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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2025

Social Traders Ltd
ABN 42 132 665 804
Annual Financial Report
For the year ended 30 June 2025

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Financial Report

For the year ended 30 June 2025

Directors' Report

The Directors present the Financial Report on the Company for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Board of Directors

The Directors of the Company at any time during the financial year and up to the date of this report are as follows. Directors held office for the entire period unless otherwise stated.

Director	Experience	Committee* Membership
Sally Powell Master of Public Policy Flinders University of South Australia, Graduate Diploma of Human Resource Management University of Southern Queensland, Bachelor of Arts (Psych) Flinders University of South Australia, GAICD, CAHRI Non-executive (Chair)	A Director for 6 years. Originally appointed 23/10/18 and reappointed 20/10/2022. CEO & Managing Director AFL SportsReady Ltd, The Ready Foundation and SportsReady Education Pty Ltd Former Strategy, Governance and Program Manager, Bunnings Group Limited Former CEO, Bedford Group Limited	HRN SBD
Susan Condron B.Ec – Monash university CA/CPA GAICD Non-executive	A Director for 3 years, appointed 17/2/2022. Director, Sterling Infrastructure Pty Ltd Director, ActivateRail Pty Ltd Director, Rippers Pty Ltd	ARG
Janet Edwards BA Queen's University Canada - Statistics Psychology, MBA Queen's University, Canada - Finance & Economics, CA/CPA GAICD Non-executive	A Director for 4 years, appointed 26/7/2021. Chair, RSPCA Australia	ARG HRN (Chair)
Justin Meade BA Monash University - Economics and German Non-executive	A Director for 6 years. Originally appointed 6/12/18 and reappointed 16/11/23. Senior Director Capgemini Former positions include: Director at PwC Australia Global General Manager at Treasury Wine Estates	ARG (Chair)

Director	Experience	Committee* Membership
Fergus Kibble BCom (Marketing) University of NSW B Laws (Hons 1st) University of Sydney FCPRA GAICD Non-executive	Appointed a Director 20/5/25. Founder & Managing Director, FORWARD Co-Founder, Giant Leap Former positions include: General Manager, Hill & Knowlton Strategies Marketing Director, Unilever Australia Digital Director, Beacon Japan Senior Strategy Director, Leo Burnett Chair, Bobby Goldsmith Foundation	SBD
James Flintoft MBA, Wharton, University of Pennsylvania, LLB, University of Melbourne. B.Sc, University of Melbourne. GAICD Non-executive	A director for 4 years, appointed 26/7/2021. Director, The Burnet Institute Director, Development Victoria Director, Epworth Healthcare Group Director, Foundation House for Refugees Director, Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal Director, Mornington Peninsula Foundation Director, TAC Director, Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre Alliance Former CEO Regional Development Victoria	SBD (Chair)
Charlotte Petris University of Cambridge, Institute of Sustainability Leadership, Sustainable Finance ICAEW, Diploma in Corporate Finance Bachelor of Management Studies (Hon), University of Waikato, NZ GAICD CAANZ, Chartered Accountant	Appointed a Director 21/5/25. CFO & impact advisor to social enterprise Former positions include: CEO & Board Director at Timelio Founding Board Director, Fintech Australia Member of Australian Federal Government's fintech advisory group	ARG
Fran Thorn PhD (Hon), Monash University MBA, Melbourne Business School MA, University of Melbourne Grad Dip, Librarianship, RMIT BA (Hons), Monash University FIPAA Non-executive (Deputy Chair)	A Director for 6 years. Originally appointed 27/6/19 and reappointed 16/11/23. Former Partner, Deloitte Australia Chair, Melbourne Chamber Orchestra	HRN SBD

*** Committees of the Board of Directors:**

ARG – Audit, Risk & Governance, HRN – Human Resources & Nominations, SBD – Strategy & Business Development

Company Secretary

Mark Hart was appointed Company Secretary February 2018.

Meetings of Directors

During the year ended 30 June 2025, five meetings of Directors were held. Attendances by each Director were as follows:

	Attended	Eligible
Susan Condron	5	5
Janet Edwards	3	5
James Flintoft	3	5
Justin Meade	5	5
Sally Powell	5	5
Fran Thorn	5	5
Fergus Kibble	-	-
Charlotte Petris	-	-

Overview and Principal Activities

Social Traders is a leading industry body for social enterprise and social performance, established since 2008. Our vision is to create a thriving social enterprise sector that significantly contributes to a more inclusive and equitable Australia.

