THE ARA INVESTMENT FUND

ARSN 104 232 448

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

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Directors' Report

The directors of Fundhost Limited, being the Responsible Entity of The ARA Investment Fund (the "Fund"), present their report on the Fund for the year ended 30 June 2026.

Responsible entity
The registered office of the Fund is Suite 15.01, Level PR, 10 Spring Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000.

Directors
The names of the directors of the Responsible Entity in office at any time during or since the end of the year and up to the date of this report are:

Valerie Anne Monge
Drew Wilson
Robert H Nagel
Paul Ernest Dortkamp

Review of Results and Operations
The results of the operations of the Fund are disclosed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income of this financial report.

	Year ended 30 June	
	2026	**2025**
	$'000	**$'000**
Net profit	39,019	45,137
Distributions to unitholders	43,624	32,324
Distributions payable	24,445	23,005

Significant changes in state of affairs
No significant changes in the Fund’s state of affairs during the financial period ended 30 June 2026.

Principal activities
The principal activity of the Fund during the financial year was the investment and management of securities in accordance with its investment objectives and guidelines as set out in the Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

The Fund did not have any employees during the financial year (30/06/2025: nil).

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the financial year (30/06/2025: nil).

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

Likely developments
The Fund will continue to be managed in accordance with the investment objectives and guidelines as set out in the governing documents of the Fund and in accordance with 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.

Directors' Report (cont'd)

Likely developments (cont'd)
Likely developments in the operations of the Fund and the expected results of those operations in future financial years have not been included in this report as the inclusion of such information is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Fund.

Interests in the Fund
The movement in units on issue in the Fund during the year and the number of units in the Fund as at the end of the financial year are disclosed in Note 8 of the financial report.

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 1 of the financial report.

Fees paid to and interests held in the Fund by the Responsible Entity
Fees paid to the Responsible Entity out of Fund property during the year are disclosed in Note 11(a) of the financial report. The number of interests in the Fund held by the Responsible Entity as at the end of the year are disclosed in Note 11(c) of the financial report.

No fees were paid out of Fund property to the directors of the Responsible Entity during the year (2025: nil).

Environmental regulation
The Fund's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a state or territory.

Options
No options over issued units or interests in the Fund were granted during or since the end of the financial year and there were no options granted to the Responsible Entity.

Indemnities and insurance premiums for officers or auditors
No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid by the Fund, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the Fund.

To the extent permitted by law, the Responsible Entity has agreed to indemnify its auditors, William Buck Audit (Vic) Pty Ltd, as part of terms of its audit engagement agreement against claims by third parties arising from the audit (for an unspecified amount). No payment has been made to indemnify William Buck Audit (Vic) Pty Ltd during or since the end of the financial year.

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

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

Rounding
The Fund is an entity to which ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument class order 2016/191 applies. Accordingly, amounts in the financial report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars, 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 4.

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



Drew Wilson
Director
Dated in Sydney, Australia on this 16th day of September 2026

William Buck
ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS

Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

To the directors of ARA Investment Fund

As lead auditor for the audit of the financial report of ARA Investment Fund for the year ended 30 June 2026, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

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

This declaration is in respect of ARA Investment Fund.

William Buck

William Buck Audit (Vic) Pty Ltd
ABN 59 116 151 136

Dennis Lee

W. H. D. Lee
Director
Melbourne, 16 September 2026

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Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the year ended 30 June 2026

	Notes	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Investment income			
Dividend and distribution income		63,691	33,032
Interest income		4,471	5,477
Change in fair value of financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss		(24,881)	11,148
Net gain from foreign exchange movements		14	(5)
Fees and rebates received		355	231
Total net investment income		43,650	49,883
Expenses			
Responsible Entity's fees	11	571	558
Performance fees		(38)	16
Investment management fees	11	3,397	3,452
Transaction costs		35	80
Other operating expenses		666	640
Total expenses		4,631	4,746
Net profit		39,019	45,137
Total comprehensive income for the year		39,019	45,137

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 June 2026

	Notes	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	19,830	19,861
Receivables	5	30,057	16,007
Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	7	531,924	527,175
Total assets		581,811	563,043
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		279	1,588
Performance fees payable		454	492
Investment management fees payable		312	304
Responsible Entity's fees payable		52	50
Distributions payable	6	24,445	23,005
Total liabilities		25,542	25,439
Net assets		556,269	537,604
Total equity		556,269	537,604

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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Statement of Changes in Equity
For the year ended 30 June 2026

