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AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th JUNE 2025

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Your Committee (Board) members submit the financial report of Merri Creek Management Committee Inc for the financial period ended 30 June 2025.

Committee (Board) Members

Merri Creek Management Committee Inc Committee (Board) members in office at any time during or since the end of the year were:

Ann McGregor OAM - President

Nicole Lowe - Vice President

Peter Ewer – Vice President

Judy Schrever - Treasurer

Lisa Souquet-Wigg - Secretary

Linda Martin-Chew – Member Representative

Richard Tolliday – Member Representative

Narelle Liepa - Member Representative

Cr Claudia James-Member Representative

Vix Penko - Member Representative

Philip Sinclair - Member Representative

Kate Jost - Member Representative

Cr Julie O'Brien - Member Representative (Appointed on 27 February 2025)

Cr Karen Sherry – Member Representative (Appointed on 27 February 2025)

Cr Kate Hamley – Member Representative (Appointed on 27 February 2025)

Cr Nat Abboud – Member Representative (Appointed on 27 February 2025)

Cr Kenneth Gomez – Member Representative (Appointed on 27 February 2025)

Norbert Ryan – Member Representative (Appointed on 28 November 2024)

Cr Rob Eldridge – Vice President (Resigned on 28 November 2024)

Cr Trent McCarthy – Member Representative (Resigned on 28 November 2024)

Cr Angelica Panopoulos – Member Representative (Resigned on 28 November 2024)

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Association during the financial period were to ensure the preservation of natural and cultural heritage, and the ecologically sensitive restoration, development and maintenance of the Merri Creek and tributaries, their corridors and associated ecological communities.

Operating Activities

The surplus for the 2025 financial period amounted to \$51,443 (12 months to September 2024: \$81,438 surplus).

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the period apart from the change in financial year end from 30 September to 30 June commencing this period ended 30th June 2025.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee (Board).

Ann McGregor - President

Judy Schrever - Treasurer

Signed on 10/11/2025

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RESPONSIBLE PERSONS' DECLARATION

The Committee members being the responsible persons, declare that in their opinion:

- (a) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity will be able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable;
- (b) the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and comply with Australia Accounting Standards applicable to the entity; and
- (c) give a true and fair view of the financial position of the registered entity as at 30 June 2025 and its performance for the period ended on that date.

This declaration is signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2022.

Ann McGregor - Chairman

Judy Schrever - Treasurer

Signed on 10/11/2025

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th JUNE 2025

	Note	9 months to 30 June 2025 \$	12 months to 30 September 2024 \$
Revenue	2	2,304,388	2,504,858
Employee Benefits and Related Expenses		(1,827,922)	(2,040,187)
Project Expenses		(140,169)	(85,944)
Depreciation Expense		(23,725)	(26,218)
Consultants Expenses		(122,362)	(68,477)
Miscellaneous Expenses		(17,285)	(38,605)
Administration Expenses		(121,482)	(163,989)
SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD/ YEAR	3	51,443	81,438
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD/ YEAR	-	51,443	81,438

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30th JUNE 2025

	Note	30 June 2025 \$	30 September 2024 \$
Current Assets Cash and Cash Equivalents Accounts Receivables and Deposits Inventories Prepaid Expenses	4	1,299,033 442,432 6,760 15,726	877,041 469,845 9,874 84,383
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	_	1,763,951	1,441,143
Non-Current Assets Property, Plant and Equipment Intangible Assets	5 6	275,087 30,503	166,017
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	_	305,590	166,017
TOTAL ASSETS	_	2,069,541	1,607,160
Current Liabilities Accounts Payables Other Creditors and Accrued Expenses Provisions Contract Liability	7 8 9	26,859 144,097 279,215 853,251	38,146 100,753 275,859 461,989
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	_	1,303,422	876,747
Non-Current Liability Provisions	8	-	15,737
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	_	-	15,737
TOTAL LIABILITIES	_	1,303,422	892,484
NET ASSETS	_	766,119	714,676
Equity Environment Fund Reserve Retained Surplus	10	176,190 589,929	146,259 568,417
TOTAL EQUITY	_	766,119	714,676

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR PERIOD ENDED 30th JUNE 2025

	Reserves \$	Retained Surplus \$	Total \$
Balance 1st October 2023	128,601	504,637	633,238
Transfer to/ (from) Reserves	17,658	(17,658)	-
Surplus for the year	-	81,438	81,438
Balance 30 th September 2024	146,259	568,417	714,676
Transfer to/ (from) Reserves	29,931	(29,931)	-
Surplus for the period	-	51,443	51,443
Balance 30 th June 2025	176,190	589,929	766,119

