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This annual report covers Cooper Investors Australian Equities Fund as an individual entity.

The Responsible Entity of Cooper Investors Australian Equities Fund is Equity Trustees Limited (ABN 46 004 031 298) (AFSL 240975).

The Responsible Entity's registered office is:
Level 1, 575 Bourke Street
Melbourne, VIC 3000.

Directors' report

The directors of Equity Trustees Limited, the Responsible Entity of Cooper Investors Australian Equities Fund (the "Fund"), present their report together with the financial statements of the Fund for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Principal activities

The Fund invests in Australian and New Zealand equities and listed unit trusts with the objective to generate long term returns above the benchmark by investing in a range of Australian and New Zealand listed securities. The Fund is domiciled in and operated from Australia.

The Fund did not have any employees during the year.

The Fund was registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission on 18 November 2024.

Apart from change in Responsible Entity and registration with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission detailed in the Directors' report, there were no other significant changes in the nature of the Fund's activities during the year.

The various service providers for the Fund are detailed below:

Service	Provider
Responsible Entity	Equity Trustees Limited*
Investment Manager	Cooper Investors Pty Limited
Custodian and Administrator	Citigroup Pty Limited
Statutory Auditor	PricewaterhouseCoopers

* On 1 October 2024, Cooper Investors Pty Limited retired as the Trustee of the Fund and Equity Trustees Limited was appointed as Responsible Entity of the Fund, effective 1 October 2024.

Directors

The following persons held office as directors of Cooper Investors Pty Limited from 1 July 2024 to 1 October 2024:

Rhys Cahill	(resigned 17 July 2024)
Peter Cooper	
Andrew Swan	

The following persons held office as directors of Equity Trustees Limited from 1 October 2024 during or since the end of the year and up to the date of this report:

Michael J O'Brien	Chairman
Russell W Beasley	(resigned 9 October 2024, reappointed 1 July 2025)
Mary A O'Connor	(resigned 1 July 2025)
David B Warren	
Andrew P Godfrey	
Johanna E Platt	(appointed 9 October 2024)

Review and results of operations

During the year, the Fund continued to invest its funds in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The Fund's performance was -5.96% (net of fees) for the year ended 30 June 2025. The Fund's benchmark, the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index, returned 13.81% for the same period.

The Fund's performance is calculated based on the percentage change in the redemption price in the Fund over the period (with any distributions paid during the period reinvested). Returns are disclosed after fees and expenses but before taxes.

Directors' report (continued)

Review and results of operations (continued)

The performance of the Fund, as represented by the results of its operations, was as follows:

	Year ended	
	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
Profit/(loss) for the year (\$'000)	(19,394)	44,101
Distributions - Wholesale		
Distributions paid and payable (\$'000)	24,870	56,318
Distributions (cents per unit)	9.7436	18.3732

There were no distributions declared for the year ended 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2024 for Class R.

Significant changes in the state of affairs

On 1 October 2024, Equity Trustees Limited is appointed as Responsible Entity of the Fund.

On 18 November 2024, the Fund was registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

On 3 February 2025, the Fund launched a new share class (Class R). Consequently, the units in the Fund have been reclassified from equity to liability on 1 July 2024. On 15 May 2025, the Fund closed its share class (Class R).

In the opinion of the directors, there were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Fund that occurred during the financial year.

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

On 1 August 2025, the Fund launched a new share class (Class R1).

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2025 that has significantly affected, or may have a significant effect on:

- i. the operations of the Fund in future financial years; or
- ii. the results of those operations in future financial years; or
- iii. the state of affairs of the Fund in future financial years.

Likely developments and expected results of operations

The Fund will continue to be managed in accordance with the investment objectives and guidelines as set out in the provisions of the Fund's Constitution.

The results of the Fund's operations will be affected by a number of factors, including the performance of investment markets in which the Fund invests. Investment performance is not guaranteed and future returns may differ from past returns. As investment conditions change over time, past returns should not be used to predict future returns.

Indemnification and insurance of officers

No insurance premiums are paid for out of the assets of the Fund in regard to insurance cover provided to the officers of Equity Trustees Limited. So long as the officers of Equity Trustees Limited act in accordance with the Fund's Constitution and the Law, the officers remain indemnified out of the assets of the Fund against losses incurred while acting on behalf of the Fund.

Indemnification of auditor

The auditor of the Fund is in no way indemnified out of the assets of the Fund.

Directors' report (continued)

Fees paid to and interests held in the Fund by the Responsible Entity and its associates

Fees paid to the Responsible Entity and its associates out of Fund property during the year are disclosed in Note 14 to the financial statements.

No fees were paid out of Fund property to the directors of the Responsible Entity during the year.

The number of interests in the Fund held by the Responsible Entity or its associates as at the end of the financial year are disclosed in Note 14 to the financial statements.

Interests in the Fund

The movement in units on issue in the Fund during the year is disclosed in Note 7 to the financial statements.

The value of the Fund's assets and liabilities is disclosed in the statement of financial position and derived using the basis set out in Note 2 to the financial statements.

Environmental regulation

The operations of the Fund are not subject to any particular or significant environmental regulations under Commonwealth, State or Territory law.

Rounding of amounts to the nearest thousand dollars

Amounts in the Directors' report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191*, unless otherwise indicated.

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the Auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 5.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors of Equity Trustees Limited through a delegated authority given by Equity Trustees Limited's Board.