We certify and support social enterprises across Australia to increase trade revenue. We support business to drive social performance including procuring for impact, embedding fair and inclusive employment practices and establishing initiatives to better support communities. Our unrivalled social enterprise data and reporting capabilities enable businesses to track, measure and quantify their social impact.

We've successfully built a national social procurement market and have catalysed over 300 of Australia's largest businesses and four state governments to build certified social enterprises into their supply chains. There has been \$1.1 billion spent with certified social enterprises since 2017.

We've built the most comprehensive database of social enterprises in Australia. We've combined our data on certified social enterprises with other datasets, providing a view of 6,000 social enterprises across Australia on an interactive dashboard.

We are working to make social enterprise and social procurement business as usual.

Our strategic priorities

Social Traders priorities include:

Social Enterprise Certification

Social Traders is Australia's certifier of social enterprises, validating that a social enterprise is genuine and collecting Australia's deepest dataset on social enterprise.

Social Enterprise Capacity Building & Connection Services

The services for Social Traders certified social enterprises to access, learn and build their capacity and participate in social enterprise procurement. Social Traders supports certified enterprises to connect to new business and government buyers that are seeking to include social enterprises in their supply chains.

Government and Business Buyer Services

Advisory, training and impact reporting services to business and government in social performance, including specialist social procurement advice and training services, impact reporting and networking events.

Advocacy

A national voice helping to influence governments at all levels to develop and implement policies that support and drive social procurement.

Operating and Financial Review

Revenue for the 2025 financial year was \$4.86 million (\$4.73 million 2024) and the Company incurred an operating deficit of \$560,173 (\$149,374 deficit 2024).

Revenue from trading activities in FY25 was \$2.35 million compared with \$2.82 million in 2024. Trading revenue during 2025 represented 49% of total revenue.

Cash and investments balances at 30 June 2025 were \$2.83 million (\$3.79 million 2024) and net assets were \$1.94 million compared with \$2.50 million at 30 June 2024.

After Balance Date Events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year to the date of this report which significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

Dividends

Social Traders is a company limited by guarantee whose constitution does not permit the payment of dividends. Accordingly, no dividends have been declared or paid.

Non-executive Directors Compensation

No fees, salaries, bonuses or other remuneration were paid to the Non-executive Directors in their capacity as Board members during the year ended 30 June 2025 and up to the date of this report.

Indemnified Officers

During the year and subsequent to the date of this report, the Company has given an indemnity or entered an Agreement to indemnify, or paid or agreed to pay insurance premiums as follows:

The Company has insurance in place to cover each Director against liabilities and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of Director or Officer of the Company, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the Company.

Proceedings on behalf of the Company

No person has applied for leave of a court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company or intervene in any proceedings to which the Company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Company for all or any part of those proceedings.

The Company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Liability of Members

Social Traders Ltd is a company limited by guarantee. In the event the Company is wound up each member's liability is limited to \$25 while he or she is a member, or within one year afterwards. The total amount members of the company are liable to contribute if the company is wound up is \$200.

Auditor's Independence Declaration

The Auditor's Independence Declaration for the year has been received and can be found preceding the Independent Auditor's Report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



.....
Sally Powell
Chair



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Justin Meade
Director

11th September 2025

Corporate Governance Statement

The Board of Directors of Social Traders is committed to good governance. Directors acknowledge they have a duty to stakeholders to establish and maintain a framework that will achieve a high standard of governance appropriate to the Company's size and complexity.

The Company has implemented a Corporate Governance Charter which incorporates the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) set of core, minimum standards that deal with how charities are run. The ACNC standards require charities to remain charitable, operate lawfully, and be run in an accountable and responsible way.

In summary, the standards and principles prescribed in Social Traders' Corporate Governance Charter are:

- Purposes and not-for-profit nature - The Company must be not-for-profit and work towards its charitable purpose.
- Accountability - The Company must take reasonable steps to be accountable to members and stakeholders.
- Compliance with Australian laws - The Company must not commit a serious offence and the Board will establish a code of ethical conduct in all areas of responsibility and authority.
- Suitability of Responsible Persons - Directors must be satisfied that Responsible Persons (board or committee members or trustees) are not disqualified from managing a corporation and will remove any Responsible Person who does not meet these requirements.
- Risk - The Company will recognise and manage risk.
- Remuneration - The Company will remunerate staff fairly and responsibly.
- Duties of Responsible Persons - The Company will take reasonable steps to ensure Responsible Persons are subject to, understand and carry out the duties set out in the Governance Charter.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Revenue	2	4,859,060	4,726,838
Employee benefit expenses		(4,230,807)	(3,817,932)
Operating expenses		(1,011,749)	(883,388)
Depreciation & amortisation	3	(168,718)	(162,589)
Finance costs	3	(7,959)	(12,303)
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		<u>(560,173)</u>	<u>(149,374)</u>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		<u><u>(560,173)</u></u>	<u><u>(149,374)</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Statement of Changes in Equity for the financial year ended 30 June 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Retained surplus		
Balance at beginning of year	304,949	454,323
Total comprehensive income/(loss)	(560,173)	(149,374)
Transfer to Reserves	-	-
Balance at end of year	(255,224)	304,949
Reserves		
Balance at beginning of year	2,200,000	2,200,000
Transfer from Retained surplus	-	-
Balance at end of year	2,200,000	2,200,000
Total equity		
	1,944,776	2,504,949

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	1,440,430	797,382
Investments	5	1,392,077	2,992,478
Debtors	6	555,023	604,808
Prepayments		59,106	35,807
		<u>3,446,636</u>	<u>4,430,475</u>
Non-current Assets			
Property, plant & equipment	7	198,806	333,350
Intangible assets	8	193,874	-
		<u>392,680</u>	<u>333,350</u>
Total Assets		<u>3,839,316</u>	<u>4,763,825</u>
Current Liabilities			
Payables	9	580,794	535,686
Provisions	10	285,131	279,701
Deferred revenue	11	949,418	1,210,117
		<u>1,815,343</u>	<u>2,025,504</u>
Non-current Liabilities			
Payables	9	21,341	183,054
Provisions	10	57,856	39,985
Deferred revenue	11	-	10,333
		<u>79,197</u>	<u>233,372</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>1,894,540</u>	<u>2,258,876</u>
Net Assets		<u>1,944,776</u>	<u>2,504,949</u>
Equity			
Retained surplus		(255,224)	304,949
Reserves	12	2,200,000	2,200,000
Total Equity		<u>1,944,776</u>	<u>2,504,949</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts in the course of operations		4,593,514	4,776,509
Payments to suppliers and employees		(5,343,849)	(5,026,509)
Interest received		129,962	126,875
Interest paid	3	(7,959)	(12,303)
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	13	(628,332)	(135,428)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Redemptions from investments		1,650,000	-
Payments for property, plant & equipment		(32,567)	(15,276)
Payments for intangible assets		(195,481)	-
Social investment loans repaid		-	54,000
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities		1,421,952	38,724
Cash flows from financing activities			
Payment of lease liabilities		(150,572)	(137,827)
Net cash (outflow) from financing activities		(150,572)	(137,827)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		643,048	(234,531)
Cash at beginning of year		797,382	1,031,913
Cash at end of year	4	1,440,430	797,382

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025

1. Material Accounting Policy Information

(a) Basis of preparation

Statement of Compliance

The Financial Report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Company in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

Basis of measurement

The Financial Report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Costs are based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

Currency

The Financial Report is presented in Australian dollars, which is the functional currency of the Company.

(b) Revenue

Grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the Company obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the Company and the amount can be measured reliably. If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before the Company is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as income will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

Where services income has been invoiced or received in the current period in respect of resources and services to be provided in future periods, the unearned component is recorded as deferred as appropriate. In all other cases services income is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the fee will flow to the Company and the amount can be measured reliably.

The Company recognises contributions of pro bono services as income and expenses.

(c) Income Tax

The Company is not liable for Income Tax. The Company is endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a Charitable Institution and has an Income Tax exemption under subdivision 50-B of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (ITAA).

1. Material Accounting Policy Information (continued)

The Company undertakes an annual self-assessment of eligibility for Income Tax Exemption and Directors consider the Company remains eligible for endorsement.

(d) Property, plant & equipment

Property, plant & equipment are recognised and recorded at cost less depreciation and any impairment.

(e) Depreciation

Depreciation on assets is calculated using the straight line method to allocate their cost, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Class of Asset	Useful Life
Electronic equipment	up to 3 years
Office equipment	up to 5 years
Leasehold improvements	up to 8 years
Right of use assets	Lease term

All items of property, plant and equipment are reviewed annually to ensure carrying values are not in excess of recoverable amounts. Recoverable amounts are based upon present value of expected future cash flows.

(f) Intangible assets

Intangible assets are recognised and recorded at cost less amortisation and any impairment.