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th JUNE 2025

	Note	9 months to 30 June 2025 \$	12 months to 30 September 2024 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Grant and donation income received		2,705,170	2,422,884
Other income received		3,063	52,470
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,137,775)	(2,504,584)
Net Cash generated from/ (used in) Operating Activities	11	570,458	(29,230)
Cash Flow from Investing Activities			
Interest received		14,832	26,014
Acquisition of plant and equipment		(132,795)	(15,699)
Acquisition of intangible assets		(30,503)	-
Net Cash (used in)/ generated from Investing Activities	-	(148,466)	10,315
Not in average / (de average) in each heald		424 000	(40.045)
Net increase/ (decrease) in cash held		421,992	(18,915)
Cash and cash equivalent at beginning of period/ year		877,041	895,956
Cash and cash equivalent at end of period/ year	4	1,299,033	877,041

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th JUNE 2025

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements cover Merri Creek Management Committee Inc. as an individual entity, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Committee members of the Association at the time of signing the Responsible Persons' Declaration.

Financial Reporting Framework

The Committee has prepared the financial statements on the basis that the Association is a non-reporting entity because there are no users who are dependent on its general-purpose financial statements. These financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2022*. The Association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies below, and the recognition and measurement requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations except for those within "AASB 19" Employee Benefits. The measurement of Long Service Leave liabilities based upon discounted present values and probabilities of staff meeting continuous periods of employment have not been adopted in accordance with AASB 19 Employee Benefits. Refer to Note 1 (d) for the Associations' policies for Employee Entitlements.

The financial statements have also been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies disclosed below and disclosure requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act* 2022.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. The material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

a. Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Association during the financial year were to ensure the preservation of natural and cultural heritage, and the ecologically sensitive restoration, development and maintenance of the Merri Creek and tributaries, their corridors and associated ecological communities.

b. Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis and are therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses recognised either in profit or loss or as a revaluation decrease if the impairment losses relate to a revalued asset.

A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present (refer to Note 1(e) for details of impairment).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th JUNE 2025

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

b. Property, Plant and Equipment (Cont'd)

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Association and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are recognised as expenses in profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated on either a straight line basis, or on a diminishing value basis, over their useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Depreciation Rate		
33%		
8%		
25%		
20%		

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

c. Taxation

The Association is a tax exempt body under Div 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 and therefore does not account for income tax.

d. Employee Entitlements

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits have been measured at the nominal amounts plus payroll on cost owing at year end. The Association commences to accrue for Long Service Leave after an employee has completed five years of continuous service.

Defined contribution superannuation benefits

All employees of the Association receive defined contribution superannuation entitlements, for which the entity pays at least the minimum required superannuation guarantee contribution (currently 11.5% from 1 July 2024 of the employee's average ordinary salary) to the employee's superannuation fund of choice. All contributions in respect of employees' defined contribution entitlements are recognised as an expense when they become payable. The Association's obligation with respect to employees' defined contribution entitlements is limited to its obligation for any unpaid superannuation guarantee contributions at the end of the reporting period. All obligations for unpaid superannuation guarantee contributions are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled and are presented as current liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th JUNE 2025

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

e. Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the entity reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

f. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of less than twelve months.

g. Revenue recognition

The association is first required to determine whether amounts received are accounted for as Revenue per AASB 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers or Income per AASB 1058: Income of Not-for-Profit Entities.

Funding arrangements which are enforceable and contain sufficiently specific performance obligations are recognised as revenue under AASB 15. Otherwise, such arrangements are accounted for under AASB 1058, where upon initial recognition of an asset, the association is required to consider whether any other financial statement elements should be recognised (eg, financial liabilities representing repayable amounts), with any difference being recognised immediately in profit or loss as income.

Operating Grants, Donations and Bequests

When the entity received operating grant revenue, donations or bequests, it assesses whether the contract is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance with AASB 15.

When both these conditions are satisfied, the entity: — identifies each performance obligation relating to the grant — recognises a contract liability for its obligations under the agreement — recognises revenue as it satisfies its performance obligations. Where the contract is not enforceable or does not have sufficiently specific performance obligations, the entity:

- recognises the asset received in accordance with the recognition requirements of other applicable accounting standards.
- recognises related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions); and
- recognises income immediately in profit or loss as the difference between the initial carrying amount of the asset and the related amount.

If a contract liability is recognised as a related amount above, the entity recognises income in profit or loss when or as it satisfies its obligations under the contract.

Interest Income

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th JUNE 2025

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

g. Revenue recognition (Cont'd)

Goods and Services

Revenue from the rendering of a service or provision of goods is recognised upon the delivery of the service or goods to the member or customer and measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

h. Leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

i. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

j. Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from customers and donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Accounts receivable are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment. Refer to Note 1(e) for further discussion on the determination of impairment losses.

k. Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

I. Comparative Figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

Where the entity retrospectively applies an accounting policy, makes a retrospective restatement or reclassifies items in its financial statements, a third statement of financial position as at the beginning of the preceding period in addition to the minimum comparative financial statements must be presented, if the change is material.

