

Interim Profit 2005

Presenters

The financial result

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Strategy and outlook

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Performance summary

A\$ Millions

	Dec-03	Dec-04
Net Profit after Income Tax	34.6	42.8
Net profit before specific items	33.2	38.9
Lending approvals	3,098	2,987
Retail deposits	8,396	9,629
Return on Average Assets	0.71%	0.72%
Return on Average Equity	11.90%	12.41%
Earnings per Share - cents	26.9	30.5
Dividend - cents	17.0	19.0





Specific items

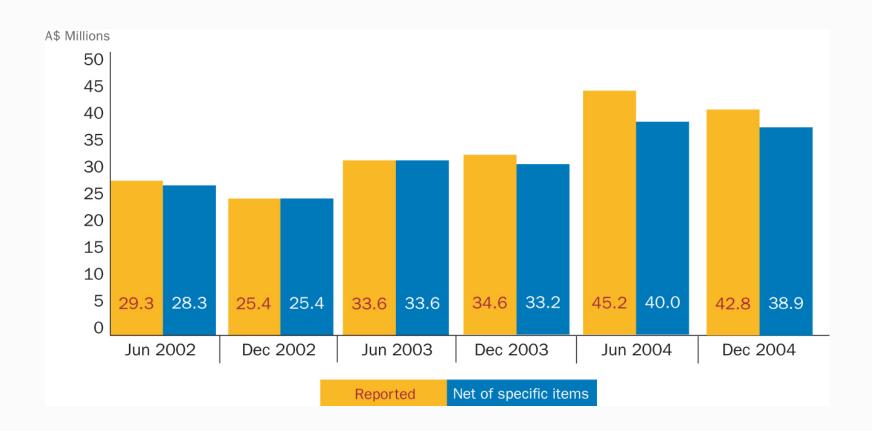
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Sale of IOOF Holdings Ltd shares	5.0
Sale of Cashcard shares	0.5
Income tax effect	(1.6)
TOTAL	3.9