(g) Amortisation

Amortisation on intangible assets is calculated using the straight line method to allocate their cost, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Class of Asset	Useful Life
Computer software	5 years

(h) Employee Benefits

Long Services Leave has been measured as the present value of expected future cash outflows to be made by the Company in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Those cash outflows are discounted using Australian Government bond rates with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cashflows.

(i) Leases

Right-of-use asset

The right-of-use asset is measured using the cost model where cost on initial recognition comprises the lease liability, initial direct costs, prepaid lease payments, estimated cost of removal and restoration less any lease incentives.

Lease liability

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments at the commencement of the lease. The discount rate is the rate implicit in the lease, however where this cannot be readily determined then the Company's incremental borrowing rate is used.

Exceptions to lease accounting

The Company has elected to apply the exceptions to lease accounting for both short-term leases (leases with a term of less than or equal to 12 months) and leases of low-value assets. These lease expenses are recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

	2025 \$	2024 \$
2. Revenue		
Monetary		
Revenue from contracts with customers		
Revenue from providing services	2,354,365	2,817,416
Revenue from governments	39,286	45,714
Other revenue		
Grants and donations	2,197,350	1,630,000
Interest income	105,960	137,672
Unrealised gains on investments	49,599	52,536
	4,746,860	4,686,338
Non-monetary		
Contributions in kind	112,500	43,500
	4,859,060	4,726,838
3. Expenses		
Depreciation		
Office equipment	23,330	18,808
Leasehold improvements	344	344
Right of use assets	143,437	143,437
	167,111	162,589
Amortisation		
Computer software	1,607	-
	168,718	162,589
Interest expense on lease liabilities	7,959	12,303
Contributions in kind	112,500	43,500
Auditor's remuneration		
Auditing the financial statements	14,100	13,650
Other services	9,050	6,750
	23,150	20,400

	2025 \$	2024 \$
4. Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at bank and on hand	198,448	205,400
Term deposits	261,902	211,902
Managed investments - cash and fixed income	980,080	380,080
	<u>1,440,430</u>	<u>797,382</u>

5. Investments		
Managed investments - cash and fixed income	<u>1,392,077</u>	<u>2,922,478</u>

Social Traders invests cash in excess of short-term operating requirements in Term Deposits and Managed Investments. Funds in Managed Investments are invested in a diversified portfolio of low investment risk cash and fixed income securities and are available for redemption on short notice.

Gains and losses on investments are accounted through profit or loss.

6. Debtors		
Trade & other debtors	<u>555,023</u>	<u>604,808</u>

7. Property, plant & equipment		
Office equipment	172,008	149,471
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(135,427)</u>	<u>(122,127)</u>
	36,581	27,344
Leasehold improvements	1,135	1,135
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(752)</u>	<u>(408)</u>
	383	727
Right of use assets - office facilities	597,655	597,655
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(435,813)</u>	<u>(292,376)</u>
	161,842	305,279
Total property, plant & equipment	<u>198,806</u>	<u>333,350</u>
Movement in property plant & equipment		
Balance at beginning of year	333,350	480,663
Additions	32,567	15,276
Depreciation	<u>(167,111)</u>	<u>(162,589)</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>198,806</u>	<u>333,350</u>

	2025 \$	2024 \$
8. Intangible assets		
Computer software	195,481	-
Accumulated amortisation	(1,607)	-
	193,874	-
 Movement in intangible assets		
Balance at beginning of year	-	-
Additions internally developed	195,481	-
Amortisation	(1,607)	-
	193,874	-
 Balance at end of year	193,874	-
 9. Payables		
Current		
Trade creditors	192,145	51,467
Other creditors	175,504	242,533
Lease liabilities	161,713	150,572
Net GST payable	51,432	91,114
	580,794	535,686
Non-current		
Lease liabilities	21,341	183,054
 Total Payables	602,135	718,740
 10. Provisions		
Current		
Employee benefits	285,131	279,701
Non-current		
Employee benefits	52,856	34,985
Leasehold property make good	5,000	5,000
	57,856	39,985
 Total Provisions	342,987	319,686