Statement of Cash Flows

To more appropriately disclose interest income for cash flow purposes, management has decided to reclassify interest income from operating activities to investing activities. This had the impact upon the comparative of increasing the net cash used in operating activities from \$3,216 to \$29,230; and reducing the net cash used in investing activities from \$15,699 to \$10,315 generated from investing activities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th JUNE 2025

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

m. Change in Reporting Period

To align the year-ending reporting period with the generally accepted financial year end of June, the Committee members have decided to change the reporting year-end to 30 June.

The change in year-end from 30 September to 30 June has resulted in the comparatives for these financial statements for the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income and the Statement of Cash Flows not being entirely comparable.

n. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

The Committee evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Association.

Key Estimates

Impairment

The Association assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluating conditions and events specific to the Association that may be indicative of impairment triggers.

Property, plant and equipment

As indicated in Note 1(b), the Association reviews the useful life of property, plant and equipment on annual basis.

Key Judgements

Performance obligations under AASB15

To identify a performance obligation under AASB 15, the promise must be sufficiently specific to be able to determine when the obligation is satisfied. The Committee exercise judgement to determine whether the promise is sufficiently specific by taking into account any conditions specified in the arrangement, explicit or implicit, regarding the promised goods or services. In making this assessment, management includes the nature/-type, cost/-value, quantity and the period of transfer related to the goods or services promised.

o. New and Amended Accounting Policies Adopted by the Entity

AASB 2021-1: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards— Classification of Liabilities as current or non-current

The entity adopted AASB 2021-1 which amends AASB101 to clarify requirements for the presentation of liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position as current or non-current. It also clarifies the meaning of "settlement of a liability".

The adoption of the amendment did not have a material impact on the financial statements.

There were no other new significant Accounting Standards or Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) which were mandatory for the current reporting period that were applicable to the entity.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th JUNE 2025

		9 months to 30 June 2025	12 months to 30 September 2024
		\$	\$
2.	Revenue Operating Activities Government Grants		
	- Municipalities	665,912	812,599
	- Other Government	272,202	112,954
	Contract fees	1,219,820	1,400,650
	Non-Government Grants Donations	79,149 49,411	29,365 70,807
	Interest	14,832	26,014
	Other income	3,062	52,469
	Total Revenue	2,304,388	2,504,858
3.	SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD/ YEAR Surplus from Ordinary Activities has been determined after: Expenses:		
	Superannuation Expense	167,896	195,564
	Depreciation	23,725	26,218
	Auditors Remuneration – Audit The auditors do not receive any other benefit.	15,000	8,600
		30 June 2025 \$	30 September 2024 \$
4.	CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	·	·
	Cash on hand	900	748
	Cash at bank - Merri Creek Environment Fund	176,190	146,259
	- Other	382,562	250,587
	Short Term Deposits	739,381	479,447
		1,299,033	877,041
5.	PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
	Buildings at Cost	20,231	20,231
	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(20,231)	(20,231)
		<u>-</u> _	
	Motor Vehicles at Cost	432,257	331,822
	Less Accumulated Depreciation	(206,208)	(190,346)
		226,049	141,476
	Computers & Equipment at Cost	14,001	14,001
	Less Accumulated Depreciation	(14,001)	(14,001)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th JUNE 2025

		30 June 2025 \$	30 September 2024 \$
5.	PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONT'D)		
•	Plant & Equipment at Cost Less Accumulated Depreciation	91,012 (49,807)	66,485 (41,944)
	2000 Noodhalated Depresiation	41,205	24,541
	Capital Work-in-Progress	7,833	-
	Total Property, Plant and Equipment	275,087	166,017
6.	INTANGIBLE ASSETS		
	Operating System and Software: Capital Work-in-Progress	30,502	
7.	OTHER CREDITORS AND ACCRUED EXPENSES		
	Wages and Employee Expenses	46,668	8,186
	GST Payable	68,574	54,364
	PAYG owed to ATO	28,855	38,203
		144,097	100,753
8.	PROVISIONS Current Liability		
	Provision for Annual Leave	149,555	145,517
	Provision for Long Service Leave	129,660	122,415
	Provision for Flexible Hours		7,927
		279,215	275,859
	Non-Current Liability		
	Provision for Long Service Leave		15,737
			15,737
	Total Provision	279,215	291,596
•	CONTRACT LIABILITY		
9.	CONTRACT LIABILITY Unexpended Grants and Income	853,251	461,989

