DRP>	3,356,243	1.25
INVIA CUSTODIAN PTY LIMITED	<THE B & K MCGOUGAN NO 2 A/C>	2,743,637	1.02
HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED	<NT-COMNWLTH SUPER CORP A/C>	2,728,738	1.02
ASSURED FINANCIAL SERVICES PTY LTD		2,060,000	0.77
ADRIEN MANN (SOUTH PACIFIC) PTY LTD		1,110,000	0.41
EDI NOMINEES PTY LTD	<THE BUFFALO CREEK S/F A/C>	1,060,000	0.39
ANGELA MIDDLETON		1,000,000	0.37
LISA BEVAN		1,000,000	0.37
EGMONT PTY LTD	<CRAIG CARTER SUPER FUND A/C>	960,714	0.36
NOLDEX PTY LTD		835,000	0.31
NATIONAL NOMINEES LIMITED	<DB A/C>	653,305	0.24
CS FOURTH NOMINEES PTY LIMITED	<HSBC CUST NOM AU LTD 11 A/C>	545,293	0.20

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Notice of AGM

The annual general meeting of Australian Finance Group Limited will be held on Friday 26 November 2021 at 9.00am WST at Level 4, 100 Havelock Street, West Perth WA 6005.

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