Andrew P Godfrey
Director

Melbourne
24 September 2025



Auditor's Independence Declaration

As lead auditor for the audit of Cooper Investors Australian Equities Fund (formerly known as CI Australian Equities Fund) for the year ended 30 June 2025, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- b. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CJ Cummins'.

CJ Cummins
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Statement of comprehensive income

		Year ended	
		30 June 2025 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000
Note			
Income			
		302	677
		10,660	18,024
		(26,698)	30,117
		51	385
		<u>(15,685)</u>	<u>49,203</u>
Expenses			
	14(g)	2,966	4,284
		8	-
		735	818
		<u>3,709</u>	<u>5,102</u>
		<u>(19,394)</u>	<u>44,101</u>
Profit/(loss) before finance costs attributable to unit holders for the year			
		<u>(19,394)</u>	<u>-</u>
Finance costs attributable to unit holders			
	8	(24,870)	-
	7	44,264	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>44,101</u>
Profit/(loss) for the year			
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>44,101</u>

* Net assets attributable to unit holders were reclassified from equity to liability from 1 July 2024. As a result, the Fund's distributions are now classified as finance costs in the statement of comprehensive income rather than distributions paid and payable in the statement of changes in equity. Refer to Note 7 for further detail.

The above statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of financial position

		As at	
		30 June	30 June
		2025	2024
	Note	\$'000	\$'000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	12,009	11,726
Due from brokers – receivable for securities sold		8,135	117
Receivables	11	1,295	3,434
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5	233,646	522,418
Total assets		255,085	537,695
Liabilities			
Distributions payable	8	4,833	47,381
Due to brokers – payable for securities purchased		8,862	567
Payables	12	1,451	728
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to unit holders)		15,146	-
Total liabilities		-	48,676
Net assets attributable to unit holders – liability*	7	239,939	-
Net assets attributable to unit holders – equity*	7	-	489,019

* Net assets attributable to unit holders are classified as liability at 30 June 2025 and as equity at 30 June 2024. Refer to Note 2(c) and Note 7 for further detail.

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of changes in equity

	Note	Year ended	
		30 June 2025 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000
Total equity at the beginning of the financial year	7	489,019	500,918
Reclassification due to a change in the classification of units		(489,019)	-
Comprehensive income for the year			
Profit/(loss) for the year		-	44,101
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income		-	<u>545,019</u>
Transactions with unit holders			
Applications	7	-	47,105
Redemptions	7	-	(64,305)
Reinvestment of distributions	7	-	(17,518)
Distributions paid and payable	7	-	<u>(56,318)</u>
Total transactions with unit holders		-	<u>(56,000)</u>
Total equity at the end of the financial year*		-	<u>489,019</u>

*Under Australian Accounting Standards, net assets attributable to unit holders are classified as a liability rather than equity. As a result, there was no equity at the end of the financial year.

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes with reference to Notes 1, 2(c) and 7.

Statement of cash flows

	Note	Year ended	
		30 June 2025 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		495,522	311,590
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		(233,171)	(280,829)
Interest income received from financial assets at amortised cost		345	611
Dividends and distributions received		12,695	16,574
Other income received		51	385
Management fees and costs paid		(3,217)	(4,267)
Transaction costs paid		(735)	(818)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	10(a)	<u>271,490</u>	<u>43,246</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from applications by unit holders		36,139	47,118
Payments for redemptions by unit holders		(267,070)	(64,063)
Distributions paid to unit holders		(40,276)	(24,940)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		<u>(271,207)</u>	<u>(41,885)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		283	1,361
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<u>11,726</u>	<u>10,365</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<u>12,009</u>	<u>11,726</u>
Non-cash operating and financing activities	10(b)	27,142	17,518

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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1 General information

These financial statements cover Cooper Investors Australian Equities Fund ("the Fund") as an individual entity. The Fund is an Australian registered managed investment scheme which was constituted on 25 June 2002 and will terminate in accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Constitution or by Law.

On 1 October 2024, Cooper Investors Pty Limited retired as the Trustee of the Fund and Equity Trustees Limited was appointed as Responsible Entity of the Fund, effective 1 October 2024.

On 18 November 2024, the Fund was registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

The Responsible Entity of the Fund is Equity Trustees Limited (ABN 46 004 031 298) (AFSL 240975) (the "Responsible Entity"). The Responsible Entity's registered office is Level 1, 575 Bourke Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000. The financial statements are presented in the Australian currency unless otherwise noted.

The investment activities of the Fund are managed by Cooper Investors Pty Limited (the Investment Manager). The custody and administration services of the Fund are delegated to Citigroup Pty Limited (the custodian and administrator).

The Fund invests in Australian and New Zealand equities and listed unit trusts with the objective to generate long term returns above the benchmark by investing in a range of Australian and New Zealand listed securities. The Fund is domiciled in and operated from Australia.

During the year ended 30 June 2025, the Fund has launched a new class (Class R). Therefore, from 1 July 2024, the net assets attributable to unit holders have been reclassified from equity to financial liability. Refer to Note 7 for further information.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors on the date the Directors' declaration was signed. The directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

2 Summary of material accounting policy information

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated in the following text.

(a) Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Corporations Act 2001* in Australia. The Fund is a for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The financial statements are prepared on the basis of fair value measurement of assets and liabilities, except where otherwise stated.

