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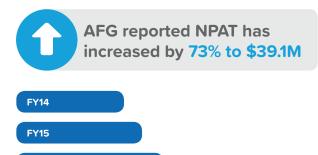
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AFG normalised NPAT has increased by 33% to \$30.2M

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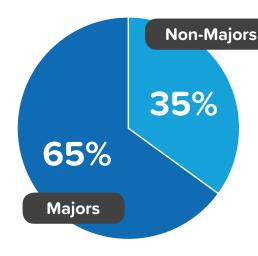


**FY16** 

**FY17** 

Broker numbers grew to over **2,875 nationally,** up from 2,650 at 30 June 2016





**35%** of flows to non-majors Q4 2017 up from 29% Q4 2016

53% of Australian mortgages are

written through a broker and growing











**FY17 Residential** settlements of with the Residential trail book now

\$34.3 billion **\$126.5** billion 3,400 individual products up from 1,450 in April 2015

lenders















**FY17 Commercial** settlements of with the Commercial leasing now

\$2.84 billion \$445 million

























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## **Chairman's Letter**

Australian Finance Group ("AFG") reports a normalised net profit after tax (NPAT) of \$30.2 million for the 2017 financial year (FY2017). This represents an increase of 33% on FY2016. These results are a testament to AFG's strategy of protecting our core business and delivering growth through a focus on earnings diversification whilst continuing to ensure great customer outcomes.



Tony Gill Non-Executive Chairman

The Group has achieved significant growth across a number of key performance measures. Highlights include:

- Reported NPAT of \$39.1 million, normalised NPAT of \$30.2 million, up 33%
- White label AFG Home Loans ("AFGHL") settlements of \$2.7 billion, up 38%
- Combined residential and commercial loan book of \$133 billion, up 11%
- Residential settlements of \$34.3 billion, up 1%
- Commercial settlements of \$2.8 billion, up 3%
- Earnings Per Share (EPS) for FY2017 is 14 cents per share based on normalised NPAT, up 33%

#### **Market conditions**

These results have been achieved in an environment of flat credit growth and significant regulatory changes impacting foreign investment and changing credit appetites of the country's lenders.

In this environment AFG has succeeded with the targeted development and delivery of competitive mainstream products through its own-brand AFGHL business designed to fill a gap in the market and continue to provide choice and competition to Australian consumers. The success of that initiative saw the AFGHL business finish the full year 2017 with settlements of \$2.7 billion, a 38% increase from last year. The AFGHL loan book is now \$5.5 billion, an increase of 44% since the same time in 2016.

2017 has also been marked by significant regulatory scrutiny of the Australian lending market. Following an unprecedented data collection process, ASIC released a report into the mortgage broking sector earlier this year. That report has made a number of proposals and ASIC has stated its proposals aim to strengthen the positive contribution that brokers provide in this sector, while enhancing consumer outcomes and competition; the operation of the home loan market more generally; and the trust and confidence that consumers have in brokers. AFG supports those aspirations.

Throughout its 23 year history, AFG has been vocal in its advocacy for the mortgage broking industry. In this role, AFG's overarching aim is to ensure that mortgage brokers are able to continue to promote good consumer outcomes and strong competition in the home loan market.

It is AFG's contention that these aims benefit not just consumers who choose to seek the assistance of a mortgage broker when sourcing a home loan, but also all Australian home owners and potential home owners due to the competitive tensions created by the broad distribution of home loans beyond the four major banks.

#### **Company update**

A highlight of 2017 was the display of strength the organisation demonstrated at the AFG National Conference in June when 1,200 AFG aligned brokers, lenders and staff came together for three days in Sydney.

The conference program was structured to enable significant educational content and networking opportunities. Many brokers are small business people working around the clock in their businesses and the opportunity the conference provided for them to hear from lenders, subject experts and the regulator was invaluable. This type of event also enables them to meet their peers from across the country and share their experiences of running their businesses and of the current conditions affecting their industry.

After more than 23 years at the helm of AFG, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Brett McKeon stepped back from his full time executive role in March of this year. Brett was one of the co-founders of AFG in 1994 and has led the Company from its beginning through its national expansion and successful IPO in 2015. Brett remains on the AFG Board as an Executive Director with a focus on advocacy and support of AFG's broker network and their customers.

After a period spent as Interim CEO, the Board was pleased to appoint our Chief Operating Officer David Bailey as the Company's new CEO. The smooth transition ensured focus on our core business was maintained and is reflected in the results.

During the year we saw Jim Minto step down as a Director of AFG. Jim's contribution to AFG over a number of years has been significant. His involvement in the successful listing of AFG and his advice and support of senior management has been of tremendous assistance and we wish him well in the future.

On behalf of the Board I would like to thank AFG management, staff and our loyal brokers for another outstanding year for the Group.

Yours sincerely,

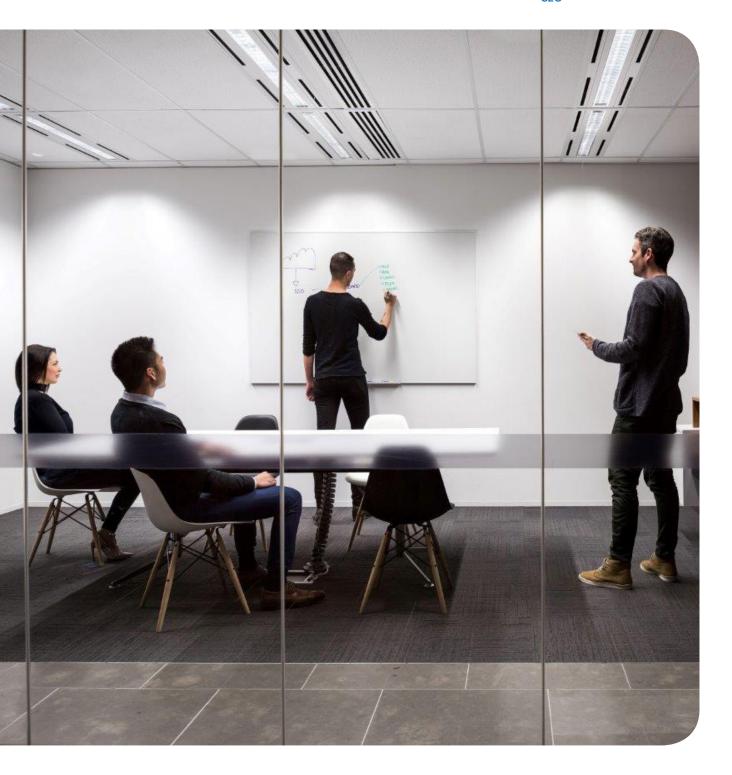
Tony Gill Chairman

# **CEO's Report**

AFG's positive results have been driven by the core business of residential mortgages and commercial lending, highlighted by continued strong growth in our own-branded AFG Home Loans business.



**David Bailey** CEO



The most pleasing part for me about AFG's record trading result is the continued validation of our earnings diversification strategy – a strategy which had its origins as far back as 2001 when we wrote our first AFG branded home loan.

I would like to thank all AFG aligned brokers for their contribution in what would have been one of their more challenging years.

Once again, AFG took the titles of Aggregator of the Year and Technology Platform of the Year at the 2017 Australian Broking Awards. Technology is a key strategic focus for AFG and one of the bedrocks of our business. We invest in the best people, platforms, systems and tools in order to remain an innovative leader in the delivery of high quality, resilient and agile technologies to fuel the business growth of AFG and our brokers.

#### **Lending environment**

The complexity of the Australian lending market has increased significantly in the past 12 months. AFG began its listed life with around 1,450 products on its lending platform. That number has now increased to more than 3,400 at the end of the 2017 financial year.

The growth is a reflection of multiple changes by lenders to their product suites. The introduction of new products, changes to LVR bands, numerous product splits with differing rates and repayment options according to loan type, as well as significant changes to investor and owner occupier pricing have been rolled out across our platform in the past 12 months. Whilst a majority of these changes have been driven by increased regulator activity, they have been delivered at an unprecedented pace.

These significant changes reaffirm the importance to a consumer of having an informed broker onside. With 53% of the flow of home lending now going through the mortgage broker channel the value consumers continue to place on the service provided by their mortgage broker is clear.

AFG has achieved another strong year in the recruitment of high performing brokers to AFG. From 2,650 brokers at FY2016, those numbers have increased by 8.5% to 2,875 active brokers.

Around the country, the states performed largely in line with their broader economies. The Victorian market was a standout for AFG, Queensland is improving and strong broker recruitment in New South Wales kept that state performing well. SA and WA have both been affected by downturns in their economies and Tasmania, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory are in line with market conditions.

Each month, more than 10,000 customers seek the assistance of an AFG broker. The importance of the broker channel to the delivery of a competitive lending market and choice for Australian consumers continues to ensure we are well positioned to support those brokers working with us to provide that service to their customers.

#### **Commercial lending**

In a clear sign of the health of the commercial market for brokers, AFG Commercial asset financing settlements rose 20% to finish the year at \$445 million. AFG Commercial mortgage settlements for the year were \$2.84 billion and the trail book for this segment of our business now stands at \$6.78 billion.

The small to medium enterprise (SME) segment of the commercial market is one where AFG anticipates significant

future growth. AFG is poised to harness this growth with the impending rollout of an Australian-first SME lending platform developed in conjunction with international fintech company Biz2Credit Inc. The new platform, AFG Business, will enable our network of brokers to provide small business borrowers access to a broad range of options, deliver faster access to capital and open up the lending landscape for a sector of the economy which has often struggled to access financing efficiently and at a competitive price.

AFG Business is a true industry first; matching lenders' risk appetite and the customer's business risk profile. It will deliver a brand new approach to the traditionally conservative realm of Australian lending by fully digitising the application process and is further evidence of our commitment to improved outcomes for all Australian borrowers.

#### **Outlook**

Our positive 2017 financial result has been achieved during a year of ongoing market headwinds and regulator intervention in the wider mortgage market.

Markets are largely expecting subdued credit growth however with more complex products in the market and lenders continuing to make multiple changes to products, the value a broker delivers to a consumer navigating their lending options is clear

The introduction of a new funder to our AFGHL suite has further enabled us to harness growth in this part of our business. A strong net interest margin and the loan book performing well means we have a very positive outlook for this part of our business.

AFG will continue to maintain its prominent role as an advocate for the mortgage broking industry and the benefits the channel delivers to all Australian mortgage customers. The mortgage broking industry drives competition amongst lenders by giving those without a large branch network access to an effective distribution network. AFG has 45 lenders on its panel with more than 35% of borrowings going to lenders other than the four major banks. This competitive tension is vital to keep the cost of lending down for all Australian borrowers.

As the industry continues to mature, the importance of the sector to the lending environment has been highlighted by the scrutiny of the sector by the regulator through the ASIC Broker Remuneration Review. AFG was pleased to see this review confirm the value brokers deliver to competition and consumers. We are now working closely with our peers, the regulators and our lending partners to ensure the continued strengthening of the mortgage broking sector.

As we head into the new financial year AFG will continue to protect our core mortgage broking business and drive further earnings diversification. I look forward to continuing our momentum.

Finally, it should go without saying but it is important and worthwhile to reiterate I am constantly excited and impressed at the contribution our staff make to the ongoing success of AFG. The quality of their commitment across the organisation is an essential ingredient of our success. For this I say a broad thank you.

Yours sincerely,

David Rails

David Bailey

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# **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 2017 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, most recently with Macquarie Bank for more than 16 years, as Group Head of the Banking and Securitisation Group. Mr Gill is a Director of First Mortgage Services, First American Title Insurance, Genworth Mortgage Insurance Australia Limited and sits on the Board of the Butterfly Foundation for Eating Disorders and is a member of ASIC's External Advisory Panel. Mr Gill holds a Bachelor of Commerce and is a Chartered Accountant (retired).

#### **Brett McKeon**

### (Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer) Resigned 31 May 2017

#### (Executive Director) Appointed 1 June 2017

Mr McKeon is a founding Director of AFG and the Group's former Managing Director. Mr McKeon has worked for over 30 years in the finance industry and has considerable management, capital raising, public company and sales experience and is an experienced Director in both the public and private arenas. Mr McKeon was awarded The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year for WA in 2006. In 2016 Mr McKeon was appointed to the newly reconstituted Financial Sector Advisory Council, a non-statutory body that provides advice to the federal government on policies that will maintain an efficient, competitive and dynamic financial sector. Mr McKeon drives AFG's advocacy activity through the company's guiding principles of fairness, shared prosperity and the provision of choice for Australian consumers.

During the past three years Mr McKeon has also served as a Director of the following listed company:

#### **Malcolm Watkins**

#### (Executive Director)

Mr Watkins is a founding Director of AFG and has played a central role in the strategic direction of the company. With responsibility for the company's IT and Marketing divisions, Mr Watkins has focused on extracting real and tangible returns on the significant investments AFG has made in information technology. These divisions have set an industry benchmark for the delivery of a successful, fully integrated business and CRM platform for AFG brokers. Most recently, Mr Watkins has taken a lead role in preparing for the expansion of AFG Business, a key area of future focus for the Group.

 $\mbox{Mr}$  Watkins is a former member of the Board of the Mortgage and Finance Association of Australia (MFAA).

#### **Kevin Matthews**

#### (Non-Executive Director)

Mr Matthews is a founding Director of the Group. He previously held a role as an Executive Director and was responsible for negotiating and managing key relationships with banks and lending institutions, including product development and the Commercial line of business. Mr Matthews ceased to be an Executive Director and became a Non-Executive Director on 1 May 2015. Mr Matthews has worked in the finance industry for more than 35 years and has been a licensed finance broker for more than 25 years. He is a former Director of the Mortgage and Finance Association of Australia (MFAA) and served on the MFAA's National Brokers Committee for 12 years. Mr Matthews is also a Senior Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia (FINSIA) and a life member of the MFAA.

