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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026	2025
		$	$
INCOME			
Donations		27,075	32,438
Grants		196,722	274,246
Investment Income			
- Interest		13,949	17,585
Other Income		35,071	13,105
		272,817	337,374
EXPENDITURE			
Employee benefits expense		153,946	213,747
Restoration and revegetation expense		23,094	36,953
Occupancy expenses		37,421	35,473
Education events expenses		24,805	20,187
Other expenses		29,765	25,775
		269,031	332,135
Surplus before income tax expense		3,786	5,239
Income tax expense		-	-
Other comprehensive income for the year net of income tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income after income tax for the year		3,786	5,239

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026	2025
		$	$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	391,495	217,550
Trade and other receivables	4	7,821	4,365
Financial assets	5	122,448	117,411
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		521,764	339,326
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Right of use assets	6	1,480	10,359
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		1,480	10,359
TOTAL ASSETS		523,244	349,685
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	7	10,522	13,518
Unspent grant funds	8	326,187	141,973
Provisions	9	22,612	24,265
Lease liability	10	1,066	9,792
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		360,387	189,548
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	9	1,213	1,213
Lease liability	10	-	1,066
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,213	2,279
TOTAL LIABILITIES		361,600	191,827
NET ASSETS		161,644	157,858
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained surplus		161,644	157,858
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		161,644	157,858

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
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	Retained Surplus $	Total $
Balance at 1 July 2024	152,619	152,619
Surplus attributable to the entity	5,239	5,239
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2025	157,858	157,858
Surplus attributable to the entity	3,786	3,786
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2026	161,644	161,644

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2026

	Note	2026	2025
		$	$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from grants		377,480	188,553
Other receipts		62,146	45,543
Payments to suppliers and employees		(264,801)	(351,456)
Interest received		13,949	17,585
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	9	188,774	(99,775)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
(Investment)/redemption in term deposits		(5,037)	40,177
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(5,037)	40,177
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for lease liability		(9,792)	(9,409)
Net cash used in financing activities		(9,792)	(9,409)
Net cash increase/(decrease) cash held		173,945	(69,007)
Cash at the beginning of the year		217,550	286,557
Cash at the end of the year	2	391,495	217,550

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Financial Reporting Framework
The Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity because it is unlikely there are users of these financial statements who are not in a position to require the preparation of reports tailored to their information needs.
Accordingly, these financial statements have been prepared to satisfy the Committee's reporting requirements under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* .

The Association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of Compliance
These special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.
In relation to grant income, the Association has adopted an accounting policy of recognising grant revenue as the related project expenditure is incurred. This approach differs from the requirements of AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers and AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities. Further details are provided in Note 2(i).

Note 1: Basis of Preparation
The financial statements are special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.*

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Material accounting policy information is consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

Note 2: Statement of Material Accounting Policies

a. Income Tax
No provision for income tax has been raised, as the entity is exempt from income tax under Div. 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.*

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

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

Note 2: Statement of Material Accounting Policies (cont.)

d. Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair values as indicated, less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

e. Trade and other payables

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

f. Employee entitlements

Provision is made for the entity's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amount expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the discounted value of estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

g. Provisions

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

h. Impairment of assets

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

i. Revenue

Revenue is brought to account when received and to the extent that it relates to the subsequent period it is disclosed as a liability.

Note 2: Statement of Material Accounting Policies (cont.)

Grant income

Unspent grant income received in relation to specific projects and events is recognised as a liability until applied for the pu for which the funding was received. Grant income is recognised progressively as the related expenditure is incurred. This treatment differs from the revenue recognition requirements of AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers and AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities.

Interest revenue

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

Donations

Donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds which is generally at the time of receipt.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

g. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

h. Leases

The Company as Lessee

At inception of a contract, the Company assesses if the contract contains or is a lease. If there is a lease present, a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability is recognised by the Company where the Company is a lessee. However all contracts that are classified as short-term leases (lease with remaining lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets are recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Initially the lease liability is measured at the present value of the lease payments still to be paid at commencement date. The lease payments are discounted at the interest rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the Company uses the incremental borrowing rate.

Note 2: Statement of Material Accounting Policies (cont.)

h. Leases (cont.)