The statement of financial position is presented on a liquidity basis. Assets and liabilities are presented in decreasing order of liquidity and do not distinguish between current and non-current. All balances are expected to be recovered or settled within 12 months, except for investments in financial assets and liabilities and net assets attributable to unit holders.

The Fund manages financial assets at fair value through profit or loss based on the economic circumstances at any given point in time, as well as to meet any liquidity requirements.

In the case of net assets attributable to unit holders', the units are redeemable on demand at the unit holder's option. However, holders of these instruments typically retain them for the medium to long term. As such, the amount expected to be settled within 12 months cannot be reliably determined.

i. Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

The financial statements of the Fund also comply with IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

ii. New and amended standards adopted by the Fund

There are no standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 July 2024 that have a material impact on the amounts recognised in the prior periods or will affect the current or future periods.

2 Summary of material accounting policy information (continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

iii. New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

AASB 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements

AASB 18 was issued in June 2024 and replaces AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*. The new standard introduces new requirements for the statement of comprehensive income, including:

- new categories for the classification of income and expenses into operating, investing and financing categories, and
- presentation of subtotals for "operating profit and "profit before financing and income taxes".

Additional disclosure requirements are introduced for management-defined performance measures and new principles for aggregation and disaggregation of information in the notes and the primary financial statements and the presentation of interest and dividends in the statement of cash flows. The new standard is effective for annual years beginning on or after 1 January 2027 and will apply to the Fund for the financial year ending 30 June 2028.

This new standard is not expected to have an impact on the recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses, however there will likely be changes in how the statement of comprehensive income and statement of financial position line items are presented as well as some additional disclosures in the notes to the financial statements. Management is in the process of assessing the impact of the new standard.

Certain amendments to accounting standards have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2025 reporting year and have not been early adopted by the Fund. These amendments are not expected to have a material impact on the Fund in the current or future reporting years and on foreseeable future transactions.

(b) Financial instruments

i. Classification

- Financial assets

The Fund classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- those to be measured at fair value through profit or loss; and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.

The Fund classifies its financial assets based on its business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets.

The Fund's portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Fund's documented investment strategy. The Fund's policy is for the Investment Manager to evaluate the information about these financial assets on a fair value basis together with other related financial information.

Equity securities and derivatives are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

For cash and cash equivalents, due from brokers and receivables, these assets are held in order to collect the contractual cash flows. The contractual terms of these assets give rise, on specified dates, to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. Consequently, these are measured at amortised cost.

- Financial liabilities

For financial liabilities that are not classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss, these are classified as financial liabilities at amortised cost (distributions payables, management fees and costs payables).

2 Summary of material accounting policy information (continued)

(b) Financial instruments (continued)

ii. Recognition and derecognition

The Fund recognises financial assets and financial liabilities on the date it becomes party to the contractual agreement (trade date) and recognises changes in the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities from this date.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or the Fund has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

iii. Measurement

- Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss

At initial recognition, the Fund measures a financial asset and a financial liability at their fair value. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are expensed in the statement of comprehensive income.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of 'financial assets or liabilities at fair value through profit or loss' category are presented in the statement of comprehensive income within 'net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss' in the period in which they arise.

For further details on how the fair value of financial instruments is determined please see Note 4 to the financial statements.

- Financial instruments at amortised cost

For financial assets and financial liabilities at amortised cost, they are initially measured at fair value including directly attributable costs and are subsequently measured using the effective interest rate method less any allowance for expected credit losses ("ECL").

Cash and cash equivalents, due from brokers and receivables are carried at amortised cost.

iv. Impairment

At each reporting date, the Investment Manager shall estimate a loss allowance on each of the financial assets carried at amortised cost (cash and cash equivalents and receivables) at an amount equal to the lifetime ECL if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Fund shall measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month ECL. Significant financial difficulties of the counter party, probability that the counter party will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default in payments are all considered indicators that the asset is credit impaired. If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit impaired, interest income will be calculated based on the net carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance. A significant increase in credit risk is defined by management as any contractual payment which is more than 30 days past due. Any contractual payment which is more than 90 days past due is considered credit impaired.

The ECL approach is based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Fund expects to receive. The shortfall is then discounted at an approximation to the asset's original effective interest rate.

The amount of the impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income within other expenses. When a trade receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectible in a subsequent period, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in the statement of comprehensive income.

v. Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the statement of financial position when the Fund has a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts, and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

As at the end of the reporting period, there are no financial assets or liabilities offset or with the right to offset in the statement of financial position.

2 Summary of material accounting policy information (continued)

(c) Net assets attributable to unit holders

Units are redeemable at the unit holders' option; however, applications and redemptions may be suspended by the Responsible Entity if it is in the best interests of the unit holders.

The units are classified as financial liabilities as the Fund is required to distribute its distributable income in accordance with the Fund's Constitution.

The units can be put back to the Fund at any time for cash based on the redemption price, which is equal to a proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value attributable to the unit holders.

The units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at the reporting date if the holder exercises the right to put the units back to the Fund.

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions and other short term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Payments and receipts relating to the purchase and sale of investment securities are classified as cash flows from operating activities, as trading of these securities represents the Fund's main income generating activity.