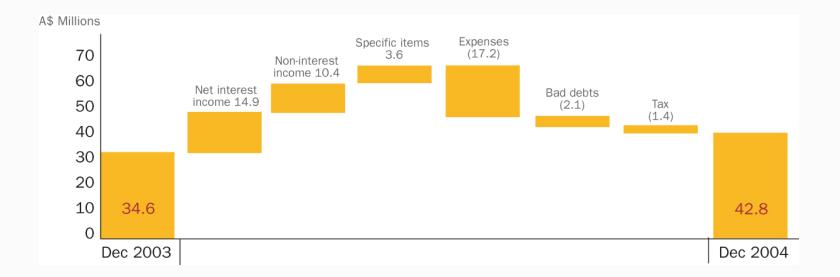
Operating profit after tax





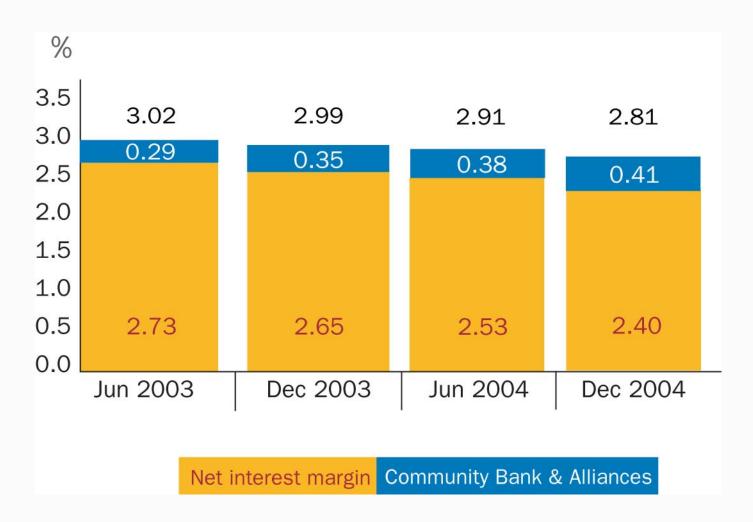


Profit performance





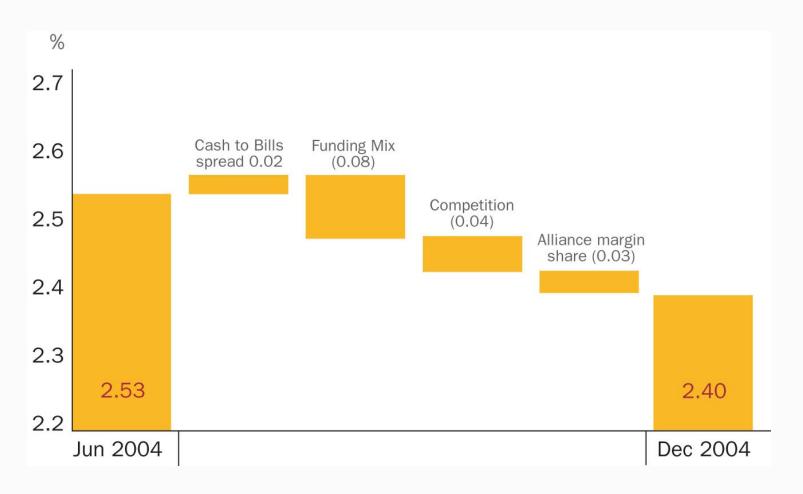
Interest margin







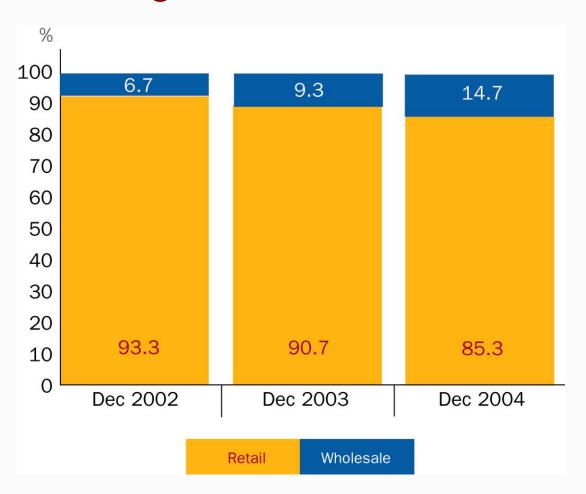
Analysis of net interest margin







Core retail deposit base: Funding mix





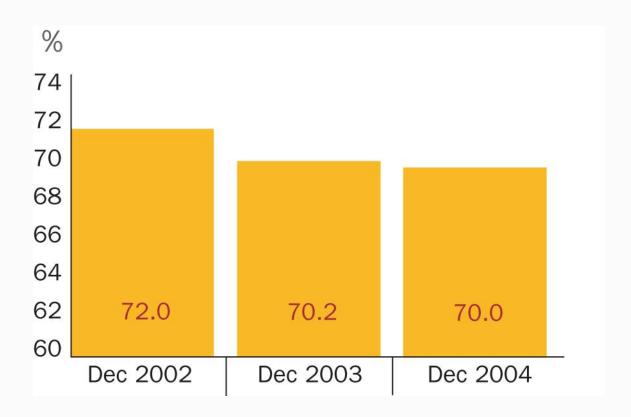


Profit contributions





Efficiency ratio: Operating expenses/income





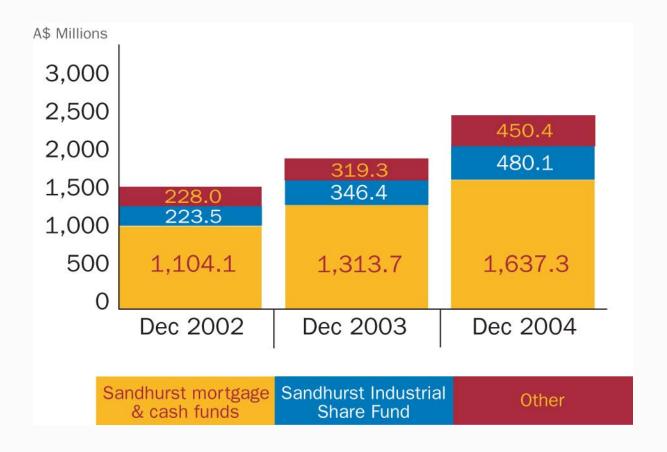
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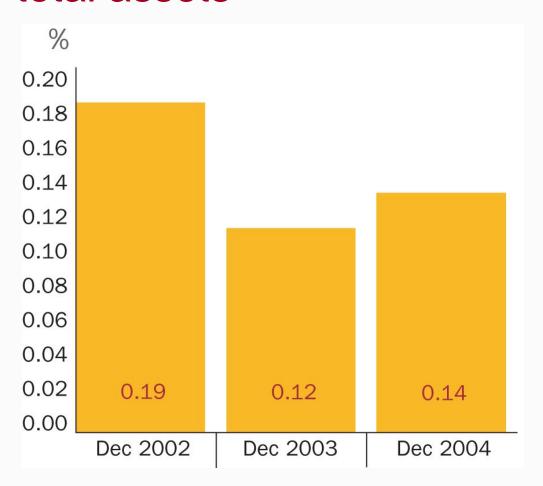
Funds under management