If grants are enforceable and have sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance with AASB 15 the amount received at that point in time, is recognised as a contract liability until the performance obligations have been satisfied.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th JUNE 2025

10. ENVIRONMENT FUND RESERVE	30 June 2025 \$	30 September 2024 \$
Opening Balance	146,259	128,601
Add Transfer from Retained Earnings: Interest Received Donations Received Additional Amount Transferred In	375 30,222 - 30,597	769 62,530 419 63,718
Less Transfer to Retained Earnings: Project Expenditure Incurred	(666) (666)	(46,060) (46,060)
Closing Balance	176,190	146,259
11. OPERATING SURPLUS IS RECONCILED TO CASH FROM OPERATIONS:	9 months to 30 June 2025 \$	12 months to 30 September 2024 \$
Operating Surplus	51,443	81,438
Income recognised in Investing Activities Interest received Non-cash flows in Surplus: Depreciation	(14,832) 36,611 23,725	(26,014) 55,424 26,218
Changes in assets and liabilities: (Increase)/ Decrease in Accounts Receivables and Deposits (Increase)/ Decrease in Inventories Increase/ (Decrease) in Accounts Payables, Other Creditors and Accrued Expenses Increase/ (Decrease) in Provisions Increase/ (Decrease) in Contract Liability Cash Flow generated from/ (used in) Operating Activities	96,071 3,114 32,056 (12,381) 391,262 570,458	(303,361) (8,274) (2,340) (59,110) 262,213 (29,230)

12. SUPERANNUATION

The Association contributes to two industry superannuation plans, being a defined benefit plan and a defined contribution plan.

Defined Benefit Plan

The Vision Super Defined Benefit Plan (VSDB) is a defined benefit plan under Superannuation Law. The most current Vested Benefit Index (VBI) as at 31 March 2025 has decreased compared to that at 31 December 2024. This is mainly due to negative investment returns of 0.32% and average salary increase of 1.15% for the quarter which has decreased the asset pool supporting the defined benefit liabilities of the sub-plan.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th JUNE 2025

12. SUPERANNUATION (CONT'D)

Defined Benefit Plan (Cont'd)

The VBI of 105.0% as at 31 March 2025 satisfies APRA's Superannuation Prudential Standard 160 (SPS 160). Vision Super is closely monitoring the investment markets to identify potential threats/opportunities that we may be able to avoid/take advantage of to improve the funding position of the sub-plan.

Shortfall limit

Under the superannuation prudential standards, VBIs must generally be kept above a fund's nominated shortfall threshold, currently 98%. When an actuarial review/investigation is in progress, a fund's VBI must be at least 100%. The 31 March 2025 VBI calculation of 105.0% exceeded the applicable 98% shortfall limit.

In the event the VBI falls below the shortfall threshold, the fund's Trustee is required under the superannuation prudential standards (SPS 160) to formulate a restoration plan to restore the VBI to 100% within three years.

Defined Contribution Plan

Benefits provided by this plan are based on accumulated contributions and earnings. The Association contributes 11.5% from 1 July 2024 of the employee's gross income to this plan. This plan is an accumulation plan.

13. CONTINGENCIES

There are no known contingent assets or liabilities as at 30th June 2025.

14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no significant events that require to be disclosed as at 30th June 2025.

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions required to be disclosed for the period ended 30th June 2025.

There was only one remunerated key management personnel during the financial period ended 30th June 2025.

16. AUDITOR DETAILS

The Audit firm is McBain McCartin & Co. (Chartered Accountants)
The firm's registered office is:
Level 1, 123 Whitehorse Road
BALWYN VIC 3103

The Auditor Remuneration for the period ended 30th June 2025 is detailed at Note 3.

17. LEASE COMMITMENTS

The association leases on an ongoing month to month basis the office at 2 Lee Street Brunswick with rent payable on a monthly basis of approximately \$780.

18. ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The registered office of the association is; 2 Lee Street
BRUNSWICK EAST VIC 3057



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MERRI CREEK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE INC ABN: 13 025 599 242

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Merri Creek Management Committee Inc, which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2025, the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows for the period then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory information and the responsible person's declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Merri Creek Management Committee Inc has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act)*, including:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its financial performance for the period ended; and
- b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022.*

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 registered entity in accordance with ACNC Act and ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

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

The committee members are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the registered entity's annual report for the period ended 30 June 2025 but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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

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

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the registered entity's financial reporting responsibilities under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee members of Merri Creek Management Committee Inc are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the ACNC Act and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee is responsible for assessing the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intends to liquidate the registered entity 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 it is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- a. 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.
- b. 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 registered entity's internal control.
- c. Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee.

- d. Conclude on the appropriateness of the committees' 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 registered entity'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 registered entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- e. Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the committee 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.

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SIGNED this 11th day of November 2025

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