#### James (Jim) Minto

## (Independent Non-Executive Director) (Retired 21 June 2017)

Mr Minto rejoined the AFG Board in 2015 following his retirement as Group CEO and Managing Director of life insurer TAL (formerly TOWER Australia). TAL is 100% owned by Dai-ichi Life, a major global Japanese-based life insurer. Mr Minto had been in that role since November 2006 and prior to that was Group CEO of the Trans-Tasman TOWER Limited Group. Mr Minto has extensive experience in the financial services sector and an intimate understanding of the AFG business, having previously been a member of the AFG Board from 2004 until 2013. Mr Minto was the Chairman of the Remuneration and Nomination committee for part of the year and then Chairman of the Risk Committee. A Chartered Accountant, Mr Minto recently retired as Chair of the Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia (ASFA) and was a panel member of the Australian Government's 2011 Review of Natural Disasters Insurance. He is also an executive officer of Dai-ichi Life of Japan, a Director of Singapore-based Dai-ichi Life Asia Pacific. He is a Director if the National Disability Insurance Agency, a Director of Equity Trustees Limited and Chairman of Partners Life Limited a NZ based life insurer. Mr Minto is a Fellow Chartered Accountant (FCA) with Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand. He is also a member and Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

<sup>\*</sup> Caravel Minerals Limited – appointed in 2012; resigned in 2015





#### **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 Nominations Committee. Following a prestigious career spanning 35 years in stockbroking and investment banking, specialising in Corporate Advice and Equity Capital Markets, Mr Carter now manages his own diverse business interests across a portfolio of equities, agriculture and real estate. He is also a Director of the Fremantle Football Club, Mr Carter was a Natural Person Member of the Australian Stock Exchange, has been a member of the ASX's National Listing Committee, and is a Fellow of the Financial Services Institute. Mr Carter is a well-known professional with unique experience in equities. capital markets and corporate transactions. This experience provides a platform for robust perspectives and a long reputation of integrity and good governance across financial service businesses.

#### **Melanie Kiely**

#### (Independent Non-Executive Director)

Ms Kiely is an experienced Executive and Company Director with over 25 years of experience in health care, financial services and consulting in Australia, Europe and South Africa. Ms Kiely is currently with the Silver Chain Group as Executive General Manager, Social Care. She is also currently a Director of the Black Dog Institute. Prior to this, Ms Kiely held senior executive positions at HBF Health Fund, nib health funds, MBF and was an Associate Partner at 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.

#### **Jane Muirsmith**

#### (Independent Non-Executive Director)

Ms Muirsmith is an accomplished digital, channel and marketing strategist with a proven track record of helping companies leverage digital technologies to drive innovation and business outcomes. She has broad experience spanning 25 years across many industries including financial services, insurance, utilities, government, professional services, retail, manufacturing and technology. Ms Muirsmith is Managing Director of Lenox Hill, a digital strategy and consulting company and is a Non-Executive Director of Healthdirect Australia. She is also a member of the Ambassadorial Council of the UWA Business School. She is a Fellow with Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, where she is Chair of the WA Business Advisory Committee and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Ms Muirsmith was appointed to the AFG Board as a Non-Executive Director in March 2016.

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 Revan

#### (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, compliance, governance and risk management programs. Ms Bevan also oversees the legal and human resources functions.

# 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	2,250,000	-
Brett McKeon	21,179,773	176,452
Malcolm Watkins	19,602,689	35,290
Kevin Matthews	15,000,000	-
Craig Carter	500,000	-
James Minto	166,666	-
Melanie Kiely	-	-
Jane Muirsmith	-	-

#### **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.

#### **Dividends**

Total dividends paid during the financial year ended 30 June 2017 were \$20,622k (2016: \$6,444k), which included:

- An interim fully franked ordinary dividend of \$9,022k
   (4.2 cents per fully paid share) was declared out of profits of the Company for 2017 and paid on 31 March 2017.
- A final fully franked ordinary dividend of \$11,600k
   (5.4 cents per fully paid share) was declared out of profits of the Company for 2016 and paid on 30 September 2016.

A final fully franked ordinary dividend of \$11,814k (5.5 cents per fully paid share) has been declared out of profits of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2017 and is to be paid on 28 September 2017.

#### **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 via traditional mortgage management products, white label or its established RMBS programme.

#### **Corporate Governance Statement**

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

#### **Review of Operations**

The Group's NPAT for the year ended 30 June 2017 was up 73% on the prior comparative period at \$39,104k (2016: \$22,644k). The increase in profit was attributable to additional income derived from settlements in AFGHL products and the actuarial assessment of the AFGHL white label trail book. Settlements in these products for FY17 were up 38% to \$2.68b (2016: \$1.94b). Other key contributors to the result were increased settlement volumes in the securitisation programme while maintaining the strong net interest margin from FY16 and the continued growth of the asset finance broking business with settlements up 20% to \$445M (2016: \$372M).

As disclosed to the market on 19 June 2017 the AFGHL trail book was actuarially assessed and recognised as an asset during the year for the first time. The initial actuarial assessment and asset recognition of AFGHL trail book contributed additional NPAT of \$8,940k relating to prior period settlements and \$3,610k relating to FY17 settlements. After removing the initial impact of settlements made prior to FY17 from the result, the normalised FY17 operating result is equal to \$30,164k up 33% on 2016.

	30 June 2017 \$'000	30 June 2016 \$'000
Net profit for the period	39,104	22,644
Initial recognition of value of AFGHL white label trail book relating to prior years settlements	(8,940)	-
Normalised net profit for the period	30,164	22,644

The carrying value of our residential (including white label) trail book is influenced amongst other things by the runoff and discount rates that are applied to this valuation. Excluding the non-cash entries to recognise the net present value of the future trailing commission receivable and payable, the underlying profit after tax is \$26,160k (30 June 2016: \$22,466k) after an income tax expense of \$17,852k (2016: \$10,282k). The assessment of the trail loan book requires the use of assumptions which are determined by management, with the assistance of external actuaries, by reference to market observable inputs.

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

In thousands of AUD	<b>30</b> J	une 2017	30 J	une <b>2016</b>
	Total Revenue	Profit after tax	Total Revenue	Profit after tax
Underlying profit from continuing operations	499,020	26,160	472,602	22,466
Change in the present value of trailing commission receivable and payable	88,531	13,959	56,326	178
Provision for Clawbacks	(1,450)	(1,015)	-	-
Total result from continuing operations	586,101	39,104	528,928	22,644

Despite a challenging lending environment our total loan book from our combined residential and commercial businesses increased 11% to \$133.3 billion at year end. The AFGHL loan book experienced strong growth finishing the year up 44% at \$5.5 billion. AFG also continued to experience strong growth in the leasing line of the business, with settlements increasing 20% year on year.

AFG has continued to invest in technology which has been the cornerstone of the Company's strength and a key differentiator for our broker partners. AFG Business, a commercial broking platform initially targeting SME customers across the country will be launched in Q2 FY18. The platform will simplify the commercial lending process and help deliver streamlined efficient business finance solutions.

The Group experienced another strong broker recruitment year with an 8.5% increase in active broker numbers to 2,875 from 2,650 in 2016. This reflects the ongoing value of the AFG brand and technology proposition to brokers, our technology continues to be enhanced with our own and partnered technology.

The Group's cash and cash equivalents as at 30 June 2017 amounted to \$124,801k, which represents a decrease of 5% on the 2016 financial year. This is attributable to a \$10,754k decrease in restricted cash (timing on movements of cash in collateralised standby letters of credit and special purpose securitised trusts held on behalf of the warehouse funders and bondholders). Unrestricted cash for the period increased \$4,890k, representing an increase of 6%, due to strong operating cash flows.

#### 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 27 July 2017, the Group secured an extension to the term of the NAB residential warehouse facility that was due to expire on 10 August 2017. The funding continues to be provided through the issue of three classes of secured, limited and floating rate notes, with the senior notes being issued to the lender and the subordination notes to AFG. The maturity date has been reset to 11 December 2017

On 4 August 2017, the Group secured an extension to the term of the ANZ residential warehouse facility that was due to expire on 14 August 2017. The funding continues to be provided through the issue of three classes of secured, limited and floating rate notes, with the senior notes being issued to the lender and the subordination notes to AFG. The maturity date has been reset to 14 December 2017

The warehouse term is for a shorter period due to new warehousing arrangements during the first half of FY2018. This is in preparation for Prudential Standard APS 120 which comes into effect on 1 January 2018.

On 24 August 2017 the Directors recommended the payment of a dividend of 5.5 cents per fully paid ordinary share, fully franked based on tax paid at 30%. The dividend has a record date of 4 September 2017 and a payment date of 28 September 2017. The aggregate amount of the proposed dividend expected to be paid out of retained earnings at 30 June 2017 is \$11,814k. The financial effect of these dividends has not been brought to account in the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2017.

On 7 September, AFG successfully funded a \$350m RMBS term out in the new 2017-1 Trust which will be consolidated into the AFG Group as at this date.

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 (2016: Nil).

# Indemnification of insurance of officers and auditors

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.

The Group has not otherwise, during or since the financial year, indemnified or agreed to indemnify an officer or auditor of the Group or of any related body corporate against a liability incurred as such an officer or auditor.

#### **Directors' Meetings**

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

The Directors met as a Board 13 times during the year. 10 meetings were main meetings and 3 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		Special	Meetings
	Held	Attended	Held	Attended
Tony Gill	10	10	3	3
Brett McKeon	10	10	3	2
Malcolm Watkins	10	10	3	1
Kevin Matthews	10	10	3	2
James Minto <sup>1</sup>	10	9	3	-
Craig Carter	10	10	3	3
Melanie Kiely	10	9	3	3
Jane Muirsmith	10	10	3	3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> James Minto resigned as a Director with effect 21 June 2017.

#### **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	
C. Carter <sup>(C)</sup>	M. Kiely (C)	J. Muirsmith <sup>(C)</sup>	
J. Minto	C. Carter	J. Minto <sup>1</sup>	
M. Kiely	J. Minto	M. Kiely	
J. Muirsmith	J. Muirsmith	C. Carter	

#### Notes

(C) designates the Chair of the Committee

<sup>1</sup> Chair until resignation 21 June 2017.

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

Committee Meetings						
Directors	А	Audit Remuneration and Nomination		Risk and Compliance		
	Maximum Possible Meetings	Attended	Maximum Possible Meetings	Attended	Maximum Possible Meetings	Attended
James Minto	5	5	6	5	4	4
Craig Carter	5	5	1	1	4	4
Melanie Kiely	1	1	6	6	4	4
Jane Muirsmith	5	5	6	6	1	1

#### 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, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu. 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 (Cth)*.

The Directors are of the opinion that the services as disclosed in Note 11 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.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu received or is due to receive the following amounts for the provision of non-audit services:

	\$
Tax compliance services	36,750
Other non-audit services	68,000
	104,750

#### **Auditor's Independence declaration**

The auditor's independence declaration is included on page 27 of this financial report for the year ended 30 June 2017.

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



# Remuneration Report

# Message from the Chair of the Remuneration & Nomination Committee

Dear Shareholder,

On behalf of the Board I am pleased to present AFG's Remuneration Report for FY17.

The AFG Board remains committed to an Executive Remuneration structure that drives a strong performance culture in line with our strategy, and delivers satisfactory and sustainable returns for shareholders in the short term and over time.

Feedback from shareholders, stakeholders and proxy advisors is valuable to our remuneration process. In line with this and consistent with last year, the Board has actively sought feedback and where appropriate, revised the Executive remuneration framework. These revisions are aimed at providing greater clarity and transparency with a continued focus on demonstrating the link between strategy, remuneration, retention and performance. The changes include:

- The inclusion of a strategic STI target for FY17 relating to AFGHL settlement volumes in addition to the Group's financial target.
   We believe this is appropriate given AFGHL settlements were up 38% in the year and were the main contributor to a profit upgrade during the year. Further information is provided in section 3.
- An increase to the compound annual growth rate earnings per share (EPS) for the FY18 LTI grant to 10% per annum growth target to achieve 100% payment (FY17: 7.5%). Whilst credit growth in the Australian residential mortgage market has been slow and is expected to be modest in the short term this stretching target is reflective of the Group's earnings diversification strategy through higher margin business lines. This change reflects our ongoing intent to set challenging targets in the context of industry the outlook and the economic environment.
- An increased emphasis on profit relative to strategic target. In FY17 the STI targets were split 50/50 between profit and strategic targets to continue to drive the growth in the profitable AFGHL business. In FY18 the STI target will be 60% profit and with 40% allocated to strategic targets with a profit gateway for strategic targets.

# **FY17 Performance & Remuneration Outcomes Summary**

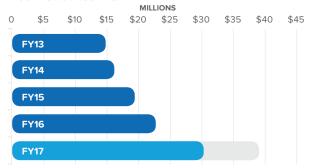
Looking back at the FY17 performance and associated remuneration outcomes, it was a successful year marking the completion of AFG's second full year as a listed company and the increased contribution of the AFGHL segment of the business. Reported NPAT exceeded prior year by \$16,460k or 73%, normalised profit for FY17 was \$30,164k which was \$7,520k or 33% higher than FY16. Normalised profit removes the impact of the initial recognition of prior period AFGHL settlements.

Performance against other KPI measures was also strong with the Group's loan book ending the year at \$133 billion up 11% from FY16. This demonstrates growth in the core business, generating ongoing reserves for future investment and growth.

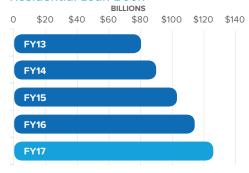
AFGHL settlements in the year grew 38% to \$2,680k (FY16: 1,938k) and represented 7.8% of total AFG residential settlements in FY17.

A 5-year history of AFG's NPAT, Residential Loan Book, AFGHL Loan Book and Commercial Loan Book growth is provided below:

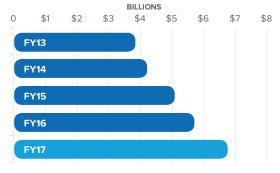
#### **Net Profit After Tax\***



#### **Residential Loan Book**

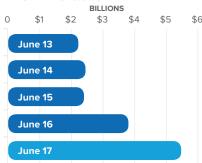


#### **Commercial Loan Book**

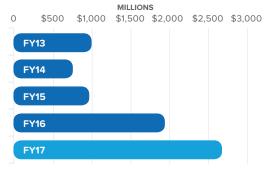


 Grey shading of FY17 profit shows the initial recognition of AFGHL white label trail book relating to loans settled in prior periods.

#### **AFGHL Portfolio**



#### **AFGHL Settlements**



The Group delivered a dividend yield for FY17 of 7.5% based on the closing share price at 30 June 2017 of \$1.285.