Asset quality: Impaired loans / total assets





Shareholder returns







Capital adequacy







Capital structure

- Reviewed current structure in light of current market conditions
- New target capital mix- tier one 7.50% tier two 2.75%
- Issue of Perpetual Step-up preference shares
- On market share buy back



More efficient capital structure





Strategy & outlook

Rob Hunt

Managing Director





A unique and consistent strategy

Cultivate strong retail connection through:

- Creating a distinctive brand
- Expanding distribution network (proprietary, Community Bank, alliances)
- Broadening product range
- Increasing our relevance

A strategy aligned to our historic strengths and our capacity to deliver





Strategic progress

Brand welcomed Australia-wide

Branch network tripled in five years

Alliances – ERB, TBS, CSB

Broad product range includes e-bank, Wealth Solutions, business, farm, sector-specific

Customer numbers doubled in four years

Our community engagement activities are building relevance





Business progress

Business now widely diversified

-Retail bank, Community Bank, Wealth Solutions, JV's & alliances

All growing strongly with rising earnings

Strategic investments play a key role in our strategy

Diversity of revenue is a key emerging strength





Performance progress

	2000	2004
After-tax profit	\$21m	\$80m
ROE	7.75%	12.99%
EPS	27.5c	60.2c

24.0c

40.0c*

Dividends

Growth is consistently strong despite a heavy investment program



^{* 2005} interim dividend up by 2 cents



The interim result

Solid progress in line with forecast

Strong growth in revenues across business

Growth is enabling further investment in capacity and improving prospects

But ... some short-term issues relating to revenue and EPS outcomes

Interim result continues our steady progress





Retail banking margins

High retail funding proportion (90%) at start of period

Increased price competition for deposits

Margin pressure caused by changes in retail/wholesale mix

Customer margins relatively stable

Bendigo grew retail base by 15% in the calendar year (assets by 21%)





Margin remains healthy

Gross margin is strong (2.81%)

Happy to share margin with Community Bank and other distribution partners

Continue to build strong relationships

- Customers
- Communities
- Alliance partners

Not chasing growth based on price

Our retail banking strategy has been consistent for a decade





Capital fine-tuning

Simple capital structure has served us well

More efficient structure will improve shareholder returns

Providing shareholders with investment choice

Improving EPS is a focus

Improved alignment between bottom line performance and shareholder returns

Bendigo's retail shareholder base is a strategic strength





Looking ahead

Strategy remains consistent - building community engagement capacity

Strong demand for brand, so ...