(e) Income

i. Interest income

Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost is recognised using the effective interest method and includes interest from cash and cash equivalents.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or liability and of allocating the interest income or expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts throughout the expected life of the financial instrument, or a shorter period where appropriate, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or liability. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Fund estimates cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instruments (for example, prepayment options) but does not consider future credit losses. The calculation includes all fees paid or received between the parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, including transaction costs and all other premiums or discounts.

ii. Dividends and distributions

Dividend income is recognised on the ex-dividend date with any related foreign withholding tax recorded as an expense. The Fund currently incurs withholding tax imposed by certain countries on investment income. Such income is recorded gross of withholding tax in the statement of comprehensive income.

Trust distributions are recognised on an entitlement basis.

(f) Expenses

All expenses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income on an accrual basis.

As per the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement (PDS), management fees include ordinary expenses such as the Responsible Entity fees, investment management fees, custody and administration fees, audit fees and other ordinary expenses, excluding transaction costs. The total of these ordinary expenses are capped at the rate disclosed in the PDS. If the ordinary expenses exceed the disclosed cap then the Investment Manager will cover the shortfall and reimburse this to the Fund.

2 Summary of material accounting policy information (continued)

(g) Income tax

Under current legislation, the Fund is not subject to income tax provided it attributes the entirety of its taxable income to its unit holders on present entitlement basis.

The Fund currently incurs withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investment income and capital gains. Such income or gains are recorded gross of withholding taxes in the statement of comprehensive income. Withholding taxes are included in the statement of comprehensive income as an expense.

(h) Distributions

The Fund may distribute its distributable income, in accordance with the Fund's Constitution, to unit holders by cash or reinvestment. The distributions are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as finance costs attributable to unit holders.

(i) Increase/decrease in net assets attributable to unit holders

Income not distributed is included in net assets attributable to unit holders. As the Fund's units are classified as financial liabilities, movements in net assets attributable to unit holders are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as finance costs.

(j) Foreign currency translation

i. Functional and presentation currency

Balances included in the Fund's financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates (the "functional currency"). This is the Australian dollar which reflects the currency of the economy in which the Fund competes for funds and is regulated. The Australian dollar is also the Fund's presentation currency.

ii. Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translations at year end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when fair value was determined.

The Fund does not isolate that portion of unrealised gains or losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss which is due to changes in foreign exchange rates. Such fluctuations are included in the net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss.

(k) Due from/to brokers

Amounts due from/to brokers represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet delivered by the end of the year. The due from brokers balance is held for collection and is recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

(l) Receivables

Receivables may include amounts for interest, dividends and trust distributions. Dividends and trust distributions are accrued when the right to receive payment is established. Where applicable, interest is accrued on a daily basis. Amounts are generally received within 30 days of being recorded as receivables.

2 Summary of material accounting policy information (continued)

(m) Payables

Payables include liabilities and accrued expenses owed by the Fund which are unpaid as at the end of the reporting period.

A separate distribution payable is recognised in the statement of financial position.

Distributions declared effective 30 June in relation to unit holders who have previously elected to reinvest distributions are recognised as reinvested effective 1 July of the following financial year.

(n) Applications and redemptions

Applications received for units in the Fund are recorded net of any entry fees payable prior to the issue of units in the Fund. Redemptions from the Fund are recorded gross of any exit fees payable after the cancellation of units redeemed.

(o) Goods and services tax (GST)

The GST incurred on the costs of various services provided to the Fund by third parties such as management, administration and custodian services where applicable, have been passed on to the Fund. The Fund qualifies for Reduced Input Tax Credits (RITC) at a rate of at least 55%. Hence, fees for these services and any other expenses have been recognised in the statement of comprehensive income net of the amount of GST recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Amounts payable are inclusive of GST. The net amount of GST recoverable from the ATO is included in receivables in the statement of financial position. Cash flows related to GST are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority, is classified as an operating cash flow.

(p) Use of estimates and judgements

The Fund makes estimates, assumptions and judgements that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the current and next financial year. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

For the majority of the Fund's financial instruments, quoted market prices are readily available. However, certain financial instruments, for example over-the-counter derivatives, are fair valued using valuation techniques. Where valuation techniques (for example, pricing models) are used to determine fair values, they are validated and periodically reviewed by experienced personnel of the Investment Manager.

The Fund estimates that the resultant ECL derived from using impairment model, has not materially impacted the Fund. Please see Note 3 for more information on credit risk.

Models use observable data, to the extent practicable. However, areas such as credit risk (both own and counterparty), volatilities and correlations, require management to make estimates and judgements. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments.

For more information on how fair value is calculated refer to Note 4 to the financial statements.

(q) Rounding of amounts

The Fund is an entity of a kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (*Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports*) Instrument 2016/191 relating to the "rounding off" of amounts in the financial statements. Amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

(r) Comparative revisions

Comparative information has been revised where appropriate to enhance comparability. Where necessary, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation in the current year.

3 Financial risk management

The Fund's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks including market risk (which incorporates price risk, cash flow and fair value interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

The Fund's overall risk management programme focuses on ensuring compliance with the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement and the investment guidelines of the Fund. It also seeks to maximise the returns derived for the level of risk to which the Fund is exposed and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Fund's financial performance. The Fund's policy allows it to use derivative financial instruments in managing its financial risks.

All investments present a risk of loss of capital. The maximum loss of capital on long equity is limited to the fair value of those positions. The maximum loss of capital on forward currency contracts is limited to the notional contract values of those positions.

