



Independent auditor's report

To the members of Victoria Racing Club Limited

Our opinion

We have audited the Community Benefits Statement in respect of the Headquarters Tavern for the year ended 30 June 2025 (statement) of Victoria Racing Club Limited (the Company) from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025. In our opinion the accompanying statement is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements of Section 3.6.9(2)(a) and (b) of the Gambling Regulation Act 2003.

What we have audited

The statement comprises:

- The income and expenditure for the period ended 30 June 2025
- Note 1 to the statement, which includes a summary of significant accounting policies

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 statement* section of our report.

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

Independence

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the statement in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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Emphasis of matter - basis of accounting and restriction on distribution and use

We draw attention to the requirements of Section 3.6.9(2)(a) and (b) of the Gambling Regulation Act 2003, which describes the basis of accounting. The statement has been prepared to assist the Company to fulfil the requirements of Section 3.6.9(2)(a) and (b) of the Gambling Regulation Act 2003. As a result, the statement may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for Victoria Racing Club Limited and its members and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than Victoria Racing Club Limited and its members. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the directors for the statement

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the statement in accordance with the requirements of Section 3.6.9(2)(a) and (b) of the Gambling Regulation Act 2003, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement 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 the statement.

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 statement, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.



- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, if any, and related disclosures made by the directors.

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.

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Joel Simmonds

Partner

Melbourne
29 September 2025

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Note 1: Summary of significant Accounting Policies for the Community Benefit Statement

This note provides a list of all significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the Community Benefit Statement. These policies have been consistently applied from prior periods, unless otherwise stated.

Revenue

Gaming and other revenue is recognised at a point in time when the payment is collected.

Food and beverage revenue is recognised at the point in time the goods are provided and payment is collected.

Expenditure

All expenditure has been recognised during the period of payment, unless otherwise stated.

Employment Expenditure

Employment expenditure consists of employment costs directly incurred in the operation of the gaming venue.

Employment expenditure includes all salary related costs, excluding payroll tax, fringe benefits tax and employee benefit provisions such as annual leave and long service leave.

Other Expenditure

Expenditure consists of costs directly attributable to the operation of the gaming venue (other than employment expenditure as detailed separately above).

Donations

Donations consist of provisions made to another person resident in Victoria in accordance with Section 3.6.9(3)(1)(a) of the Gambling Regulation Act 2003, with instructions issued by the Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation.

Donations are recognised when the right to provide the donation is established.

Audit fees

Audit fees are recognised on an accruals basis in accordance with Section 3.6.9(3) (3)(c) of the Gambling Regulation Act 2003.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Expenses are recognised net of the amount of associated GST.