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

- FY17 STI payments made at 115% reflecting an outstanding stretch performance when compared to FY16 results. When considering profit, the Board considered normalised profit as the most appropriate number for discussion of current year performance as it excludes the initial accounting recognition of the AFGHL settlements relating to prior periods; Regardless of whether normalised or reported earnings were used to measure NPAT performance the payment would cap at 120%.
- 100% of the Performance Rights awarded to Key Management Personnel in FY15 were forfeited in FY16, despite the strong operational and financial performance of the Group since the time of listing as the Total Shareholder Return (TSR) hurdles were not achieved. The next performance period is the one ending 30 June 2019.

With regard to CEO transition and remuneration, the fixed annual remuneration of Mr Bailey was increased as a reflection of his role as Interim CEO for the period he was acting in the role (March to June 2017). Upon official appointment as CEO Mr Bailey's remuneration for FY18 was determined having regard to market comparisons and KPMG were engaged to provide recent market data to the Board to assist with this assessment. The overall remuneration package for Mr Bailey in FY18 represents a small increase when compared to our previous CEO Mr McKeon due primarily to a larger LTI component. Mr McKeon as a founding shareholder of AFG and holding 9.86% of the shares in AFG is already significantly tied to the creation of long term shareholder wealth and therefore was paid a significantly lower LTI component than market comparisons.

Further detail on the remuneration results are detailed in section 3 of the report, which reflect the outcomes of a good year for shareholders and employees.

Yours sincerely,

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 (Cth) (the Act)* and its regulations. This information has been audited as required by section 308(3C) of the 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 KMP 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
Kevin Matthews	Non-Executive Director	Appointed 20 January 1995
Craig Carter <sup>1</sup>	Non-Executive Director	Appointed 25 March 2015
James Minto <sup>2</sup>	Non-Executive Director	Resigned 21 June 2017
Melanie Kiely <sup>3</sup>	Non-Executive Director	Appointed 31 March 2016
Jane Muirsmith <sup>4</sup>	Non-Executive Director	Appointed 31 March 2016
Executive Directors		
Brett McKeon <sup>5</sup>	Managing Director/CEO	Appointed 19 June 1996/ Resigned 31 May 2017
Malcolm Watkins	Executive Director	Appointed 8 December 1997
Executives		
David Bailey <sup>6</sup>	Chief Operating Officer	Appointed 8 March 2004
David Bailey <sup>6</sup>	Bailey <sup>6</sup> Chief Executive Officer Appointed 16 June 2017	
Lisa Bevan	Company Secretary Appointed 9 March 1998	
Ben Jenkins	Ben Jenkins Chief Financial Officer Appointed 14 December 2015	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Craig Carter is Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Other than Kevin Matthews, all Non-Executive Directors listed above are Independent Directors.

#### 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.

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 measures based on the operational performance of the business.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Melanie Kiely is Chair of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee and was appointed on 27 October 2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> James Minto was Chairman of the Risk and Compliance Committee through the financial year until his retirement on 21 June 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Jane Muirsmith is Chair of the Risk and Compliance Committee and was appointed on 21 June 2017.

<sup>5</sup> Brett McKeon stepped down from the MD/CEO role on 3 March 2017 with his notice period ending 31 May 2017 and continues as an Executive Director effective 1 June 2017.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 6}$  David Bailey was appointed interim CEO on 3 March 2017 and CEO on 16 June 2017.

#### **AFG Business Strategy**

To provide 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 result areas for the role:

Key roles and responsibilities as set out in the individual's employment contract and position description. To provide competitive fixed remuneration set with reference to role, market and experience to attract, retain and engage key talent.

Considerations:

- Role and responsibility
- External benchmarking
- Contribution, competencies and capabilities
- Company and individual performance

Short-term incentive (STI)

Paid in cash

Group Financial Measures FY17 & onwards:

Group Net Profit After Tax and at least 1 key strategic operational target with a clear link to long term strategy. Allocation to NPAT target will increase from 50% to 60% in FY18.

90% NPAT hurdle for any STI payment including strategic targets.

Rewards Executives for their contribution to achievement of Group outcome and the achievement of key strategic operational targets.

Long-term incentive (LTI) Awards are made in the form of share rights FY17 & FY18 grant:

65% of a KMPs entitlement allocated to a 3 year CAGR EPS target.

35% of a KMPs 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.

Ensures a strong link to the long-term creation of shareholder value.

- CAGR EPS was chosen as a performance hurdle as it is:
  - 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 higher weighting than the individual TSR measures due to the difficulty in identifying appropriate peer groups or comparison indices for comparison against Company performance.
- TSR was chosen as a performance hurdle as it:
  - 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 to ensure Executive remuneration is clearly tied to positive shareholder value creation.



#### 3.1) Executive Remuneration Outcomes

#### STI award outcomes FY17

The combined cash bonus pool available to be paid to the Executives for on target performance in the 2017 financial year was \$540,020 and the minimum is nil. For the 2017 financial year, 115% of the maximum STI bonus amount was achieved by the Executives given the Group NPAT of \$39,104k.

Profit Reconciliation	000's
Profit Reconciliation	000 \$
Reported Profit	\$39,104
Prior Year AFGHL settlements	\$(8,940)
Adjusted Profit	\$30,164

Target	FY16 000's	FY17 000's	Growth	Target Assessment
NPAT (\$'000)	\$22,644	\$30,164	33%	120% (capped)
AFGHL	\$1,938	\$2,680	38%	110.8%

	Target STI	As a % of fixed	STI outcome	% Achieved	% Forfeited
	opportunity	remuneration		70 Achieved	70 T OTTERCO
B. McKeon <sup>1</sup>	\$250,000	51%	\$288,500	115%	-
M. Watkins	\$32,520	17%	\$37,528	115%	-
L. Bevan	\$80,000	31%	\$92,320	115%	-
D. Bailey	\$120,000	29%	\$138,480	115%	-
B. Jenkins	\$57,500	21%	\$66,355	115%	-
Total	\$540,020		\$623,183	115%	

<sup>1</sup> Mr B. McKeon's notice period as CEO ended 31 May 2017 though was still an employee at 30 June and therefore entitled to STI payment under plan rules

#### 3.2) Fixed Annual Remuneration

No significant changes to the remuneration structure were required during the financial year other than an increase to Mr Bailey's remuneration to reflect his role as interim CEO and subsequent appointment as CEO.

The targeted remuneration mix for:

- The CEO is 53% fixed and 47% variable (at risk): and
- Other members of the Executive team are in the range of 59% to 77% fixed and 41% to 23% 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 growth and choice.
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 FY17 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	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. From FY17 onwards the KPIs will include a financial target and current year delivery of a strategically relevant KPI relating to the Group's long term strategy.
	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. Further details of the KPIs that will be used to assess 2018 performance are set out at 3.4.
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) FY18 STI Opportunity

Offers to participate in STI awards for 2018 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 as approved by the Board (60%), targeted AFGHL settlement volumes (20%) and AFG Business (AFG's new digital broking platform for commercial SME lending) settlement volumes (20%). The allocation of these targets is dependent upon the Executive's role in the business however all have a NPAT target.

In order for any STI award to be payable, a threshold profit target must be satisfied, being 90% of target. The percentage of the STI award that will become payable, if any, will be determined over the performance period by reference to the following schedule:

Target	Achievement %	STI Award Payable
Group NPAT	Less than 90%	0%
	90%-100%	50%-100%
	100%-150%	Straight line between 100%-150%
AFG Home Loans Settlements	Less than 90%	0%
	90-100%	Straight line between 90%-100%
	100%-150%	Straight line between 100%-150%
AFG Business	Less than 80%	0%
	80%-100%	80-100%
	100%+	Straight line over 100%

The Board has discretion to take into account unbudgeted extraordinary items approved by the Board. From time to time bonuses may be paid outside this structure in relation to a special project or special circumstances subject to approval from the Remuneration and Nomination Committee.

#### 3.5 ) The LTI Plan - 2017 and 2018 Grants

AFG has established the LTI Plan to assist in the motivation, retention and reward of senior Executives. 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. Details of the 2017 and 2018 LTI Grants are provided below. Information on the 2018 LTI plan has been included this year to disclose the changes made to reflect shareholder and stakeholder feedback:

	2017 LTI Grant	2018 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 <i>EPS</i> target	65% of an Executive's annual LTI entitlement weighted to an <i>EPS</i> target	
	35% of an Executive's annual LTI entitlement weighted to <i>TSR</i> targets	35% of an Executive's annual LTI entitlement weighted to <i>TSR</i> targets	
Grant date	1 July 2016, other than those approved at the 2016 AGM	1 July 2017, other than those subject to approval at the 2017 AGM	
Grant date fair	TSR Small Industrials Index \$0.66	TSR Small Industrials Index \$0.77	
value	TSR Diversified Financials Index \$0.67	TSR Diversified Financials Index \$0.75	
	<i>EPS</i> \$1.00 (being the 20-day Volume Weighted Average Price leading up to 30 June 2016)	EPS \$1.25 (being the 20-day Volume Weighted Average Price leading up to 30 June 2017)	
Gateway	TSR – Absolute TSR must be positive	TSR – Absolute TSR must be positive	
performance measure	<i>EPS</i> – 2.5% CAGR EPS	EPS – 5.0% CAGR EPS	
Key	TSR	TSR	
performance measure	Relative Total Shareholder Return (pro-rata vesting between hurdles) 50% measured against the Diversified Financials Index, 50% against Small Industrials	Relative Total Shareholder Return (pro-rata vesting between hurdles) 50% measured against the Diversified Financials Index, 50% against Small Industrials	
	50th Percentile – 50% vesting	50th Percentile – 50% vesting	
	75th Percentile – 100% vesting	75th Percentile – 100% vesting	
	85th Percentile – 125% vesting (stretch target)	85th Percentile – 125% vesting (stretch target)	
	90th Percentile – 150% vesting (stretch target)	90th Percentile – 150% vesting (stretch target)	
	EPS accretion	EPS accretion	
	2.5% CAGR – 25% vesting	5.0% CAGR – 50% vesting	
	7.5% CAGR – 100% vesting	10% CAGR – 100% vesting	
	10.0% CAGR – 125% vesting (stretch target)	11.25% CAGR – 125% vesting (stretch target)	
	12.5% CAGR – 150% vesting (stretch target)	12.5% CAGR – 150% vesting (stretch target)	

	2017 LTI Grant	2018 LTI Grant				
Performance & Service period	1 July 2016 – 30 June 2019	1 July 2017 – 30 June 2020				
Performance	30 June 2019	30 June 2020				
assessment	Performance period not yet complete.	Performance period not yet complete.				
Common LTI Plan	Rules & Design Considerations					
Link between	TSR					
performance and reward	TSR encapsulates performance across the underlying key at achieving targeted business outcomes that will result in growth and dividends.					
	Stretch targets are available giving Executives the opportup to $50\%$ for exceptional performance.	unity to increase the number of performance rights by				
	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 Performa will remain on foot and subject to the original performance condition. However, the Board retains d to determine that some of their Rights (up to a pro rata portion based on how much of the Performa 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, or 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	The participant must not sell, transfer, encumber, hedge o	or otherwise deal with Performance Rights.				
dealing	Unless the Board determines otherwise, the participant w of the Performance Rights, subject to the requirements of	-				
Reconstructions, corporate action, rights issues, bonus issues, etc.	The rules of the LTI Plan include specific provisions deali actions and other capital reconstructions. These provisions advantage or disadvantage to the participant in respect corporate actions.	ons are intended to ensure that there is no material				

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# 4) Statutory Remuneration Tables

Executive remuneration for the years ended 30 June 2017 and 30 June 2016

			Short-term	Ę		Postemployment	yment	Other Bonuses	Long-term	Share-based payments		Other Payments	Total Remuneration	Proportion of remuneration
		Salary & fees	Cash bonus <sup>2</sup>	Non monetary benefits	Total	Superannuation	Retirement benefits	<b>Discretionary Bonuses</b>	Long service leave	Rights <sup>1</sup>	Shares	Other Payments		Performance Related
KMP		₩.	₩	₩	₩.	₩	₩	49	49	49	₩	₩		%
B. McKeon	2017	472,547	288,500	5,420	766,467	19,288	0	0	(78,829)	50,000	0	0	756,926	45%
	2016	480,692	287,726	7,577	775,995	19,308	0	0	9,269	35,422	0	0	839,994	38%
M. Watkins	2017	168,598	37,528	5,420	211,546	19,012	0	0	777	10,000	0	0	241,335	20%
	2016	172,645	34,527	7,577	214,749	16,401	0	0	(13,494)	7,084	0	0	224,740	19%
L. Bevan	2017	240,464	92,320	5,420	338,204	19,616	0	0	25	24,000	0	0	381,845	30%
	2016	230,137	92,072	7,577	329,786	21,863	0	0	4,260	17,002	0	0	372,911	29%
D. Bailey	2017	394,327	138,480	5,420	538,227	19,616	0	0	48,281	46,667	0	0	652,791	28%
	2016	315,692	138,108	7,577	461,377	19,308	0	0	060'9	28,337	0	0	515,112	32%
B. Jenkins <sup>3</sup>	2017	255,385	66,355	5,420	327,160	19,616	0	0	0	16,667	0	0	363,443	23%
	2016	137,681	27,260	4,131	169,072	10,397	0	0	0	0	0	0	179,468	15%
Total	2017	1,531,321	623,183	27,100	2,181,604	97,148	0	0	(29,746)	147,334	0	0	2,396,340	32%
Total	2016	1,336,847	579,693	34,439	1,950,979	87,276	0	0	6,125	87,845	0	0	2,132,225	31%

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1 Amounts included under share-based payments for rights relate to the 2015 LTI plan under which 100% of the rights have been forfeited.

<sup>2</sup> Refer to table at section 3.1.

<sup>3</sup> Mr B. Jenkins was appointed CFO on 14 December 2015



#### 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. 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 considers advice from external consultants when undertaking the annual review process.

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 not seek any increase to the NED pool at the 2017 AGM.

