

**COMMERCE BALLARAT LIMITED**  
**TREASURER REPORT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025, Commerce Ballarat Limited has reported a profit of \$59,658. This is in comparison to the loss of \$175,671 in the previous year.

The current business conditions in Regional Victoria are challenging. These conditions impact the performance and viability of our local businesses and in turn the local chambers of commerce.

Despite these challenges, we have been able to continue to run quality development opportunities, networking events and additional initiatives aimed at providing exceptional value for our local business community.

These include monthly Biznet Breakfasts, Business Day Out, B2B promotions, Central Highlands Growers & Producers Hub, Forage & Feast, Next Gen Collective (formerly Young Professionals Network) and the B31 Business festival in August culminating the Federation University Commerce Ballarat Business Excellence Awards.

We continue to advocate strongly both locally as well as through the Victorian Regional Chamber Alliance.

This cannot be achieved without a dedicated board and I thank my fellow board members for their enthusiasm, dedication and commitment to the cause.

The results achieved are a great credit to the hardworking and talented staff of Commerce Ballarat. To be able to deliver quality initiatives time and time again with limited resources is a huge testament to their dedication. I thank all the staff and especially our CEO Jodie Gillett for her leadership and advocacy.

While these are challenging times, financially, we will continue to focus on delivering valuable programs and advocacy for our membership with a view to further strengthening the local business community.

While we anticipate a challenging 12 months ahead, we look forward to continuing the great work of Commerce Ballarat



**Brent Irvin**

**Treasurer**

**Commerce Ballarat Limited**