The investments of the Fund, and associated risks, are managed by a specialist Investment Manager, Cooper Investors Pty Limited under an Investment Management Agreement (IMA) approved by the Responsible Entity and containing the investment strategy and guidelines of the Fund, consistent with those stated in the Product Disclosure Statement.

The Fund uses different methods to measure different types of risk to which it is exposed. These methods are explained below.

(a) Market risk

i. Price risk

The Fund is exposed to price risk on equity securities listed or quoted on recognised securities exchanges. Price risk arises from investments held by the Fund for which prices in the future are uncertain. Where non-monetary financial instruments are denominated in currencies other than the Australian dollar, the price in the future will also fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates which are considered a component of price risk.

Price risk is managed by Cooper Investors Pty Limited, the Fund's Investment Manager. The Investment Manager mitigates this price risk through diversification and a careful selection of securities and other financial instruments in accordance with the investment mandate of the Fund.

The Fund's overall market positions are monitored on a regular basis by the Investment Manager. This information and the compliance with the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement are reported to the Investment Manager's compliance manager and other key management personnel.

The table at Note 3(b) summarises the sensitivities of the Fund's assets and liabilities to price risk. The analysis is based on the reasonably possible shift that the investment portfolio in which the Fund invests moves by +/- 10% (2024: +/-10%).

ii. Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

Interest rate risk management is undertaken by maintaining as close to a fully invested position as possible thus limiting the exposure of the Fund to interest rate risk.

The Fund's interest bearing financial instruments expose them to risks associated with the effects of fluctuation in the prevailing market interest rate on its financial positions and cash flows. The impact of interest rate risk on the profit and net assets attributable to unit holders is considered immaterial to the Fund.

The Fund has no significant direct interest rate risk as at 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2024.

(b) Summarised sensitivity analysis

The following table summarises the sensitivities of the Fund's operating profit and net assets attributable to unit holders to market risks. The reasonably possible movements in the risk variables have been determined based on management's best estimate, having regard to a number of factors, including historical levels of changes in foreign exchange rates and the historical correlation of the Fund's investments with the relevant benchmark and market volatility. However, actual movements in the risk variables may be greater or less than anticipated due to a number of factors, including unusually large market movements resulting from changes in the performance of and/or correlation between the performances of the economies, markets and securities in which the Fund invests. As a result, historic variations in risk variables should not be used to predict future variances in the risk variables.

3 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Summarised sensitivity analysis (continued)

Price risk	Impact on net assets attributable to unit holders	
	+10%	-10%
	\$'000	\$'000
As at 30 June 2025	23,268	(23,268)
As at 30 June 2024	52,242	(52,242)

(c) Credit risk

The Fund is exposed to credit risk, which is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay its obligations in full when they fall due, causing a financial loss to the Fund.

The Fund does not have a significant concentration of credit risk that arises from an exposure to a single counterparty or group of counterparties having similar characteristics. The main concentration of credit risk, to which the Fund is exposed, arises from cash and cash equivalents and receivables. None of these assets are impaired nor past their due date. The maximum exposure to credit risk is the carrying of these balances as at the reporting date.

The Investment Manager determines credit risk and measures expected credit losses for financial assets measured at amortised cost using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. Management considers both historical analysis and forward looking information in determining any expected credit loss. At 30 June 2025, all receivables, amounts due from brokers and cash are held with counterparties with credit rating of A or higher (30 June 2024: A or higher) and are either callable on demand or due to be settled within 90 days. Management considers the probability of default to be close to zero as these instruments have a low risk of default and the counterparties have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognised based on 12-month expected credit losses as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Fund.

i. Derivative financial instruments

The Fund also restricts its exposure to credit losses on the trading of derivative instruments it holds by entering into master netting arrangements with counterparties (approved brokers) with whom it undertakes a significant volume of transactions. Credit risk associated with favourable contracts is reduced by master netting arrangement to the extent that if an event of default occurs, all amounts with the counterparty are closed and settled on a net basis. The Fund's overall exposure to credit risk on derivative instruments subject to a master netting arrangement can change substantially within a short period, as it is affected by each transaction subject to the arrangements.

ii. Settlement of securities transactions

All transactions in listed securities are settled/paid for upon delivery using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered low, as delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made once the securities purchased have been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligations.

iii. Cash and cash equivalents

The exposure to credit risk for cash and cash equivalents is low as all counterparties have a rating of A (as determined by Standard & Poor's Rating Services) or higher.

iv. Other

The Fund is not significantly exposed to credit risk on other financial assets.

v. Maximum exposure to credit risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk before any credit enhancements at the end of each reporting period is the carrying amount of the financial assets. None of these assets are impaired nor past due but not impaired.

3 Financial risk management (continued)

(d) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund may not be able to generate sufficient cash resources to settle its obligations in full as they fall due or can only do so on terms that are materially disadvantageous.

Exposure to liquidity risk for the Fund may arise from the requirement to meet daily unit holder redemption requests or to fund foreign exchange related cash flow requirements.

Liquidity risk is managed by the Investment Manager.

This risk is controlled through the Fund's investment in financial instruments, which under normal market conditions are readily convertible to cash. In addition, the Fund maintains sufficient cash and cash equivalents to meet normal operating requirements.

The Fund's investments may include listed securities that are considered readily realisable, as they are listed on recognised stock exchanges. The Fund's policies are to hold a significant proportion of their investments in liquid assets.