#### 5.2) Structure

The remuneration of NEDs consists of Directors' fees, which is inclusive of statutory superannuation and Committee fees. The below summarises the NED fees from the date AFG listed on the ASX:

- Chairman: \$150,000 inclusive of superannuation
- Non-Executive Directors: \$90,000 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. Some of the NEDs have received non-cash benefits arising from their attendance at AFG's conference. The table below outlines the NED remuneration for the years ended 30 June 2017 and 30 June 2016:

	Year	Board and Committee Fees	Short-term benefits (non-monetary)	Superannuation	Total
		\$	\$	\$	\$
T. Gill	2017	136,986	19,192	13,014	169,192
	2016	136,986	18,814	13,014	168,814
K. Matthews	2017	82,192	20,008	7,808	110,008
	2016	82,192	18,814	7,808	108,814
J. Atkins	2017	-	-	-	-
	2016	14,542	-	1,381	15,923
C. Carter	2017	82,192	-	7,808	90,000
	2016	82,192	-	7,808	90,000
J. Minto	2017	82,192	-	7,808	90,000
	2016	82,912	-	7,808	90,000
M. Kiely <sup>1</sup>	2017	82,192	-	7,808	90,000
	2016	19,600	-	1,862	21,462
J. Muirsmith <sup>1</sup>	2017	82,192	-	7,808	90,000
	2016	19,600	-	1,862	21,462
Total	2017	547,946	39,200	52,054	639,200
Total	2016	437,304	37,628	41,543	516,475

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Appointed 31 March 2016



#### **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 FY17 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.

No rights awarded have vested or lapsed during the year. The rights issued during FY16 have been forfeited as the performance condition attached to these rights was not met.

KMP	Year / Tranches (T)	Rights awarded during the year No.	Grant date	Fair value per rights at award date \$	Vesting date	Exercise price	Expiry date	No. Forfeited during the year
B. McKeon	2017 / T1	97,500	1-Jul-16	\$1.00	30-Jun-19	-	30-Jun-19	-
	2017 / T2	39,179	1-Jul-16	\$0.67	30-Jun-19	-	30-Jun-19	-
	2017 / T3	39,773	1-Jul-16	\$0.66	30-Jun-19	-	30-Jun-19	-
M. Watkins	2017 / T1	19,500	1-Jul-16	\$1.00	30-Jun-19	-	30-Jun-19	-
	2017 / T2	7,836	1-Jul-16	\$0.67	30-Jun-19	-	30-Jun-19	-
	2017 / T3	7,955	1-Jul-16	\$0.66	30-Jun-19	-	30-Jun-19	-
L. Bevan	2017 / T1	46,800	1-Jul-16	\$1.00	30-Jun-19	-	30-Jun-19	-
	2017 / T2	18,806	1-Jul-16	\$0.67	30-Jun-19	-	30-Jun-19	-
	2017 / T3	19,091	1-Jul-16	\$0.66	30-Jun-19	-	30-Jun-19	-
D. Bailey	2017 / T1	91,000	1-Jul-16	\$1.00	30-Jun-19	-	30-Jun-19	-
	2017 / T2	36,567	1-Jul-16	\$0.67	30-Jun-19	-	30-Jun-19	-
	2017 / T3	37,121	1-Jul-16	\$0.66	30-Jun-19	-	30-Jun-19	-
B. Jenkins	2017 / T1	32,500	1-Jul-16	\$1.00	30-Jun-19	-	30-Jun-19	-
	2017 / T2	13,060	1-Jul-16	\$0.67	30-Jun-19	-	30-Jun-19	-
	2017 / T3	13,258	1-Jul-16	\$0.66	30-Jun-19	-	30-Jun-19	-

<sup>\*</sup> T1 – Earnings Per Share allocation

#### 5.4) Shareholdings of KMP\*

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

Balance 1 July 2016	Granted as remuneration	Sold during the period	Net change other	Balance 30 June 2017	Held nominally
2,250,000	-	-	-	2,250,000	2,250,000
21,179,773	-	-	-	21,179,773	21,179,773
21,102,689	-	1,500,000	-	19,602,689	19,602,689
16,882,151	-	1,882,151	-	15,000,000	15,000,000
136,364	-	-	-	136,364	136,364
500,000	-	-	-	500,000	500,000
166,666	-	-	-	166,666	166,666
-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-
1,533,333	-	-	-	1,533,333	83,333
1,050,000	-	-	-	1,050,000	530,000
-	-	-	-	-	-
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<sup>\*</sup> Includes shares held directly, indirectly and beneficially by the KMP

T2 – TSR (Diversified Financials) allocation

T3 – TSR (Small Industrials) allocation

#### 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
B. McKeon	No expiry, continuous agreement	12 months (or payment in lieu of notice)	12 weeks
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

#### 7) Remuneration Governance

#### 7.1) Remuneration and Nomination

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 2017 the Committee comprised independent Non-Executive Director Melanie Kiely (Chair), independent Non-Executive Directors Craig Carter and Jane Muirsmith. James Minto was Chair of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee until 27 October 2016 when Melanie Kiely was appointed Chair.

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 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.

During the financial period ended 30 June 2017 the Company sought advice from KPMG to provide benchmarking for CEO remuneration. No remuneration recommendations from independent consultants were received during the financial period ended 30 June 2017. KPMG did not provide any "remuneration recommendations" for the purposes of the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*.

#### 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) Remuneration Report approval at 2016 AGM

The 30 June 2016 Remuneration Report was presented to shareholders and was approved at the 2016 Annual General Meeting.



#### 8) Other Transactions and Balances with KMP and their Related Parties

- (i) During the year, the Group made payments to Genworth Mortgage Insurance Australia Limited, one of our providers of Lenders Mortgage Insurance (LMI). Mr T. Gill is a Non-Executive Director of Genworth Mortgage Insurance Australia Limited. These dealings were in the ordinary course of business and were on normal terms and conditions. The payments made for the provision of LMI policies were \$427k (2016: \$1,044k). 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) 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 \$253k (2016: \$207k). 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.
- (iii) During the year, the Group received payments from TAL Life Ltd. Mr J. Minto is a Director of Dai-ichi Life Asia Pacific which is the ultimate parent company of TAL Life Limited. These dealings were in the ordinary course of business and were on normal terms and conditions. These payments were received as commission for life and risk insurance products provided by TAL Life Ltd. Total commissions received during the financial year was \$698k (2016: \$724k). The payments received are not considered to be material to the financial results of the Group and therefore did not impact on Mr J. Minto's Independence as a Director.
- (iv) As part of the demerger of the property business on 22 April 2015, the Group entered into a shared services agreement with Establish Property Group Ltd (EPG). Mr B. McKeon, Ms L. Bevan and Mr D. Bailey, are Directors of EPG and McCabe St. Under the terms of the shared services agreement, the Group provides premises, administration, accounting and some company secretarial services to EPG at an agreed arm's length rate. The agreement was active for the full 2017 financial year and a total of \$120k (2016: \$170k) was paid by EPG to the Group for these services. In addition to the above, 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). During the 2017 financial year rent of \$1,567k has been paid to Qube (2016: \$1,539k). During the year EPG began the process of reducing the level of shared service support provided by AFG. The shared services agreement will be terminated when EPG moves out of the AFG Office in September 2017. In addition to the above McCabe St has an outstanding loan owing to AFG amounting to \$201k (2016: \$193k), this loan is on commercial terms at arms length.

#### 9) Independent Audit of Remuneration Report

The Remuneration Report has been audited by Deloitte. Please see page 68 of this Annual Report for Deloitte'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

Perth

21 September 2017





#### Independence declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

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21 September 2017

**Dear Directors** 

#### **Australian Finance Group Limited**

In accordance with section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of Australian Finance Group Limited.

As lead audit partner for the audit of the financial statements of Australian Finance Group Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2017, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements of the  $Corporations\ Act\ 2001$  in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Yours sincerely

Deloite Touche Tohmatsu

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Partner

Chartered Accountants

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# **Consolidated Statement** of Financial Position

#### As at 30 June 2017

In thousands of AUD	Note	2017	2016
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	14(a)	124,801	130,665
Trade and other receivables	15	737,580	650,059
Loans and advances	17	1,152,171	1,046,412
Other financial assets	28(d)	31	49
Property, plant and equipment	19	1,898	2,379
Intangible assets		745	757
Total assets		2,017,226	1,830,321
Liabilities			
Interest-bearing liabilities	20	1,164,478	1,072,215
Trade and other payables	16	715,803	646,113
Employee benefits	21	4,559	3,818
Current tax payable	13(b)	1,249	1,060
Provisions	22	1,667	322
Deferred income	23	2,693	4,876
Deferred tax liability	13(c)	19,482	13,397
Total liabilities		1,909,931	1,741,801
Net assets		107,295	88,520
Equity			
Share capital	25	43,541	43,541
Share-based payment reserve		408	97
Other capital reserves		(91)	(74)
Retained earnings		63,410	44,980
Total equity attributable to equity holders of the Company		107,268	88,544
Non-controlling interest		27	(24)
Total equity		107,295	88,520

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 2017

In thousands of AUD	Note	2017	2016
Continuing Operations			
Commission and other income	7	539,759	482,331
Securitisation interest income		46,342	46,597
Operating income		586,101	528,928
Commission and other cost of sales		(474,557)	(440,790)
Securitisation interest expense		(31,711)	(33,036)
Gross profit		79,833	55,102
Other income	8	16,700	15,345
Administration expenses		(2,885)	(3,314)
Other expenses	9	(38,955)	(36,881)
Results from operating activities		54,693	30,252
Finance income	12	2,277	2,708
Finance expenses	12	(14)	(34)
Net finance income		2,263	2,674
Profit before tax from continuing operations		56,956	32,926
Income tax expense	13	(17,852)	(10,282)
Profit from continuing operations		39,104	22,644
Attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		39,053	22,667
Non-controlling interests		51	(23)
		39,104	22,644
Other comprehensive income			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets and other		2	2
Income tax on other comprehensive income		-	-
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of income tax		2	2
Total comprehensive income for the year		39,106	22,646
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to:	_	33,100	22,010
Owners of the Company		39,055	22,669
Non-controlling interests		51	(23)
Total comprehensive income for the year		39,106	22,646
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Earnings per share			
Basic earnings (cents per share)	26	18.20	10.54
Diluted earnings (cents per share)	26	18.15	10.54

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

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# **Statement of Changes in Equity**

#### For the year ended 30 June 2017

In thousands of AUD	Share capital	Foreign currency translation reserve	Fair value reserve	Share- based payment reserve	Retained earnings	Total	Non- controlling interest	Total equity
Balance at 1 July 2015	43,541	(15)	(61)	9	28,757	72,231	(1)	72,230
Total comprehensive income for the period								
Profit	-	-	-	-	22,667	22,667	(23)	22,644
Other comprehensive income	-	1	1	-	-	2	-	2
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	1	1	-	22,667	22,669	(23)	22,646
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity								
Dividends to equity holders	-	-	-	-	(6,444)	(6,444)	-	(6,444)
Share-based payment transactions	-	-	-	88	-	88	-	88
Total transactions with owners	-	-	-	88	(6,444)	(6,356)	-	(6,356)
Balance at 30 June 2016	43,541	(14)	(60)	97	44,980	88,544	(24)	88,520
Balance at 1 July 2016	43,541	(14)	(60)	97	44,980	88,544	(24)	88,520
Total comprehensive income for the period								
Profit	-	-	-	-	39,053	39,053	51	39,104
Other comprehensive income	-	-	(17)	-	-	(17)	-	(17)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	(17)	-	39,053	39,036	51	39,087
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity								
Dividends to equity holders	-	-	-	-	(20,623)	(20,623)	-	(20,623)
Share-based payment transactions	-	-	-	311	-	311	-	311
Total transactions with owners	-	-	-	311	(20,623)	(20,312)	-	(20,312)
Balance at 30 June 2017	43,541	(14)	(77)	408	63,410	107,268	27	107,295

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 2017

In thousands of AUD	Note	2017	2016
Cash flows from operating activities			Restated
Cash receipts from customers		462,454	440,572
Cash paid to suppliers and employees		(439,031)	(410,148)
Interest received		46,341	46,598
Interest paid		(31,711)	(33,036)
Income taxes paid		(11,536)	(7,780)
Net cash generated by operating activities	14(b)	26,517	36,206
Cash flows from investing activities			
Net interest received		2,303	2,617
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment		(280)	(136)
Investment in intangible assets		(150)	(205)
(Decrease)/Increase in other loans and advances		(539)	718
Loans and advances to customer borrowings		(105,608)	(23,185)
Net cash used in investing activities		(104,274)	(20,191)
Cash flows used in financing activities			
(Repayments of)/proceeds from warehouse facilities		(48,905)	190,685
Proceeds from/(repayments to) bondholders		141,677	(159,839)
Decrease in loans from funders		(257)	(528)
Dividends paid to equity holders of the parent	25(d)	(20,622)	(6,444)
Net cash generated by financing activities		71,893	23,874
Net (Decrease) / Increase in cash and cash equivalents		(5,864)	39,889
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July		130,665	90,776
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	14(a)	124,801	130,665

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 2017 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.

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 (Cth)* 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 21 September 2017.

#### (b) Basis of measurement

The Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis except for the following material items:

- Receivables and payables relating to trailing commission are initially measured at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost;
- Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value;
- Available-for-sale financial assets are measured at fair value except for equity instruments that do not have a quoted price in an active market and whose fair value cannot be reliably measured.

#### (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 AASBs 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:

- Notes 15 and 16 Net present value of future trailing commissions: recognition of future trailing commissions receivable and payable
- Note 3(a)(ii) Consolidation of special purpose entities

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 4 Determination of amortised cost assumptions used in forecasting and discounting future trailing commissions
- Note 27 Measurement of share-based payments
- Note 28 Valuation of financial instruments

#### Taxation

The Group's accounting for taxation requires Management's judgment 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. Judgments 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

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.

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The adoption of these amendments has not resulted in any significant changes to the Group's accounting policies nor any significant effect on the measurement or disclosure of the amounts reported for the current or prior periods.

Management assesses the impact of new standards and interpretations. Assessment of the expected impacts of these standards and interpretations is ongoing, however, it is expected that that there will be no significant changes in the Group's accounting policies.

#### (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:

Affected Standards and Interpretations	Application date*	Application date for Group
AASB 9 'Financial instruments' and the relevant amending standards	1 January 2018	30 June 2019
AASB 15 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers' and AASB 2014-5 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards, arising from AASB 15', AASB 2015-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of AASB 15, AASB 2016-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Clarification of AASB 15	1 January 2018	30 June 2019
AASB 16 'Leases'	1 January 2019	30 June 2020
AASB 2016-2 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure Initiative: Amendments to AASB 107'	1 January 2017	30 June 2018

Management have performed an assessment of the impact of applying the new standards:

AASB 15 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers' no material impact as a result of the revenue changes to the standard.