We will continue to invest in capacity

Growth will continue as businesses mature and expansion continues

Excellent prospects for ERB and alliances

Bendigo Bank's performance improvement remains on track

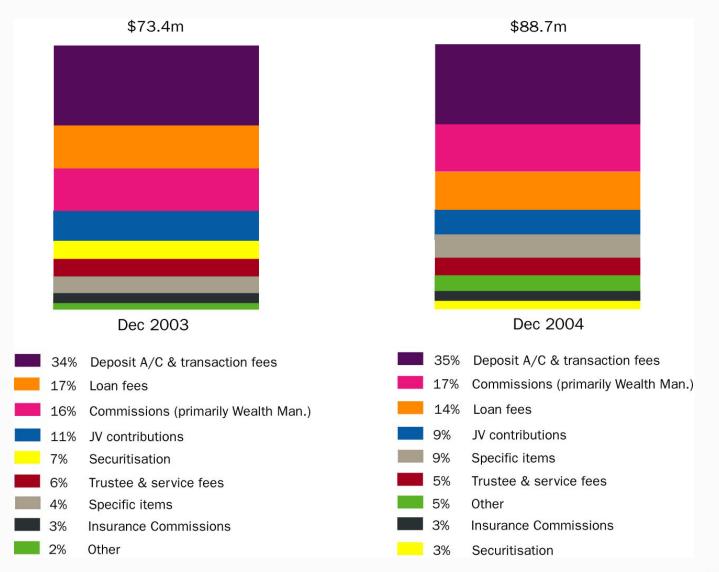




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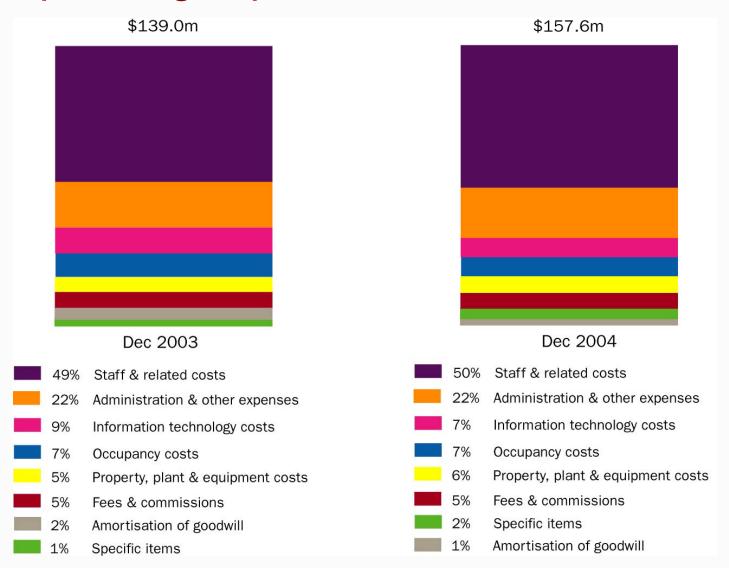