In accordance with the Fund's policies, the Investment Manager monitors the Fund liquidity position on a regular basis. This information and the compliance with the Fund's policy is reported to the relevant parties on a regular basis as deemed appropriate such as the compliance manager, other key management personnel, compliance committees and ultimately the Board.

In order to manage the Fund's overall liquidity, the Responsible Entity has the discretion to reject an application for units and to defer or adjust redemption of units if the exercise of such discretion is in the best interests of unit holders. The Fund did not reject or withhold any redemptions during 2025 and 2024.

i. Maturities of non-derivative financial liabilities

All non-derivative financial liabilities of the Fund in the current period have maturities of less than 1 month.

ii. Maturities of gross settled derivative financial instruments

The table below analyses the Fund's gross settled derivative financial instruments based on their contractual maturity. The Fund may, at its discretion, settle financial instruments prior to their original contractual settlement date, in accordance with their investment strategy, where permitted by the terms and conditions of the relevant instruments.

	Less than 1 month \$'000	1 to 6 months \$'000	6 to 12 months \$'000	Over 12 months \$'000	Total \$'000
As at 30 June 2025					
Futures					
Inflows	8,033	-	-	-	-
(Outflows)	(7,062)	-	-	-	-
Total gross settled derivatives	971	-	-	-	-

4 Fair value measurement

The Fund measures and recognises financial assets at fair value through profit or loss on a recurring basis.

- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (see Note 5)

The Fund has no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis in the current reporting period.

AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement* requires disclosure of fair value measurements by level of the following fair value measurement hierarchy:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1);
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly (level 2); and
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (level 3).

The Fund values its investments in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 2 to the financial statements. For the majority of its investments, the Fund relies on information provided by independent pricing services for the valuation of its investments.

(a) Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets (such as listed equity securities) is based on quoted market prices at the close of trading at the end of the reporting period without any deduction for estimated future selling costs.

Financial assets have been valued at their last traded price which is allowable under accounting standards.

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

An active market is a market in which transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

(b) Significant observable inputs (Level 2)

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques that maximise the use of observable market data and rely as little as possible on entity specific estimates. If all material inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in level 2.

Some of the inputs to these models may not be market observable and are therefore estimated based on assumptions. The output of a model is always an estimate or approximation of a value that cannot be determined with certainty, and valuation techniques employed may not fully reflect all factors relevant to the positions the Fund holds.

Specific valuation techniques using observable inputs used to value financial instruments include:

- The Fund has made a commitment to purchase shares in the merged entity as a part of SOL-AU and BKW-AU merger. The commitment has been valued in alignment with the SOL-AU valuation at 30 June 2025.

4 Fair value measurement (continued)

(c) Recognised fair value measurements

The table below presents the Fund's financial assets measured and recognised at fair value as at 30 June 2025.

As at 30 June 2025	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Financial assets				
Listed equities	232,675	-	-	232,675
Futures	-	971	-	971
Total financial assets	232,675	971	-	233,646

As at 30 June 2024

Financial assets				
Listed equities	496,149	-	-	496,149
Listed property trusts	26,269	-	-	26,269
Total financial assets	522,418	-	-	522,418

(d) Transfer between levels

Management's policy is to recognise transfers into and transfers out of fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period.

There were no transfers between levels in the fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting period (30 June 2024: nil).

(e) Financial instruments not carried at fair value

The financial instruments not measured at fair value through profit and loss include:

Cash and cash equivalent, balances due from/to brokers and receivables/payables under sale and repurchase agreements. These are short-term financial assets and financial liabilities whose carrying values approximate fair value, because of their short-term nature and the high credit quality of counterparties.

5 Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	As at 30 June 2025 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000
Listed equities	232,675	496,149
Listed property trusts	-	26,269
Futures	971	-
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	233,646	522,418

6 Derivative financial instruments

In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into transactions in various derivative financial instruments which have certain risks. A derivative is a financial instrument or other contract which is settled at a future date and whose value changes in response to the change in a specified interest rate, financial instrument price, commodity price, foreign exchange rate, index of prices or rates, credit rating or credit index or other variable.

Derivative financial instruments require no initial net investment or an initial net investment that is smaller than would be required for other types of contracts that would be expected to have a similar response to changes in market factors.

Derivative transactions include many different instruments such as forwards, futures and options. Derivatives are considered to be part of the investment process and the use of derivatives is an essential part of the Fund's portfolio management. Derivatives are not managed in isolation. Consequently, the use of derivatives is multifaceted and includes:

- hedging to protect an asset or liability of the Fund against a fluctuation in market values, foreign exchange risk or to reduce volatility;
- a substitution for trading of physical securities; and
- adjusting asset exposures within the parameters set in the investment strategy and adjusting the duration of fixed interest portfolios or the weighted average maturity of cash portfolios.

While derivatives are used for trading purposes, they are not used to gear (leverage) a portfolio. Gearing a portfolio would occur if the level of exposure to the markets exceeds the underlying value of the Fund.

The Fund holds the following derivatives:

Futures

Futures are contractual obligations to buy or sell financial instruments on a future date at a specified price established in an organised market. The futures contracts are collateralised by cash or marketable securities. Changes in futures contracts' values are usually settled net daily with the exchange. Interest rate futures are contractual obligations to receive or pay a net amount based on changes in interest rates at a future date at a specified price, established in an organised financial market.