AASB 16 'Leases' the Group has a limited number of operating leases which will be brought onto the statement of financial position. It is not expected that these will result in any material changes to the Group's financial position.

\* Reporting period commences on or after the application date

Management have performed an assessment of the impact of applying the new standards:

**AASB 9 'Financial Instruments'** and the relevant amending standards introduce new requirements for the classification and measurement of financial assets and impairment of financial assets.

Key requirements considered most relevant to the Group are:

- All recognised financial assets that are within the scope of AASB 9 are required to be subsequently measured at amortised cost
  or fair value. Generally, debt investments that are held under a business model to collect the contractual cash flows, which consist
  solely of payments of principal and interest are measured at amortised cost at the end of subsequent accounting periods. Most
  other debt and equity investments are measured at their fair value at the end of subsequent accounting periods; and
- A new model in relation to the credit impairment of financial assets, being an expected credit loss model, as opposed to an incurred credit loss model under AASB 139. This new model will be adopted by the Group and is expected to result in additional disclosures.

Based off the Group's preliminary assessment, the amendments are not expected to have a material impact on the financial statements on implementation.

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.



## 3) Significant accounting policies

#### (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. The financial results of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated Financial Statements from the date that control commences until the date that control c

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

Non-controlling interest is determined as the non-controlling interest's proportion of the fair value of the recognised identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities at the date of the original acquisition. Post-acquisition of non-controlling interest in the identifiable assets and liabilities of a subsidiary comprises the non-controlling interest's share of movements in equity since the date of the original controlling acquisition, after eliminating intra-group transactions

Profit or loss and each component of other comprehensive income are attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests. 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 139, when applicable, the cost on initial recognition of an investment in an associate or a joint venture.

#### (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 so as to obtain the majority of the benefits from its operation.

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 reputable lenders.
- AFG 2013-1 Trust, AFG 2013-2 Trust, AFG 2014-1 Trust and AFG 2016-1 Trust (SPE-RMBS) to hold securitised assets and issue Residential Mortgage Backed Securities (RMBS).

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

The elements indicating control include, but 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.

The Group continues to retain control over the financial assets, for which some but not substantially all the risks and rewards have been transferred to the warehouse facilities providers and the bondholders. The securitised assets and the corresponding liabilities are recorded in the Statement of Financial Position and the interest earned and paid recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.



# (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.

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) Non-derivative financial assets

#### Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets within the scope of AASB 139 are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, held to maturity investments, or available—for-sale financial assets. The Group determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition. All financial assets are recognised initially at fair value plus transaction costs, except in the case of financial assets recorded at fair value through profit or loss.

#### Subsequent measurement

The subsequent measurement of financial assets depends on their classification as described below:

#### Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

The Group's investments in equity securities are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. An instrument is classified as at fair value through profit or loss if it is held for trading or is designated as such upon initial recognition. Financial instruments are designated at fair value through profit or loss if the Group manages such instruments and makes purchase and sale decisions based on their fair value in accordance with the Group's risk management and investment strategy. Upon initial recognition, attributable transaction costs are recognised in profit or loss when incurred. Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss are subsequently measured at fair value, and changes therein are recognised in the profit or loss.

#### Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Subsequent to initial recognition loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less impairment losses.

Loans and receivables comprise trade and other receivables, redeemable preference shares and loans and advances which relate mainly to residential mortgages issued under the securitisation programme.

#### Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that are designated as available-for-sale and that are not classified in any of the previous categories. Subsequent to initial recognition, available-for-sale financial assets are measured at fair value and changes therein, other than impairment losses (see Note 3(c)(ii)), are recognised in other comprehensive income and presented within equity in the fair value reserve. When an investment is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss is transferred to profit or loss.

#### Derecognition

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is derecognised when:

- The rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired
- The Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a "pass-through" arrangement; and either (a) the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Group has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset

When the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, it evaluates if and to what extent it has retained the risks and rewards of ownership. When it has neither transferred nor retained substantially all of the risks and rewards of the asset, nor transferred control of the asset, the asset is recognised to the extent of the Group's continuing involvement in the asset. In that case, the Group also recognises an associate liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Group has retained.

The Group utilises SPE-RMBS to hold securitised assets (financial assets) and issue residential mortgage asset backed securities to investors. After the securitisation transaction, the Group continues to retain control of the financial assets for which some but not substantially all the risks and rewards have been transferred to the investors. Consequently, the securitised assets do not meet the requirements of AASB 139 - Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement in respect of the derecognition of financial instruments. The securitised assets have been recorded in the Statement of Financial Position with the related interest recognised through the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

#### (ii) Impairment of financial assets

A financial asset not carried at fair value through profit or loss is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any objective evidence that it is impaired. A financial asset is impaired if objective evidence indicates that a loss event has occurred after the initial recognition of the asset, that has a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of that asset.

Objective evidence that financial assets are impaired can include failure to meet repayment of principal and interest in accordance with the terms of the governing agreement (loans and advances within the SPE), indications that a debtor or issuer will enter bankruptcy, disappearance of an active market for a security, or wider economic and financial market indicators pertaining to a particular industry sector or local economy. In addition, for an investment in an equity security, a significant or prolonged decline in its fair value below its cost is objective evidence of impairment.

Significant financial assets and loans and advances within the special purpose entities are individually assessed and regularly tested for impairment. The remaining financial assets are assessed collectively in groups that share similar credit risk characteristics. In assessing collective impairment the Group uses historical trends of the probability of default, timing of recoveries and the amount of loss incurred, adjusted for Management's judgement as to whether current economic and credit conditions are such that the actual losses are likely to be greater or less than suggested by historical trends.





# 3) Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (b) Financial instruments (continued)

#### (ii) Impairment of financial assets (continued)

An impairment loss in respect of a financial asset measured at amortised cost is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount, and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate. Losses are recognised in profit or loss and reflected in an allowance account against receivables. For the SPE loans and advances the present value of estimated cash flows recoverable is determined after taking into account net realisable value from sale of collateral held. When a subsequent event causes the amount of impairment loss to decrease, the decrease in impairment loss is reversed through the profit or loss.

An impairment loss in respect of an available-for-sale financial asset is recognised by transferring the cumulative loss that has been recognised previously in equity to profit or loss. When a subsequent event causes the fair value of an impaired available-for-sale asset to increase and the increase can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised in profit or loss, then the impairment loss is reversed with the amount of the reversal recognised in profit or loss. However, any subsequent recovery in the fair value is recognised in other comprehensive income.

#### (iii) Non-Derivative financial liabilities

#### Initial recognition and measurement

Financial liabilities within the scope of AASB 139 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 (including liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss) 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: interestbearing 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.

#### (iv) Fair value of financial instruments

The fair value of financial instruments that are traded in active markets at each reporting date is determined by reference to quoted market prices (bid price for long positions and ask price for short positions), without any deduction for transaction costs.

For financial instruments that are not traded in an active market, the Group uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data is available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs. Refer to Notes 4 and 30 for further information on the determination of fair value of financial instruments.

#### (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 Statement of Financial Position comprise cash at bank and on hand, short term deposits with a maturity of three months or less, 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.

During the current year, there has been a change in accounting policy in relation to the presentation of the following cash flows related to the securitisation business:

- (Repayments of)/proceeds from warehouse facilities
- (Repayments to)/proceeds from bondholders
- Loans advanced to (repayments of borrowings) from borrowers

These cashflows, which have previously been presented within operating activities, are now presented within financing and investing activities in the cash flow statement on page 31. This change in accounting policy has been made to align the Group's presentation more closely to industry practice and provide more relevant information.

#### (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 beyond reasonable doubt, to provide future economic benefits. Any deferred development costs are amortised over the estimated useful lives of the relevant assets.

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) Other intangible assets

Other intangible assets that are acquired by the Group, which have finite useful lives, are measured at cost less accumulated amortisation (see above (i)) and impairment losses (see accounting policy 3(f)).

#### (iii) 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.

#### (iv) 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

(ii) Software licenses 2.5 - 5 years

#### (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 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 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.



# 3) Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (g) Employee benefits (continued)

#### (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, annual leave and sick 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-measure each reporting period.

#### (i) Revenue

#### (i) Commission revenues

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 are recognised upon the loans being settled and receipt of commission net of clawbacks.
- Trailing commissions: The Group receives trailing commissions from lenders on loans they have settled that were originated by the Group. The trailing commissions are received over the life of the loans based on the individual loan balance outstanding. The Group also makes monthly trailing commission payments to authorised mortgage originators (brokers) based on the individual loan balance outstanding.

On initial recognition, trailing commission revenue and

receivables are recognised at fair value, being the expected future trailing commission receivables discounted to their net present value. In addition, an associated payable and expense to the brokers are also recognised, initially measured at fair value being the future trailing commission payable to brokers discounted to their net present value.

Subsequent to initial recognition and measurement both the trailing commission asset and trailing commission payable are measured at amortised cost. The carrying amount of the trailing commission asset and trailing commission payable are adjusted to reflect actual and revised estimated cash flows by recalculating the carrying amount by computing the present value of estimated future cash flows at the original effective interest rate. The resulting adjustment is recognised as income or expense in the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

Where trailing commission does not meet the revenue recognition criteria to be recognised at fair value they are recognised in line with the cashflow received.

#### (ii) Mortgage management revenues

The Group provides mortgage management services to its clients as an alternative to traditional bank home loans. Revenue generated includes origination commission, trailing commission and fees associated with loans settlement and management. Origination commissions are recognised upon the loans being settled and receipt of the commission. Trailing commissions are recognised over the contract of service. Other fees are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income in proportion to the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date.

#### (iii) Fees for services

Revenue from contracts to provide marketing, compliance and administration services to the brokers is recognised with reference to the stage of completion for the contract of services.

#### (iv) Rendering of other services

Revenue from contracts to provide other services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract.

#### (v) Securitisation and residential mortgage backed securities programme

Revenue arising from issuing residential loans which are funded by the warehouse facility is initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the Group and these benefits can be measured reliably.

Loans and advances are initially recognised at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, the loans are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method over the estimated actual (but not contractual) life of the mortgage loan, taking into account all income and expenditure directly attributable to the loan. Interest income is the key component of this revenue stream and it is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest method. 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 are also spread across the estimated life of the loan.

#### (j) Other Income

#### (i) Sponsorship and incentive income

Sponsorship and incentive income is the income generated from sponsorship and incentive payment arrangements with Lenders. The income is brought to account when services relating to the income have been performed.

#### (k) Lease payments

The determination of whether an arrangement is, or contains, a lease is based on the substance of the arrangement at inception date, whether fulfilment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of a specific asset or assets or the arrangement conveys a right to use the asset, even if that right is not explicitly specified in an arrangement.

Payments made under operating leases are recognised in the profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Lease incentives received are recognised as an integral part of the total lease expense, over the term of the lease.

Minimum lease payments made under finance leases are apportioned between the finance expense and the reduction of the outstanding liability. The finance expense is allocated to each period during the lease term so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

#### (I) Finance income and expenses

Finance income comprises interest income on funds invested, changes in the fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and foreign currency gains. Interest income is recognised as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

Finance expenses comprise interest payable on borrowings and changes in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

#### (m) 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. 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.

#### (n) Capital raising costs

Capital raising costs are accounted for as follows:

- Costs directly associated with the sale of existing shares are expensed to the profit or loss
- Costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares, raising of additional equity, are accounted for as a deduction from equity, net of any income tax benefit
- Other costs which include elements of both are apportioned based on the proportion of existing shares and new shares, and as such are accounted for in part as an equity deduction and in part as an expense.

#### (o) 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.



# 3) Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (o) Income tax expense (continued)

# (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 interentity 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

#### (p) 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.

#### (q) Deferred income

Professional indemnity insurance income is deferred to the extent it gives rise to future economic benefits and recognised as income on the stage of completion of the contract.

# 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.

#### **Trailing commissions**

The Group receives trailing commissions from lenders on settled loans over the life of the loan based on the loan book balance outstanding. The Group also makes trailing commission payments to brokers when trailing commission is received from lenders.

The fair value of trailing commission receivable from lenders and the corresponding payable to brokers is determined by using a discounted cash flow valuation. These calculations require the use of assumptions which are determined by management with the assistance of external actuaries. Further assumptions are disclosed in Note 28(d).

#### Trade and other receivables/payables

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

#### Investments in equity instruments

The fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and available-for-sale assets is determined by reference to their quoted closing bid price at reporting date.

#### 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 trailing commission receivables and payables that are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently carried at amortised cost.

# 5) Financial risk management

#### (a) 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 above 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.



#### (b) 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.

#### Receivables

#### 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.

The Group's trade and other receivables 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 by the Group's management prior to joining the panel. The Group bears the risk of non-payment of future trailing commissions by lenders 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 trailing commissions to brokers.

Excluding financial institutions on the lender panel, trade and other receivables from other customers are rare given the nature of the Group's business. In the unlikely event that trade and other receivables arise, limits will be established for each customer that represents the maximum open amount without requiring approval from the Group's Board. These limits are reviewed on an ongoing basis by management. The risk limits reflect the business strategy and market environment of the Group as well as the level of risk that the Group is willing to accept. Customers that fail to meet the Group's benchmark creditworthiness may transact with the Group only on a cash or prepayment basis. The Group does not require collateral in respect of trade and other receivables.

#### 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 excess of the net realisable value and the carrying amount of the loans, net of any impairment losses. Subsequent to June 2016 all loans with a loan to value ratio of greater than 80% are subject to a lenders mortgage insurance contract.

The Group has established an allowance for impairment

that represents the estimate of incurred losses in respect of its receivables. The main component of this allowance is a specific loss component that relates to individually significant exposures, and a collective loss component established for groups of similar assets in respect of losses that have been incurred but not yet identified. The collective loss allowance is determined based on historical data of payment statistics and industry data for similar classes of financial assets. Throughout this financial year and the comparative year no loans that would otherwise be past due or impaired have been renegotiated.

#### (c) 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.

#### (d) 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), New Zealand dollars (NZD) and Euro. 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.