Non-interest income



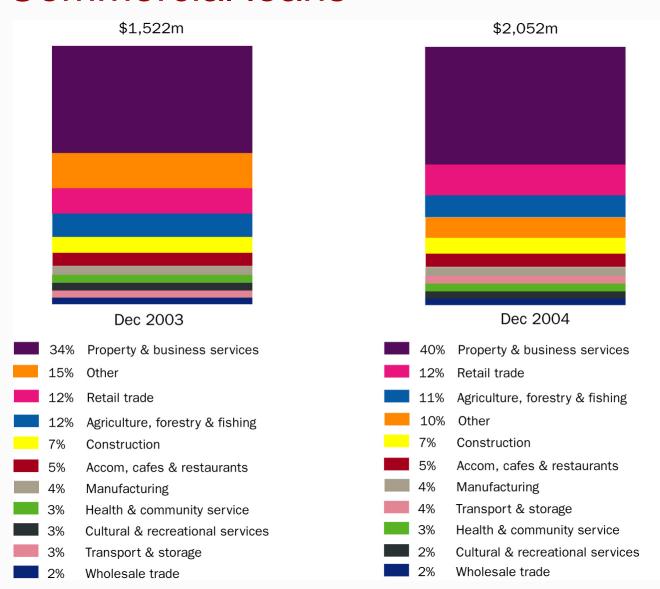


Operating expenses





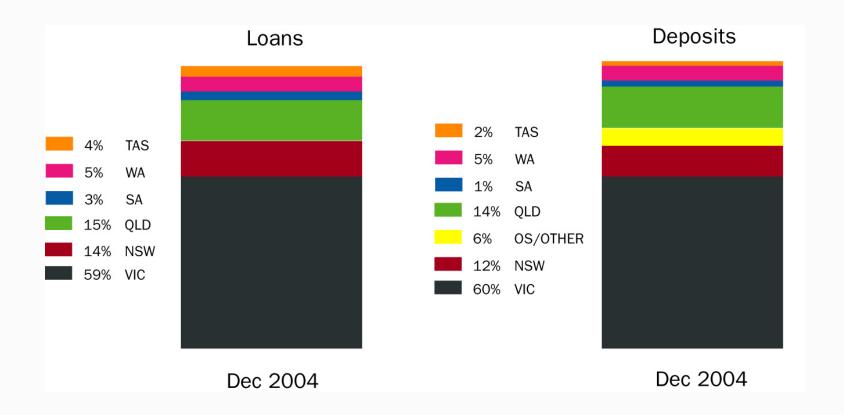
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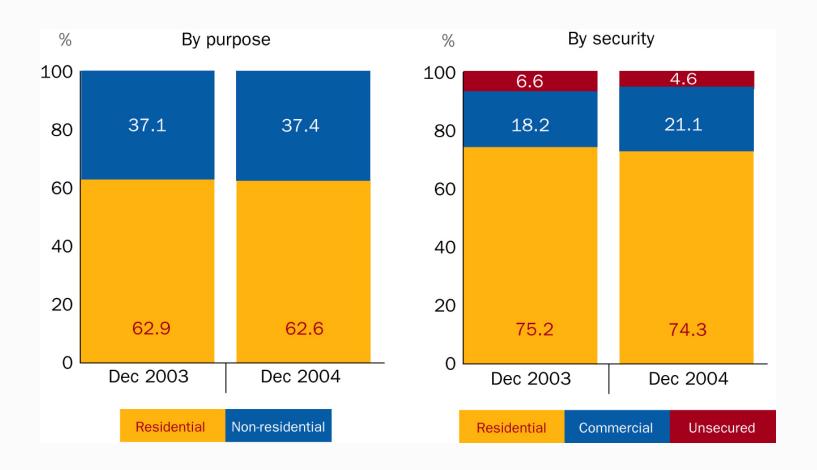
Geographic spread





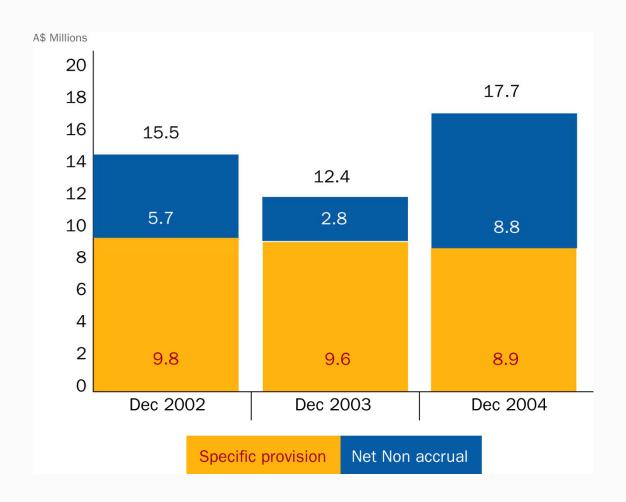


Loan portfolio





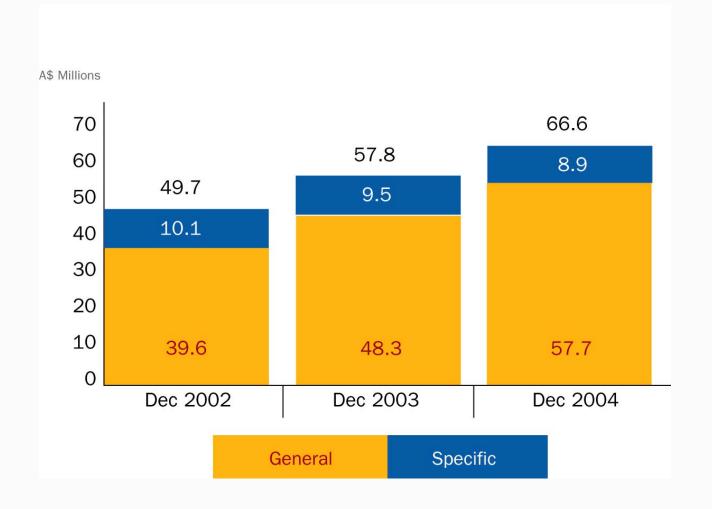
Non-accrual loans







Provision for doubtful debts







Return on equity