The Fund has made a commitment to purchase shares in the merged entity as a part of SOL-AU and BKW-AU merger. If the merger is approved the Fund will receive shares in the merged entity at a price of \$36.93 per share and a total cost of \$7,061,569.95. The commitment has been valued in alignment with the SOL-AU valuation at 30 June 2025. At 30 June 2025 the settlement date of the commitment remained unknown.

The Fund's derivative financial instruments at year-end are detailed below:

	Contractual/ notional \$'000	Assets \$'000	Contractual/ notional \$'000	Liabilities \$'000
As at 30 June 2025				
Futures	7,062	971	-	-
Total derivatives	7,062	971	-	-

Information about the Fund's exposure to credit risk, foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk and about the methods and assumptions used in determining fair values is provided in Note 3 and Note 4 to the financial statements. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the end of the reporting period is the carrying amount of each class of derivative financial instruments disclosed above.

The Fund held no derivative financial instruments as at 30 June 2024.

7 Net assets attributable to unit holders – liability

The Fund's units are classified as a liability as they do not meet the definition of a financial instrument to be classified as equity.

On 3 February 2025, the Fund launched a new share class (Class R). Class R was closed on 15 May 2025 and new share class (Class R1) was launched on 1 August 2025.

During the year, management reviewed the classification of net assets attributable to unit holders and concluded that units in the Fund no longer meets the classification of equity for the year ended 30 June 2025. As such, units in the fund have been reclassified as a financial liability.

As a result, the Fund's distributions to unit holders and (increase)/decrease in net assets attributable to unit holders have been classified as finance costs in the statement of comprehensive income.

Movements in the number of units and net assets attributable to unit holders during the year were as follows:

	Year ended			
	30 June 2025	30 June 2024	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	Units '000	Units '000	\$'000	\$'000
Wholesale				
Opening balance	304,472	303,448	489,019	500,918
Applications	22,290	27,832	36,082	47,105
Redemptions	(174,531)	(37,342)	(268,041)	(64,305)
Reinvestment of distributions	16,921	10,534	27,142	17,518
Distributions paid and payable	-	-	-	(56,318)
Profit/(loss) for the year	-	-	-	44,101
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	-	-	(44,263)	-
Closing balance	169,152	304,472	239,939	489,019
Class R				
Applications	10	-	10	-
Redemptions	(10)	-	(9)	-
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	-	-	(1)	-
Closing balance	-	-	-	-
Total closing balance			239,939	489,019

As stipulated within the Fund's Constitution, each unit represents a right to an individual share in the Fund and does not extend to a right in the underlying assets of the Fund.

There are two separate classes of units. Each unit within the same class has the same rights as all other units within that class.

Units are redeemed on demand at the unit holders' option. However, holders of these instruments typically retain them for the medium to long term. As such, the amount expected to be settled within twelve months after the end of the reporting period cannot be reliably determined.

Capital risk management

The Fund considers its net assets attributable to unit holders as capital, notwithstanding that net assets attributable to unit holders are classified as a liability. The amount of net assets attributable to unit holders can change significantly on a daily basis as the Fund is subject to daily applications and redemptions at the discretion of unit holders.

Daily applications and redemptions are reviewed relative to the liquidity of the Fund's underlying assets on a daily basis by the Responsible Entity. Under the terms of the Fund's Constitution, the Responsible Entity has the discretion to reject an application for units and to defer or adjust redemption of units if the exercise of such discretion is in the best interests of unit holders.

8 Distributions to unit holders

The distributions declared during the year were as follows:

	Year ended			
	30 June 2025 \$'000	30 June 2025 CPU	30 June 2024 \$'000	30 June 2024 CPU
Distributions - Wholesale				
September (special)	13,896	4.4437	-	-
December	6,141	2.4429	8,937	2.8113
June (payable)	4,833	2.8570	47,381	15.5619
Total distributions	24,870	9.7436	56,318	18.3732

9 Cash and cash equivalents

	As at	
	30 June 2025 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000
Cash at bank	12,009	11,726
Total cash and cash equivalents	12,009	11,726

10 Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

	Year ended	
	30 June 2025 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000
(a) Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		
Profit/(loss) for the year	-	44,101
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unit holders	(44,264)	-
Distributions to unit holders	24,870	-
Dividend and distribution income reinvested	-	(353)
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	495,522	311,590
Payments for purchase of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(233,171)	(280,829)
Net (gains)/losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	26,698	(30,117)
Net change in receivables	2,092	(1,133)
Net change in payables	(257)	(13)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	271,490	43,246

(b) Non-cash operating and financing activities

The following distribution payments to unit holders were satisfied by the issue of units under the distribution reinvestment plan

	27,142	17,518
Total non-cash operating and financing activities	27,142	17,518

11 Receivables

	As at	
	30 June 2025 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000
Interest receivable	23	66
Applications receivable	3	50
Dividends and distributions receivable	1,189	3,232
GST receivable	80	86
Total receivables	1,295	3,434

12 Payables

	As at	
	30 June 2025 \$'000	30 June 2024 \$'000
Redemptions payable	1,311	331
Management fees and costs payable	140	397
Total payables	1,451	728

13 Remuneration of auditor

During the year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor of the Fund:

	Year ended	
	30 June 2025 \$	30 June 2024 \$
PricewaterhouseCoopers Australian Firm		
<i>Audit and other assurance services</i>		
Audit and review of financial statements	25,565	40,587
Audit of compliance plan	2,448	-
Total remuneration for audit and other assurance services	28,013	40,587
<i>Taxation services</i>		
Tax compliance services	17,821	7,941
Total remuneration for taxation services	17,821	7,941
Total remuneration of PricewaterhouseCoopers Australian Firm	45,834	48,528

The auditor's remuneration is borne by the Fund. Fees are stated exclusive of GST.