# 5) Financial risk management (continued)

#### (d) Market risk (continued)

#### 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 future trailing commissions receivable and 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 review and report 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.

#### (e) 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 Group's capital management, amongst other things, aims to ensure that it meets financial covenants attached to the interest-bearing loans and borrowings that define capital structure requirements. Breaches in meeting the financial covenants would see the Group repaying the shortfall sufficient to the lenders satisfaction, or alternatively provide additional security or cash equity. There have been no breaches in the financial covenants of any interest-bearing loans and borrowings in the current period.

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 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. There was no breach of the requirements for the year ended 30 June 2017.

## 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.

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 around 45 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 items are comprised mainly of other operating activities from which the Group earns revenues 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.

1 1 64115	AFG Wholesale			
In thousands of AUD	Mortgage Broking	AFG Home Loans	Other / Unallocated	Tota
Revenue				
External customers	492,506	92,224	1,371	586,101
Inter-segment	22,558	-	(22,558)	
Other operating income	3,857	-	12,843	16,700
Interest income	-	248	2,029	2,277
Total segment revenue	518,921	92,472	(6,315)	605,078
Results				
Segment profit/(loss) before income tax	35,999	28,672	(7,715)	56,956
Income tax expense				(17,852
Net profit after tax				39,104
Assets and liabilities				
Total segment assets	720,439	1,228,925	67,862	2,017,226
Total segment liabilities	713,264	1,184,995	11,672	1,909,931
Other segment information				
Depreciation and amortisation	(182)	(15)	(747)	(944
Interest expense	-	-	(12)	(12)
Year ended 30 June 2016				
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Revenue		AFG Home Loans 67,423	Other / Unallocated	
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Revenue External customers Inter-segment	Mortgage Broking 460,212	67,423	1,293	528,928
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# 7) Revenue

In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
Commissions	491,358	430,465
Interest on commission income receivable	47,277	50,473
Mortgage management services	305	566
Securitisation transaction fees	819	827
	539,759	482,331

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Revenue includes the interest income of \$47,277k (2016: \$50,473k) from the unwinding of the discount in relation to the net present value of future trailing commission receivable.

# 8) Other income

In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
Sponsorship and incentive income	7,544	7,357
Software licence fees	2,413	2,013
Professional indemnity insurance	2,163	1,911
Fees for services	3,904	3,328
Other	676	736
	16,700	15,345

# 9) Other expenses

In thousands of AUD	Note	2017	2016
Advertising and promotion		5,014	4,046
Consultancy and professional fees		1,972	1,481
Information technology		3,285	3,238
Occupancy costs		400	414
Employee costs	10	25,285	24,491
Depreciation and amortisation		944	1,100
Operating lease costs		1,975	1,940
Impairment loss/(reversal of impairment) on receivables		80	169
Net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	2
		38,955	36,881

# 10) Employee costs

In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
Wages and salaries	16,910	16,567
Other associated personnel expenses	6,100	6,077
Change in liabilities for employee benefits	189	25
Share-based payment transactions	311	88
Superannuation	1,775	1,734
	25,285	24,491

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# 11) Auditors' remuneration

In AUD	2017	2016
Audit services		
Amounts due and receivable for:		
Audit of the financial report of the Group and other entities of the Group		
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	203,500	182,700
	203,500	182,700
Other services - Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu		
Tax compliance services	36,750	91,350
Other non-audit services	68,000	33,000
	104,750	124,350

# **12) Finance income and expenses**

In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
Recognised in profit or loss		
Interest income on loans and receivables	202	269
Interest income on bank deposits	2,111	2,396
Net foreign exchange (loss) / gain	(36)	43
Finance income	2,277	2,708
Net change in fair value of financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss	(2)	(1)
Interest expense on loans from funders	(12)	(33)
Finance expense	(14)	(34)
Net finance income and expense	2,263	2,674
The above financial income and expense include the following in respect of assets (liabilities)		
(not at fair value through profit or loss):		
Total interest income on financial assets	2,314	2,665
Total interest expense on financial liabilities	(12)	(33)

# 13) Income tax

## (a) Current tax expense

In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
Income tax recognised in profit or loss		
Current tax expense		
Current period	11,824	10,561
Adjustments for prior periods	(12)	(1,014)
Deferred tax expense		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	6,040	(285)
Adjustments for deferred tax	-	1,020
Income tax expense reported in the statement of profit or loss	17,852	10,282
	2017	2016
Income tax recognised in other comprehensive income		
Unrealised gain/(loss) on available-for-sale financial assets	-	-
Income tax charged directly to other comprehensive income	-	-



# 13) Income tax (continued)

#### (a) Current tax expense (continued)

Numerical reconciliation between tax expense and pre-tax accounting profit

In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
Profit before tax from continuing operations	56,956	32,926
Income tax using the Company's domestic tax rate of 30% (2016: 30%)	17,087	9,879
Non-deductible expenses	952	539
Over provision in prior periods	(12)	(1,014)
Other adjustments	(175)	878
	17,852	10,282

#### (b) Current tax assets and liabilities

The current tax liability for the Group of \$1,249k (2016: \$1,060k current tax asset) 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:

In thousands of AUD	Assets		Liabilities		Net	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
Property, plant and equipment and intangibles	-	-	455	431	455	431
Trade and other receivables	-	-	214,514	188,451	214,514	188,451
Employee benefits	(1,714)	(1,098)	-	-	(1,714)	(1,098)
Trade and other payables	(192,147)	(171,848)	-	-	(192,147)	(171,848)
Other items	(1,626)	(2,593)	-	54	(1,626)	(2,539)
Tax (assets) / liabilities	(195,487)	(175,539)	214,969	188,936	19,482	13,397
Set off of tax	195,487	175,539	(195,487)	(175,539)	-	-
Net tax liabilities	-	-	19,482	13,397	19,482	13,397

# 14) Cash and cash equivalents

#### (a) Cash and cash equivalents

In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
Cash at bank	89,559	83,906
Short term deposits	1,276	2,039
Unrestricted cash	90,835	85,945
Cash collections accounts <sup>1</sup>	27,599	36,423
Restricted cash <sup>2</sup>	6,367	8,297
Restricted cash	33,966	44,720
Cash and cash equivalents	124,801	130,665
Cash and cash equivalents in the Statement of Cash Flows	124,801	130,665

<sup>1</sup> Discloses amounts held in the special purpose securitised trusts and series on behalf of the warehouse funder and the bondholders

The effective interest rate on short term deposits in 2017 was 2.14% (2016: 2.22%). The deposits had an average maturity of 85 days (2016: 91 days).

The Group's exposure to interest rate risk and a sensitivity analysis for financial assets and liabilities are disclosed in Note 28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Discloses cash collateralised standby letter of credit, liquidity reserve account and cash provided in trust by the warehouse providers to fund pending settlements.

#### (b) Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities

In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
		Restated
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit for the period from continuing operations	39,104	22,644
Adjustments to reconcile the profit to net cash flows:		
Income tax expense from continuing operations	17,852	10,282
Depreciation and amortisation	944	1,100
Net interest income from investing activities	(2,314)	(2,664)
Expense recognised in respect of equity-settled share-based payments	298	88
Present value of future trailing commission income	(88,531)	(56,326)
Present value of future trailing commission expense	68,590	56,148
Other non-cash movements	115	64
	36,058	31,336
Working capital adjustments:		
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Increase in receivables and prepayments	1,315	1,553
Increase in trade and other payables	819	10,454
(Decrease) in deferred income	(2,177)	(45)
Increase in employee entitlements	733	658
Increase in provisions	1,346	30
Cash generated from operations	38,094	43,986
Income tax paid	(11,577)	(7,780)
Net cash generated by operating activities	26,517	36,206

During the current year, there has been a change in accounting policy in relation to the presentation of the following cash flows related to the securitisation business:

- (Repayments of)/proceeds from warehouse facilities
- (Repayments to)/proceeds from bondholders
- Loans advanced to (repayments of borrowings) from borrowers

These cashflows, which have previously been presented within operating activities, are now presented within financing and investing activities in the cash flow statement. This change in accounting policy has been made to align the Group's presentation more closely to industry practice and provide more relevant information.

# 15) Trade and other receivables

In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
Current		
Trade and other receivables	909	273
Accrued income	98	96
	1,007	369
Net present value of future trailing commissions receivable <sup>1</sup>	152,850	132,350
Prepayments	1,863	3,511
	155,720	136,230
Non-current		
Net present value of future trailing commissions receivable <sup>1</sup>	581,860	513,829
	581,860	513,829
	737,580	650,059

 $<sup>^{\, 1} \,\,</sup>$  See fair value determinations for trailing commissions – Note 4.

The Company has adopted an actuarial model to estimate future trail revenue relating to AFGHL white label products in FY17. This has impacted NPAT for FY17 and resulted in the Company recognising a trail revenue receivable for the AFGHL white label programme on the balance sheet. The recognition of the value of future trail receivable on the AFGHL white label programme is consistent with the Company's existing accounting treatment of the trail book from the AFG residential business which has been assessed by actuaries for many years.

Trade and other receivables are shown net of a provision for impairment of \$4k (2016: \$6k).

The non-current receivables represent the net present value of future trailing commissions receivable.

The Group's exposure to credit and currency risks and impairment losses related to trade and other receivables are disclosed in Note 28.



## 16) Trade and other payables

In thousands of AUD	Note	2017	2016
Current			
Present value of future trailing commissions payable	4	135,285	119,951
Other trade payables		56,676	57,937
Non-trade payables and accrued expenses		3,444	1,083
		195,405	178,971
Non-current			
Net present value of future trailing commissions payable		520,398	467,142
		520,398	467,142
		715,803	646,113

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 28.

# 17) Loans and advances

In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
Current		
Securitised assets <sup>1</sup>	297,613	180,522
Other secured loans <sup>2</sup>	1,268	1,311
Capitalised origination cost	235	-
	299,116	181,833
Non-current		
Securitised assets <sup>1</sup>	851,472	862,956
Capitalised origination cost	690	1,267
Other secured loans <sup>2</sup>	1,134	554
Less: Provision for impairment	(241)	(198)
	853,055	864,579
	1,152,171	1,046,412

<sup>1</sup> The securitised assets are held as security for the various debt interests in the special purpose securitised trusts and series.

Loans and advances that are performing in accordance with the underlying contract are classified as neither past due nor impaired. If a customer fails to make payment that is contractually due then the receivable asset is classified as past due. If subsequently all contractually due payments are made the asset reverts to its neither past due or impaired status.

At the end of the reporting period, the balance of the Group's securitised assets includes a provision for impairment of \$241k (2016: \$198k).

During the financial year, new loans issued in the Group's securitisation programme were \$385,047k (2016: \$297,294k).

The Group's exposure to credit, currency and interest rate risks related to loans and advances is disclosed in Note 28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Other secured loans include:

a) Loans and advances to Brokers secured over future trailing commissions' payable to the broker and in some cases personal guarantees. Interest is charged on average at 10.81% p.a. (2016: 10.65% p.a.).

b) Loan and advances to McCabe St Limited are secured over its land and assets. Interest is charged on average at 3.99% p.a. (2016: 4.37% p.a.).

## 18) Group entities

#### **Composition of the Group**

	Country of incorporation	Ownership in	terest
		2017	2016
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 2013-1 Trust	Australia	100	100
AFG 2013-2 Trust	Australia	100	100
AFG 2014-1 Trust	Australia	100	100
AFG 2016-1 Trust	Australia	100	-
New Zealand Finance Group Ltd	New Zealand	100	100
AFG Home Loans Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
Venture Lending Pty Ltd	Australia	51	51

The Group holds a 51% interest in Venture Lending Pty Ltd, has majority representation on the entity's Board of Directors, and has control over its operating and financial decisions. Consequently, the Group has consolidated this entity into its Financial Statements.

#### **Additional disclosures with respect to Consolidated Structured Entities**

#### Subscription 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 funding trusts. 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 loans as at time of settlement was below 70% and as at year end, approximately 61% (2016: 81%) 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 59% (2016: 53%).

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.

In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
Subordinated notes held in AFG 2010-1 Trust and Series <sup>1</sup>	7,414	6,611
Subordinated notes held in SPE-RMBS trusts following a term transaction:		
• AFG 2013-1	1,500	1,500
• AFG 2013-2	750	750
• AFG 2014-1	500	500
• AFG 2016-1	400	-

<sup>1</sup> 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).



# 19) Property, plant and equipment

In thousands of AUD	Plant and equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Total
Consolidated			
Balance at 1 July 2015	320	2,678	2,998
Acquisitions	171	-	171
Disposals and write-offs	(1)	(1)	(2)
Depreciation	(221)	(567)	(788)
Balance at 30 June 2016	269	2,110	2,379
Balance at 1 July 2016	269	2,110	2,379
Acquisitions	105	199	304
Disposals and write-offs	(23)	-	(23)
Depreciation	(141)	(621)	(762)
Balance at 30 June 2017	210	1,688	1,898

# 20) 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 28.

In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
Current		
Securitisation warehouse facilities	648,541	697,446
Loans from funders	84	231
Secured bond issues	191,191	65,279
	839,816	762,956
Non-current		
Secured bond issues	324,636	309,123
Loans from funders	26	136
	324,662	309,259
	1,164,478	1,072,215

#### Terms and debt repayment schedule

Terms and conditions of outstanding loans were as follows:

	2017				20	16		
In thousands of AUD	Effective interest rate	Year of maturity	Face value	Carrying amount	Effective interest rate	Year of maturity	Face value	Carrying amount
Warehouse facilities	2.73%	2017	648,541	648,541	2.94%	2017	697,446	697,446
Secured bond issues	3.02%	2018-2019	513,064	515,826	3.41%	2018-2019	374,586	374,402
Loans from funders	6.00%	2018-2020	111	111	6.25%	2018-2020	367	367
			1,161,716	1,164,478			1,072,399	1,072,215

#### (a) Warehouse and secured bond issues

The carrying amount of the collaterals pledged as security for the warehouse facility and the secured bond issues is \$2,165,326k (2016: \$1,937,380k).

#### (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. 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.

Borrowings 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 taken out, a lender's mortgage insurance contract covers 100% of the principal of the loan.

During the financial year there were no breaches to the agreement that permitted the warehouse facility provider to demand payment of the outstanding value.