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are as follows:

- fixed lease payments less any lease incentives;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate, initially measured using the index or rate at the commencement date;
- the amount expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees;
- the exercise price of purchase options, if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise the options;
- lease payments under extension options if lessee is reasonably certain to exercise the options; and
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the exercise of an option to terminate the lease.

The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability as mentioned above, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date as well as any initial direct costs. The subsequent measurement of the right-of-use assets is at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the lease term or useful life of the underlying asset whichever is the shortest. Where a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Company anticipates to exercise a purchase option, the specific asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset.

	2026 $	2025 $
Note 3: Cash and cash equivalents		
Debit cards	1,558	946
Cash at bank	194,814	29,519
Cash on deposit	195,123	187,085
	391,495	217,550
Note 4: Trade and other receivables		
Accounts receivable	6,140	2,034
Other receivables	1,681	2,331
	7,821	4,365
Note 5: Financial assets		
Cash on deposit - term deposits >3 mths	122,448	117,411
Note 6: Right of Use Asset		
Right of Use Asset - Room 13 and 14 The Hub, 233 Barker St Castlemaine 3450	53,274	53,274
Less amortisation	(51,794)	(42,915)
	1,480	10,359

	2026	2025
	$	$
Note 7: Trade and other payables		
Current		
Trade creditors	301	1,040
Accrued Expenses	4,700	9,226
GST Liability	2,613	(556)
PAYG withholding payable	2,908	2,570
Superannuation payable	-	1,238
	10,522	13,518
Note 8: Unspent grant funds		
Current		
Grants in advance	326,187	141,973
Note 9: Provisions		
Current		
Provision for annual leave	11,441	12,625
Provision for long service leave	11,171	11,640
	22,612	24,265
Non-current		
Provision for long service leave	1,213	1,213
Note 10: Lease Liability		
Current		
Lease liabilities	1,066	9,792
Non-current		
Lease liabilities	-	1,066

	2026	2025
	$	$
Note 11: Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with surplus from ordinary activities after income tax		
Surplus after income tax expense	3,786	5,239
Non-cash flows in surplus		
- Depreciation and amortisation	8,879	8,879
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(3,456)	47,519
- (Decrease) in trade and other payables	(2,996)	(17,180)
- Increase/(decrease) amounts in advance	184,214	(133,212)
- (Decrease) in provisions	(1,653)	(11,020)
Net cash provided by operating activities	188,774	(99,775)
Note 12: Auditor's Remuneration		
Fees for auditing the financial statements	4,700	4,500
Other audit services (grant acquittals)	-	-
	4,700	4,500

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE
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The Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee of Connecting Country (Mt Alexander Region) Inc.:

a) the financial statements and notes of Connecting Country (Mt Alexander Region) Inc. are in accordance with the Associations Incorporation *Reform Act (Vic) 2012* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* , including:

   i. giving a true and fair view of its financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and

   ii. complying with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022* ; and

b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that Connecting Country (Mt Alexander Region) Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Chairperson

Dated: 27/10/26.

Treasurer

Dated: 27/10/26

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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 60-40 OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION ACT 2012

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act* 2012, as auditor for the audit of Connecting Country (Mt Alexander Region) Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2026, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and

ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Sean Denham
Sean Denham & Associates - a CPA Practice
Dated: 4 November 2026
Moonee Ponds VIC 3039

SEAN DENHAM
& ASSOCIATES

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
CONNECTING COUNTRY (MT ALEXANDER REGION) INC.

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial report, of Connecting Country (Mt Alexander Region) Inc., which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of material accounting policies and the certification by members of the Committee.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report of Connecting Country (Mt Alexander Region) Inc. has been prepared in accordance with Div 60 of the *ustralian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act)* including:

a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
b) complies with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)* and Div 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022.*

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of my report. I am independent of the Association in accordance with the *ssociations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)* 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 my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

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

Responsibility of the Committee for the Financial Report

The Committee of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 of the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *ssociations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)* and the *ustralian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the needs of the members. The Committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a 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 Committee are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report

My 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 my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I 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 my 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 association's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of responsible entities' 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 association's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am 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 my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions that may cause the Association 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.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.



Sean Denham CPA
Sean Denham & Associates
Registered Company Auditor No. 221494
Dated: 4 November 2026
Moonee Ponds VIC 3039