14 Related party transactions

The Responsible Entity of Cooper Investors Australian Equities Fund is Equity Trustees Limited (ABN 46 004 031 298) (AFSL 240975). Accordingly, transactions with entities related to Equity Trustees Limited are disclosed below.

The only related parties to the Fund, as defined by AASB 124 *Related Party Disclosures*, are the Responsible Entity, schemes managed by the Responsible Entity and key management personnel of the Responsible Entity.

(a) Key management personnel

i. Directors

The following persons held office as directors of Cooper Investors Pty Limited from 1 July 2024 to 1 October 2024:

Rhys Cahill	(resigned 17 July 2024)
Peter Cooper	
Andrew Swan	

Key management personnel include persons who were directors of Equity Trustees Limited at any time from 1 October 2024 during or since the end of the financial year and up to the date of this report.

Michael J O'Brien	Chairman
Russell W Beasley	(resigned 9 October 2024, reappointed 1 July 2025)
Mary A O'Connor	(resigned 1 July 2025)
David B Warren	
Andrew P Godfrey	
Johanna E Platt	(appointed 9 October 2024)

ii. Other key management personnel

There were no other key management personnel with responsibility for planning, directing and controlling activities of the Fund, directly or indirectly during the financial year.

(b) Transactions with key management personnel

There were no transactions with key management personnel during the reporting period

(c) Key management personnel unit holdings

Key management personnel did not hold units in the Fund as at 30 June 2025 (30 June 2024: nil).

(d) Key management personnel compensation

Key management personnel are paid by EQT Services Pty Ltd. Payments made from the Fund to Equity Trustees Limited does not include any amounts directly attributable to the compensation of key management personnel.

(e) Key management personnel loans

The Fund has not made, guaranteed or secured, directly or indirectly, any loans to key management personnel or their personally related entities at any time during the reporting period.

(f) Other transactions within the Fund

Apart from those details disclosed in this note, no key management personnel have entered into a significant contract with the Fund during the financial year and there were no significant contracts involving management personnel's interests existing at year end.

14 Related party transactions (continued)

(g) Responsible Entity fees and other transactions

The transactions during the year and amounts payable as at year end between the Fund, the Responsible Entity and its service providers as per Note 1:

	Year ended	
	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
	\$	\$
Management fees and costs for the year	2,965,542	4,284,153
Management fees and costs payable at year end	140,332	396,894

Equity Trustees Limited earned \$44,133 (*30 June 2024: nil) for Responsible Entity fees provided to the Fund paid from management fees and costs.

*Equity Trustees Limited was appointed as Responsible Entity of the Fund, effective 1 October 2024.

Under the terms of the Fund's Constitution and Product Disclosure Statement, management fees and costs include Responsible Entity fees paid to the Responsible Entity, management fees paid to the Investment Manager and other costs (such as custody fees, administration fees and audit fees) paid to other unrelated parties. Please refer to Fund's Product Disclosure Statement for information on how management fees and costs are calculated.

(h) Related party unit holdings

Parties related to the Fund (including Equity Trustees Limited, its related parties and other schemes managed by Equity Trustees Limited), held no units in the Fund as at 30 June 2025 (30 June 2024: nil).

(i) Investments

The Fund did not hold any investments in Equity Trustees Limited or its related parties during the year (2024: nil).

15 Events occurring after the reporting period

On 1 August 2025, the Fund launched a new share class (Class R1).

No other significant events have occurred since the end of the year which would impact on the financial position of the Fund as disclosed in the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025 or on the results and cash flows of the Fund for the year ended on that date.

16 Contingent assets and liabilities and commitments

There were no outstanding contingent assets, liabilities or commitments as at 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2024.

Directors' declaration

In the opinion of the directors of the Responsible Entity:

- (a) The financial statements and notes set out on pages 6 to 27 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - i. complying with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
 - ii. giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date.
- (b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (c) Note 2(a) confirms that the financial statements also comply with the International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors of Equity Trustees Limited through a delegated authority given by Equity Trustees Limited's Board.



Andrew P Godfrey
Director

Melbourne
24 September 2025



Independent auditor's report

To the unit holders of Cooper Investors Australian Equities Fund (formerly known as CI Australian Equities Fund)

Our opinion

In our opinion:

The accompanying financial report of Cooper Investors Australian Equities Fund (formerly known as CI Australian Equities Fund) (the Fund) is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its financial performance for the year then ended
- b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

What we have audited

The financial report comprises:

- the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025
- the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended
- the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- the notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information
- the directors' declaration.

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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 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 Fund in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and 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 financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

Other information

The directors of Equity Trustees Limited (the Responsible Entity) are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2025, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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 that we 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 the directors of the Responsible Entity for the financial report

The directors of the Responsible Entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors of the Responsible Entity determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors of the Responsible Entity are responsible for assessing the ability of the Fund to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors of the Responsible Entity either intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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 the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'CJ Cummins', written in a cursive style.

CJ Cummins
Partner

Sydney
24 September 2025