As at the reporting date the unutilised securitisation warehouse facility for all Series is \$83,150k (2016: \$75,364k). The interest is recognised at an effective rate 2.73% (2016: 2.94%).

The Group has secured an extension to the term of the NAB residential warehouse facilities that were due to expire, to 11 December 2017. The ANZ residential warehouse facilities that were due to expire have been extended to 14 December 2017. The warehouse term is for a shorter period due to new warehousing arrangements during the first half of FY2018. This is in preparation for APS 120 which comes into effect on 1 January 2018.

#### Liquidity facility

The Liquidity facility is established by the warehouse facility providers to temporarily fund any excess amount of interest, fees and any other charges which may accrue from the date of cash flows calculation, to the date of cash flows payment.

As at the reporting date the unutilised facility is \$10,323k (2016: \$10,711k).

Additional credit support includes subordinated credit enhancement held by the Company of \$7,414k (2016: \$5,907k).

#### (ii) 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 borrowers 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 an weighted effective rate of 3.02% (2016: 3.41%).

#### 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 between 1% and 1.3% of the initial invested amount of all notes,
- $\bullet\ \ \, \$150k$  Reserve Account which is an Extraordinary Expense Ledger account, and
- Available income.

Additional credit support includes subordinated credit enhancement held by the Company (unrated Class C Notes) of \$3,200k (2016: \$2,750k).

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.

#### (b) Loans from funders

Some of the upfront commissions received from specific funders at the point of loan origination are refunded by the Group via reduced ongoing management fees over a period of 5 years. The Group recognises the upfront commission from these funders as a loan, and interest is charged on this facility by the funders. The principal and interest will be paid back over the 5-year period. Interest is recognised at an effective rate of 6.00% (2016: 6.25%).



# 20) Interest-bearing liabilities (continued)

#### (c) Other finance facilities

In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
Standby facility	200	220
Bank guarantee facility	276	276
	476	496
Facilities utilised at reporting date		
Standby facility	82	-
Bank guarantee facility	276	276
	358	276
Facilities not utilised at reporting date		
Standby facility	118	220
Bank guarantee facility		-
	118	220

The facilities are subject to annual review.

# 21) Employee benefits

In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
Current		
Salaries and wages accrued	2,031	1,480
Liability for long service leave	1,312	1,199
Liability for annual leave	1,141	1,006
	4,484	3,685
Non Current		
Liability for long-service leave	75	133
	75	133
	4,559	3,818

# 22) Provisions

In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
Provision for Clawbacks*	1,450	-
Other	217	322
	1,667	322

<sup>\*</sup>Net provision for Clawbacks on settlements within the period raised.

# 23) Deferred income

In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
Current		
Sponsorship income	1,669	2,862
Lease incentives	577	794
Unearned professional indemnity insurance	447	1,220
	2,693	4,876

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# 24) Operating leases

#### Leases as lessee

Non-cancellable operating lease rentals are payable as follows:

In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
Less than one year	2,168	2,042
Between one and five years	4,143	6,709
	6,311	8,751

The Group leases a number of office facilities under operating leases. The leases run for a period of up to 6 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.

During the financial year ended 30 June 2017 \$1,975k was recognised as an expense in the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income in respect of operating leases (2016: \$1,940k).

## 25) Capital and reserves

#### (a) Share capital

	Share Capital (\$'000)		Ordinary shares (\$'000)	
The Company	2017	2016	2017	2016
On issue at 1 July	43,541	43,541	214,813	214,813
Issued for cash or nil consideration	-	-	-	-
On issue at 30 June – fully paid	43,541	43,541	214,813	214,813

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) Translation reserve

The translation reserve comprises all foreign exchange differences arising from the translation of the Financial Statements of foreign operations.

#### (c) Fair value reserve

The fair value reserve comprises the cumulative net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets until the investments are derecognised or impaired.



# 25) Capital and reserves (continued)

#### (d) Dividends

Dividends paid in the current year by the Group are:

	Cents per share	Total amount (\$'000)	Franked / unfranked	Date of payment
2017				
Final 2016 ordinary	5.4	11,600	100%	30/9/16
1st interim 2017 ordinary	4.2	9,022	100%	7/3/17
	_	20,622		
2016				
1st interim 2016 ordinary	3.0	6,444	100%	29/3/16
	_	6,444		
Proposed and unrecognised as a liability:				
2017				
Final 2017 ordinary	5.5	11,814	100%	28/09/2017
		11,814		

Dividends declared or paid during the year or after 30 June 2017 were franked at the rate of 30%.

In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
Dividend franking account	20,998	18,285
30 per cent franking credits available to shareholders of Australian Finance Group Limited for subsequent financial years	48,995	42,664
	69,993	60,949

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 \$69,993k (2016: \$60,949k) franking credits.

# 26) 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 2017	30 June 2016
Profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company	39,053	22,667
	Thousands	Thousands
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for basic EPS (thousands)	214,813	214,813
Effect of dilution:		
Performance rights	593	-
Weighted average number of ordinary shares adjusted for the effect of dilution	215,406	214,813

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.

## 27) Share based payments

#### (a) Executive Rights plan (Long-Term Incentive Plan)

The Group has in place an Executive Long-Term Incentive Plan (LTIP) which grants rights 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.

#### (b) Executive Rights plan (Long-Term Incentive Plan) (continued)

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	1	Forfeited during the year	Balance at end of the year
1/07/2016	30/06/2019	-	593,136	-	-	-	593,136

## 28) Financial instruments

#### (a) Credit risk

#### Exposure to credit risk

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

#### (i) Trade and other receivables

#### Exposure to credit risk

The Group's maximum exposure to credit risk for trade and other receivables by type of customer is detailed below:

	Carrying amount	
In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
Type of customer		
Financial institutions	735,291	646,346
Brokers	446	72
Other	5	34

All outstanding trade and other receivables are with customers located within Australia. The amounts owing from financial institutions include the net present value of trailing commissions' receivable of \$734,710k (2016: \$646,179k).

The majority of the Group's net present value of future trailing commission receivable 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.

# 28) Financial instruments (continued)

#### (a) Credit risk (continued)

#### (i) Trade and other receivables (continued)

	Current	Non-Current	Current	Non-Current
In thousands of AUD	2017	2017	2016	2016
Standard & Poor's Credit rating				
AA+	12	47	15	60
AA-	116,517	443,550	99,345	385,692
A+	-	-	1,525	5,922
А	9,144	34,807	7,068	27,440
A-	8,108	30,866	1,828	7,096
BBB+	2,044	7,782	92	359
BBB	515	1,962	656	2,549
BBB-	1,508	5,742	600	2,328
Not rated	15,002	57,104	21,221	82,383
	152,850	581,860	132,350	513,829

#### Impairment losses

The ageing of the Group's trade and other receivables (excluding the net present value of future trailing commissions), at the reporting date was:

	Gross	Impairment allowance	Gross	Impairment allowance
In thousands of AUD	2017	2017	2016	2016
Not past due	285	-	251	-
Past due 0-30 days	29	-	114	(2)
Past due 30-60 days	22	(3)	2	(2)
Past due more than 61 days	459	(2)	2	(2)
	795	(5)	369	(6)

During the year ended 30 June 2017 the Group has not renegotiated or entered into any agreement to renegotiate a trade receivable that would otherwise be past due or impaired.

The allowance amounts in respect of trade and other receivables are used to record impairment losses unless the Group is satisfied that no recovery of the amount owing is possible. At this point, the amount is considered irrecoverable and is written off against the receivable account.

During 2017 and 2016 there were no individual impairment allowances raised.

#### (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:

	Cal	Carrying amount		
In thousands of AUD	2017	2016		
Customer type				
Residential mortgage borrowers	1,149,970	1,043,280		
Brokers	2,201	3,132		
	1,152,171	1,046,412		

#### 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 \$2,165,326k (2016: \$1,937,380k). During the year ended 30 June 2017 the Group has taken possession of two additional residential properties that were held as security for loans issued by the Group. The carrying amount of the repossessed residential property was \$752k (2016: \$340k). Two properties have been sold before the end of the financial year, with the shortfall repaid by our lender's mortgage insurance.

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 LVR, with the valuation used determined as at the time of settlement of the individual loan.

	Car	rying amount
In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
Loan to value ratio		
Greater than 95%	2,393	1,823
Between 90%-95%	55,042	71,026
Between 80%-90%	181,976	185,624
Less than 80%	909,675	785,005
	1,149,086	1,043,478

The Group exposure to credit risk by geographic region at reporting date is limited to Australia.

#### **Impairment Losses**

The aging of the Group's loans and advances at the reporting date was:

	Gross	Impairment allowance	Gross	Impairment allowance
In thousands of AUD	2017	2017	2016	2016
Not past due	1,143,899	-	1,042,557	-
Past due 31-120 days	3,519	-	3,143	-
Past due 121 days to one year	1,191	-	712	-
Past due more than one year	477	(477)	198	(198)
	1,149,086	(477)	1,046,610	(198)

The impairment loss provision as at 30 June 2017 of \$477k (2016: \$198k) is a specific provision for loans that are past due.

#### Securitisation loans

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 borrowers 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.

No impairment loss was recognised during 2017 (2016: Nil).

#### Other secured loans

The Group has minimal exposure to credit risk for loans made during the year.

No impairment loss was recognised during 2017 (2016: Nil).



## 28) Financial instruments (continued)

#### (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. As stated in Note 20, the Group has unused warehouse facilities at the reporting date.

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.

2017							
In thousands of AUD	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	648,541	655,955	655,955	-	-	-	-
Secured bond issues	515,827	531,253	68,169	127,096	136,596	199,392	-
Loans from funders	111	114	56	30	25	3	-
Net present value of future trailing commissions payable	655,683	796,078	90,408	83,186	145,554	293,515	183,415
Trade and other payables	60,120	60,120	60,120	-	-	-	-
	1,880,282	2,043,520	874,708	210,312	282,175	492,910	183,415

2016							
In thousands of AUD	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	697,446	707,698	579,833	127,865	-	-	-
Secured bond issues	374,402	392,392	33,180	33,180	131,052	194,980	-
Loans from funders	368	386	137	104	108	37	-
Net present value of future trailing commissions payable	587,093	726,255	82,251	75,450	131,517	268,594	168,443
Trade and other payables	59,020	59,020	59,020	-	-	-	-
	1,718,329	1,885,751	754,421	236,599	262,677	463,611	168,443

The obligation in respect of the net present value of future trailing commission only arises if and when the Group receives the corresponding trailing 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

#### 2016

#### Securitisation warehouse facilities

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.

On 27 July 2017, the Group secured an extension to the term of the NAB residential warehouse facility that was due to expire on 10 August 2017. The funding continues to be provided through the issue of three classes of secured, limited and floating rate notes, with the senior notes being issued to the lender and the subordination notes to Australian Finance Group Limited. The maturity date has been reset to 11 December 2017.

On 4 August 2017, the Group secured an extension to the term of the ANZ residential warehouse facility that was due to expire on 14 August 2017. The funding continues to be provided through the issue of three classes of secured, limited and floating rate notes, with the senior notes being issued to the lender and the subordination notes to Australian Finance Group Limited. The maturity date has been reset to 14 December 2017.

The warehouse term is for a shorter period due to new warehousing arrangements during the first half of FY2018. This is in preparation for APS 120 which comes into effect on 1 January 2018.

#### Secured bond issues

The securities are issued by the SPE-RMBS with an expected weighted average life of 4 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 their respective maturity dates and that the Group will not opt to repay the securities at the 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 trailing commissions payable refer to Note 16.

#### (c) Market risk

#### (i) Currency risk

#### Exposure to currency risk

As at reporting date the Group held cash assets denominated in NZD, USD and Euro.

Fluctuations in foreign currencies are not expected to have 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

#### **Profile**

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

	Carrying	amount
In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
Fixed rate instruments <sup>1</sup>		
Financial assets	734,710	646,179
Financial liabilities	655,683	587,093
	79,027	59,086
Variable rate instruments		
Financial assets	1,276,738	1,177,077
Financial liabilities	1,164,478	1,072,215
	112,260	104,862

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 passing any rate increases onto borrowers.

#### Cash flow sensitivity analysis for variable rate instruments

Due to the market conditions existing at 30 June 2017, 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, in particular foreign currency rates, remain constant. The analysis is performed on the same basis for 2016.

	After ta	After tax profit		ity
Effect in thousands of AUD	100bp increase	100bp decrease	100bp increase	100bp decrease
30 June 2017				
Variable rate financial assets	8,922	(8,922)	8,922	(8,922)
Variable rate financial liabilities	4,541	(4,541)	4,541	(4,541)
Cash flow sensitivity (net)	4,381	(4,381)	4,381	(4,381)
30 June 2016				
Variable rate financial assets	8,226	(8,226)	8,226	(8,226)
Variable rate financial liabilities	4,885	(4,885)	4,885	(4,885)
Cash flow sensitivity (net)	3,341	(3,341)	3,341	(3,341)

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



## 28) Financial instruments (continued)

#### (c) Market risk (continued)

#### (iii) Prepayment risk

Net present value of future trailing commissions receivable and 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 trailing commissions receivable and payable. Refer to Note 28 (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. 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		2017		2016
	+5%	-5%	+5%	-5%
After tax profit	(2,939)	3,122	(2,072)	2,192

#### Securitised assets

The Group is exposed to prepayment risk on its securitised assets. The warehouse facilities and the secured bond issues 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) Equity price risk

#### Exposure to equity price risk

The Group's maximum exposure to this risk, deemed insignificant, is presented by the carrying amounts of its financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss and available-for-sale financial asset carried in the Statement of Financial Position.

During 2017 a \$2k profit in the fair value of financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss was recognised in the profit or loss (2016: \$1k).

#### (v) 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 measured at fair value on a recurring basis

Some of the Group's financial assets and liabilities are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period.

Financial assets	Fair value as at		Fair value hierarchy	Valuation technique(s) and key input(s)
In thousands of AUD	30 June 2017	30 June 2016		
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss and available-for-sale financial assets	\$31	\$49	Level 1	Quoted bid prices in an active market

No change in fair value hierarchy levels in 2017.

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

With the exception of the trailing commission receivables and payables that are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently carried at amortised cost, the carrying amount of all financial assets and liabilities recognised in the Statement of Financial Position approximate their fair value.