	2025 \$	2024 \$
11. Deferred revenue (contract liabilities)		
Current		
Grants received in advance	-	8,033
Membership & other income in advance	949,418	1,202,084
	949,418	1,210,117
Non-current		
Membership & other income in advance	-	10,333
Total Deferred revenue	949,418	1,220,450
12. Reserves		
Financial stability and sustainability reserve	2,200,000	2,200,000
Directors resolved to establish a financial stability and sustainability reserve as part of Social Traders' Risk Management planning. The reserve is deemed appropriate to ensure Social Traders is in a position to continue to operate and meet its commitments if a significant or unexpected change of funding was to occur.		
13. Reconciliation of net cash (outflow) from operating activities		
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(560,173)	(149,374)
Non-cash items		
Depreciation & amortisation	168,718	162,589
Unrealised gains on investments	(49,599)	(52,536)
Change in assets and liabilities		
Debtors (increase)/decrease	49,785	(82,070)
Prepayments (increase)/decrease	(23,299)	577
Payables increase/(decrease)	33,967	(123,160)
Provisions increase/(decrease)	23,301	65,757
Deferred revenue increase/(decrease)	(271,032)	42,789
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	(628,332)	(135,428)

14. Related Party Transactions

(a) Related Parties

The names of the Directors who held office both during the year ended 30 June 2025 and as at the date of this report are:

Susan Condron, Janet Edwards, James Flintoft, Fergus Kibble, Justin Meade, Sally Powell, Charlotte Petris and Fran Thorn.

	2025 \$	2024 \$
(b) Key Management Personnel Compensation		
Short-term employee benefits	796,508	737,844
Post-employment benefits	91,384	80,965
	<u>887,892</u>	<u>818,809</u>

No fees, salaries, bonuses or other remuneration were paid to the Non-executive Directors in their capacity as Board members during the year ended 30 June 2025 and up to the date of this report.

(c) Transactions

Revenue from providing services	<u>17,600</u>	<u>17,600</u>
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Transactions with related parties are undertaken on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

15. Contingent Assets

The Company has secured ongoing support from government and philanthropic organisations contingent on meeting agreed outcomes and deliverables.

Available for drawdown within 12 months	700,000	1,376,253
Available for drawdown after 12 months	<u>200,000</u>	<u>900,000</u>
	<u>900,000</u>	<u>2,276,253</u>

16. Commitments

Aggregate lease and operating expenditure contracted for at balance date but not provided for in the financial statements.

Payable within 12 months	1,831	1,904
Payable after 12 months, less than five years	-	1,831
Payable after five years	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,831</u>	<u>3,735</u>

17. Financial Risk Management

The Company's financial instruments consist mainly of term deposits with banks, securities held in managed investments, accounts receivable and payable, and employee benefit liabilities.

(a) Interest rate risk

Exposure to interest rate risk arises on financial assets and financial liabilities recognised at the end of the reporting period whereby a future change in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair value of financial instruments. At 30 June 2025 the Company does not believe it is exposed to any material interest rate risk.

(b) Credit Risk

Exposure to credit risk relating to financial assets arises from the potential non-performance by counter parties of contract obligations that could lead to financial loss to the Company. At 30 June 2025 the Company does not believe it is exposed to any material credit risk.

(c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises from the possibility that the Company might encounter difficulty in settling its debts or otherwise meeting its obligations related to financial liabilities. At 30 June 2025 the Company does not believe it is exposed to any material liquidity risk.

18. Events after balance date

There have been no events after balance date requiring amounts in the financial statements to be adjusted or additional information to be disclosed.

19. Deductible Gift Recipient

The Company is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) and has established a Public Fund, to receive Gifts and Deductible Contributions in support of the Company's purpose. All donations are recorded in the Social Traders Public Fund bank account.

The Company undertakes an annual self-assessment of eligibility for Deductible Gift Recipient and Directors consider the Company remains eligible for endorsement.

Directors' Declaration

The Directors of the Company declare that:

1. the Financial Statements and notes set out on pages 9 to 20 are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:
 - a. giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 30 June 2025 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - b. complying with the Australian Accounting Standards, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013 and other mandatory reporting requirements; and
2. at the date of this declaration, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The Directors have received a declaration confirming the foregoing from the Chief Executive Officer for the year ended 30 June 2025.

This declaration is made and signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



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Sally Powell
Chair



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Justin Meade
Director

11th September 2025

Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* to the Members of Social Traders Ltd

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2025, 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.

ACCRU MELBOURNE (AUDIT) PTY LTD



A N Samadi
Director

11 September 2025

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Social Traders Ltd

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Social Traders Ltd (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, material accounting policy information and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards Requirements and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended; and
- (ii) that the financial records kept by the company are such as to enable financial statements to be prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

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 Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of 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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is information included in the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2025.

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

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

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, 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 Management and Those Charged with Governance

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, and for such internal control as Directors determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless Directors either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but 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 Company'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 Company'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 Company 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.

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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11 September 2025



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Director