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 and the Group also makes trailing commission payments to Brokers 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. Refer to Note 3 for the accounting policies regarding trail commissions receivables and payables.

	30 June	2017	30 June 2016		
Effect in thousands of AUD	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value	
Financial assets					
Future Trailing commission receivables	734,710	768,604	646,179	688,898	
Financial liabilities					
Future Trailing commission payables	655,683	685,316	587,093	624,857	

The fair value of trailing commission receivable from lenders and the corresponding payable to brokers is determined by using a discounted cash flow valuation. These calculations require the use of assumptions which are determined by the management, with the assistance of external actuaries, by reference to market observable inputs. The valuation is classified as level 2 in the fair value measurement hierarchy.

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

	30 June 2017	30 June 2016
Average Ioan life	Between 3.1 and 5.0 years	Between 4.3 and 5.2 years
Discount rate per annum <sup>1</sup>	Between 5% and 13.5%	Between 5% and 13.5%
Percentage paid to brokers <sup>2</sup>	Between 85% and 93%	Between 85% and 93%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Discount rates once set are not adjusted during the life of the loan. The spread in discount rate captures loans settled in previous financial years as well as the current financial year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The percentage paid to brokers is fixed by the terms of their respective agreement with the Group. As a consequence, management does not expect changes to the percentage paid to brokers to be reasonably possible.



# 29) Parent entity

Throughout the financial year ending 30 June 2017, the parent Company of the Group was Australian Finance Group Limited.

In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
Results of the parent entity		
Profit for the period	19,259	17,266
Other comprehensive income	2	2
Total comprehensive income for the period	19,261	17,268
In thousands of AUD	2017	2016
Financial position of parent entity at year end		
Current assets	235,504	223,077
Total assets	819,415	750,402
Current liabilities	202,439	186,288
Total liabilities	737,157	667,070
Total equity of the parent entity comprising of:		
Share capital	43,542	43,542
Reserves	298	8
Retained earnings	38,418	39,782
Total equity	82,258	83,332

See Notes 30 and 31 for the parent entity capital and other commitments, and contingencies.

Refer to Note 20 (c) for the parent entity's guarantees.

# 30) Capital and other commitments

There are no capital commitments as at the reporting date.

# 31) 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.



## 32) 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) During the year the Group made payments to Genworth Mortgage Insurance Australia Limited, one of our providers of Lenders Mortgage Insurance (LMI). Mr T. Gill is a Non-Executive Director of Genworth Mortgage Insurance Australia Limited. These dealings were in the ordinary course of business and were on normal terms and conditions. The payments made for the provision of LMI policies were \$427k (2016: \$1,044k). 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) 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 \$253k (2016: \$207k). 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.
- (iii) During the year the Group received payments from TAL Life Ltd. Mr J. Minto is a Director of Dai-ichi Life Asia Pacific which is the ultimate parent company of TAL Life Limited. These dealings were in the ordinary course of business and were on normal terms and conditions. These payments were received as commission for life and risk insurance products provided by TAL Life Ltd. Total commissions received during the financial year was \$698k (2016: \$724k). The payments received are not considered to be material to the financial results of the Group and therefore do not impact on Mr J. Minto's independence as a Director.
- (iv) As part of the demerger of the property business on 22 April 2015, the Group entered into a shared services agreement with Establish Property Group Ltd (EPG). Mr B. McKeon, Ms L. Bevan and Mr D. Bailey, are Directors of EPG and McCabe St. Under the terms of the shared services agreement the Group provides premises, administration, accounting and some company secretarial services to EPG at an agreed arms length rate. The agreement was active for the full 2017 financial year and a total of \$120k (2016: \$170k) was paid by EPG to the Group for these services. In addition to the above, 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). During the 2017 financial year rent of \$1,567k has been paid to Qube (2016: \$1,539k). The shared services agreement will be ending when EPG moves out of the AFG Office in September 2017. In addition to the above McCabe Street has an outstanding loan owing to AFG amounting to \$201k (2016: \$193k), this loan is on commercial terms at arms length.

#### (b) Subsidiaries

Loans are made by the parent entity to wholly owned subsidiaries to fund working capital and purchases of shares from one subsidiary to the other subsidiary. 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.

# 33) Subsequent events

On 27 July 2017, the Group secured an extension to the term of the NAB residential warehouse facility that was due to expire on 10 August 2017. The funding continues to be provided through the issue of three classes of secured, limited and floating rate notes, with the senior notes being issued to the lender and the subordination notes to AFG. The maturity date has been reset to 11 December 2017.

On 4 August 2017, the Group secured an extension to the term of the ANZ residential warehouse facility that was due to expire on 14 August 2017. The funding continues to be provided through the issue of three classes of secured, limited and floating rate notes, with the senior notes being issued to the lender and the subordination notes to AFG. The maturity date has been reset to 14 December 2017.

The warehouse term is for a shorter period due to new warehousing arrangements during the first half of FY2018. This is in preparation for APS 120 which comes into effect on 1 January 2018.

On 24 August 2017, the Directors recommended the payment of a dividend of 5.5 cents per fully paid ordinary share, fully franked based on tax paid at 30%. The dividend has a record date of 4 September 2017 and a payment date of 28 September 2017. The aggregate amount of the proposed dividend expected to be paid out of retained earnings at 30 June 2017 is \$11,814k. The financial effect of these dividends has not been brought to account in the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2017.

On 7 September 2017, AFG successfully funded a \$350m RMBS term out in the new 2017-1 Trust which will be consolidated into the AFG Group as at this date.

Other than the above, 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.

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# **Directors' Declaration**

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

In the opinion of the Directors:

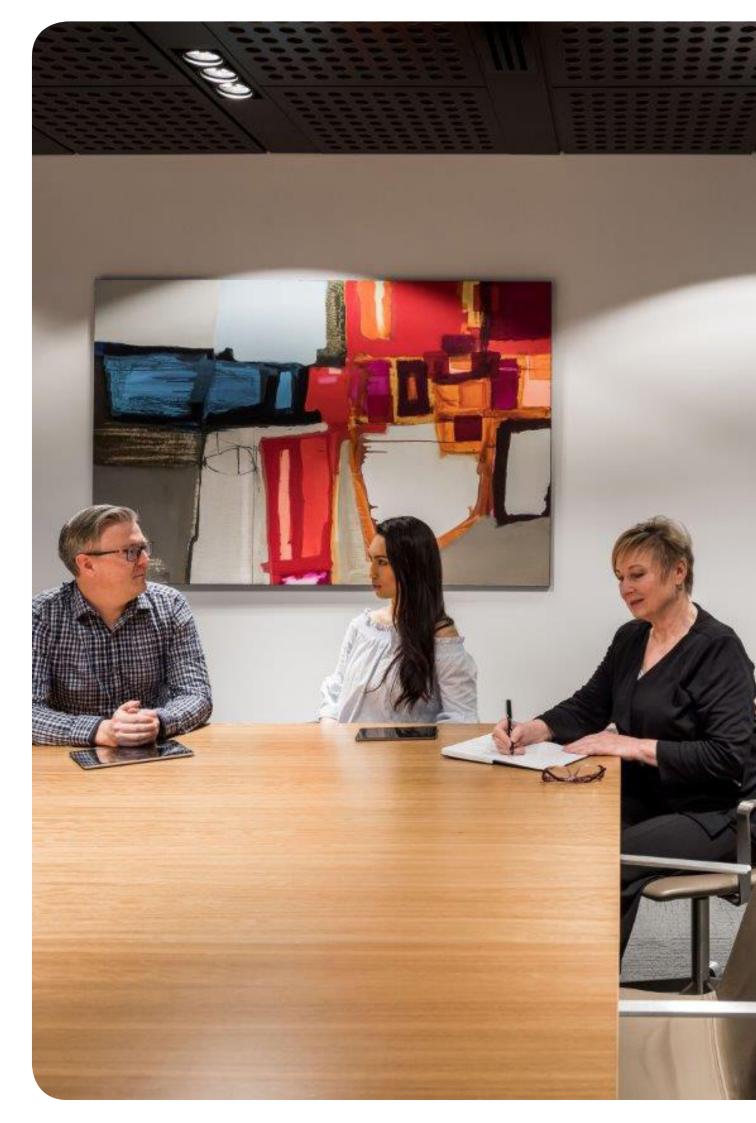
- a. The Financial Statements and Notes to the Financial Statements of Australian Finance Group Limited are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - (i) Giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its performance for the 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 Perth, Western Australia on 21 September 2017.



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# **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 "Entity") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

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

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) 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* (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 confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the Entity, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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 judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report for the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

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Member of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited



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#### **Key Audit Matter**

#### How the scope of our audit responded to the Key Audit Matter

# Trail commission receivable and payable

As at 30 June 2017 the Group has recognised trail commissions receivable of \$734.7 million (2016: \$646.2 million) and trail commissions payable of \$655.7 million (2016: \$587.1 million) as disclosed in notes 15 and 16.

As disclosed in note 28, the determination of the fair value of the trail commissions receivable and payable at initial recognition and the subsequent measurement at amortised cost requires management to exercise significant judgements including:

- the estimation of the discount rate,
- the percentage paid to members, and
- run off rate assumptions.

Our procedures included, but were not limited to:

- Evaluating the key controls and process management have in place to determine the trail commission receivable and payable;
- Challenging the reasonableness of management's assumptions in the determination of the trail commission receivable and payable based on industry comparative run off rates, market observable inputs for the discount rate and agreed percentage paid to members to member agreements;
- Comparing previously forecast trail commission income and expense by management to the actual results to assess historical accuracy of managements estimates;
- Testing on a sample basis management's model for mathematical accuracy; and
- Assessing the appropriateness of the prior and current year accounting treatment of commission by considering the availability of historical data and the behaviour of the white label loan products.

We also assessed the appropriateness of the related disclosures included in note 28 to the financial statements.

#### Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Group's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2017, 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 we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Entity 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 ability of the Group to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report



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# **Independent Audit Report** (continued)

to the members of Australian Finance Group Limited

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

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due
  to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain
  audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk
  of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting
  from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions,
  misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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's 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, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period 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 Remuneration Report**

Opinion on the Remuneration Report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 14 to 26 of the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2017.

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Australian Finance Group Limited, for the year ended 30 June 3017, complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

#### Responsibilities

The directors of the Entity 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.

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**Leanne Karamfiles** 

Partner

Chartered Accountants Perth, 21 September 2017 ANNUAL REPORT 2017



# **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 31 August 2017.

#### (a) Number of holders of equity securities

#### Ordinary share capital

214,812,671 fully paid ordinary shares are held by 1,946 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 191,317,194	89.06	56	2.88
10,001 to 100,000 17,846,837	8.31	693	35.61
5,001 to 10,000 3,808,915	1.77	468	24.05
1,001 to 5,000 1,735,886	0.81	543	27.90
1 to 1,000 103,839	0.05	186	9.56
Total 214,812,671	100	1,946	100
Unmarketable Parcels* 860	0.00	38	1.95

<sup>\*</sup>An unmarketable parcel is considered to be a shareholding of 327 shares or less, being a value of \$500 or less in total, based on the Company's last sale price on the ASX at 31 August 2017 of \$1.53.

#### (c) Substantial shareholders

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

	# Shares	% of issues capital
MBM Investments ATF The Brett McKeon Family Trust	21,179,773	9.86
MSW Investments ATF The Malcolm Stephen Watkins Family Trust	19,602,689	9.13
Commonwealth Bank of Australia and its related bodies corporate	17,529,232	8.16
Oceancity Investments ATF The Matthews Family Trust	15,000,000	6.98
Banyard Holdings Pty Ltd ATF The B&K McGougan Trust	14,788,765	6.88
Henderson Global Investors Limited	13,663,257	6.36
Australian Ethical Investment Limited	11,182,510	5.21

## (d) Twenty largest holders of quoted equity securities

Top holders		# Shares	% of issues capital
HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED		50,537,360	23.53
NATIONAL NOMINEES LIMITED		25,447,545	11.85
MBM INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	THE BRETT MCKEON FAMILY	21,179,773	9.86
CITICORP NOMINEES PTY LIMITED		18,886,082	8.79
BNP PARIBAS NOMS PTY LTD	<drp></drp>	15,950,305	7.43
OCEANCITY INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	THE MATTHEWS FAMILY	15,000,000	6.98
BANYARD HOLDINGS PTY LTD	B & K MCGOUGAN	14,788,765	6.88
TAL DISTRIBUTION HOLDINGS LIMITED		4,577,180	2.13
MRS KAREN JANE MCGOUGAN	<b&k 2="" a="" c="" mcgougan="" no=""></b&k>	4,469,816	2.08
JP MORGAN NOMINEES AUSTRALIA LIMITED		2,863,494	1.33
ASSURED FINANCIAL SERVICES PTY LTD		2,000,000	0.93
ZERO NOMINEES PTY LTD		1,668,909	0.78
LISA BEVAN		1,450,000	0.68
EDI NOMINEES PTY LTD	<the a="" buffalo="" c="" creek="" super=""></the>	1,126,500	0.52
ADRIEN MANN (SOUTH PACIFIC) PTY LTD		1,110,000	0.52
ANGELA MIDDLETON		1,000,250	0.47
CS THIRD NOMINEES PTY LIMTED	<hsbc 13="" a="" au="" c="" cust="" ltd="" nom=""></hsbc>	876,574	0.41
BAINPRO NOMINEES PTY LIMITED		604,000	0.28
DAVID BAILEY		505,000	0.24
EGMONT PTY LTD	<craig a="" c="" carter="" fund="" super=""></craig>	500,000	0.23

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Non-Executive Chairman

#### **Brett McKeon**

**Executive Director** 

#### **Malcolm Watkins**

**Executive Director** 

# **Company Secretary**

#### Lisa Bevan

Company Secretary

#### **Kevin Matthews**

Non-Executive Director

#### **Craig Carter**

Non-Executive Director

#### **Melanie Kiely**

Non-Executive Director

#### Jane Muirsmith

Non-Executive Director

#### **Notice of AGM**

The annual general meeting of Australian Finance Group Limited will be held on Friday 24 November 2017 at 9.00am WST at Level 4, 100 Havelock Street, West Perth WA 6005.

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#### **Stock Listing**

Australian Finance Group Limited's ordinary shares are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX code: AFG).

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