	Note	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Opening balance at 1 July		537,604	510,548
Comprehensive income for the year			
Net profit		39,019	45,137
Total comprehensive income for the year		39,019	45,137
Transactions with unitholders			
Issue of redeemable units		460,137	96,259
Redemption of redeemable units		(446,417)	(86,029)
Distributions to unitholders		(43,624)	(32,324)
Distributions reinvested		9,550	4,013
		(20,354)	(18,081)
Closing balance at 30 June	8	556,269	537,604

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 30 June 2026

	Notes	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Dividends and distributions received		52,360	27,372
Interest received		4,863	5,470
Operating expenses paid		(4,373)	(4,376)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	9	52,850	28,466
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss		36,047	68,917
Payments for financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss		(71,181)	(85,654)
Net cash outflow from in investing activities		(35,134)	(16,738)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from issue of units		79,377	94,683
Payments for redemption of units		(64,507)	(86,590)
Distributions paid		(32,632)	(14,467)
Net cash outflow from financing activities		(17,762)	(6,374)
Net (decrease) / increase in cash held		(46)	5,354
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		19,861	14,507
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		14	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	4	19,830	19,861

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2026

Note 1. Corporate information
The financial report covers The ARA Investment Fund as an individual entity (the "Fund"). The ARA Investment Fund is a unit trust, established and domiciled in Australia.

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve consistent medium-term returns while safeguarding capital by investing in a diversified portfolio of equity securities and interest bearing securities predominantly in Australia.

The financial report was approved by the Board of Directors of Fundhost Limited as the Responsible Entity on 16 September 2026.

Note 2. Material Accounting Policy Information
a. Basis of preparation
The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (“AASB”), Australian Accounting Interpretations, and the Corporations Act 2001.

The material accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been applied in the most recent annual financial reports, unless otherwise stated in the following notes.

The financial report have been prepared on the basis of historical costs except for financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss that have been measured at fair value.

The financial report are presented in Australian Dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand except where otherwise indicated.

The Fund is a for-profit unit trust for the purpose of preparing the financial report.

Use of estimates and judgements
In the application of accounting policies, management is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstance, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the year in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that year or in the year of the revision and future years if the revision affects both current and future years.

b. Financial Instruments
(i) Recognition/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 fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities from this date. Investments are derecognised when the right to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

(ii) Classification
In accordance with AASB 9, the Fund classifies its financial assets and financial liabilities at initial recognition into the categories of financial assets discussed below.

Financial Assets
The Fund classifies its financial assets as measured at fair value through profit or loss on the basis of both:
- The entity's business model for managing the financial assets
- The contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset

Note 2. Material Accounting Policy Information (cont'd)
b. Financial Instruments (cont'd)
(ii) Classification (cont'd)
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL)
A financial asset is measured at fair value through profit or loss if:
• Its contractual terms do not give rise to cash flows on specified dates that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding;
• It is not held within a business model whose objective is either to collect contractual cash flows, or to both collect contractual cash flows and sell; or
• At initial recognition, it is irrevocably designated as measured at FVPL when doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognising the gains and losses on them on different bases.

The equity securities are mandatorily classified as fair value through profit or loss.

In applying that classification, a financial asset is considered to be held for trading if it is:
• acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing it in the near term;
• on initial recognition, it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together and for which, there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
• it is a derivative (except for a derivative that is a financial guarantee contract or a designated and effective hedging instrument).

Financial Liabilities
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost
This category includes all financial liabilities. The Fund includes in this category short-term payables.

(iii) Measurement
- *Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss*

Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss are measured initially at fair value excluding any transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability. Transaction costs on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are expensed immediately. Subsequent to initial recognition, all instruments held at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value with changes in their fair value recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

- *Fair value in an active market*

The fair value of financial assets traded in active markets is based on their quoted market prices at the Statement of Financial Position date without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. Financial assets are priced at bid prices, while financial liabilities are priced at current asking prices. For the majority of its investments, the Fund relies on information provided by independent pricing services for the valuation of its investments.

- *Fair value in an inactive or unquoted market*

The fair value of financial assets that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm’s length market transactions, reference to the current fair value of a substantially similar other instrument, discounted cash flow techniques, option pricing models or any other valuation technique that provides a reliable estimate of prices obtained in actual market transactions. Investments in other unlisted managed investment funds are recorded at the exit price as reported by the managers of such funds.
Where discounted cash flow techniques are used, estimated future cash flows are based on management’s best estimates and the discount rate used is a market rate at the balance date applicable for an instrument with similar terms and conditions.

For other pricing models, inputs are based on market data at the balance date. Fair values for unquoted equity investments are estimated, if possible, using applicable price/earnings ratios for similar listed companies adjusted to reflect the specific circumstances of the issuer.

Redeemable participating units
Financial liabilities arising from the redeemable units issued by the Fund are carried at the redemption amount representing the investors' right to a residual interest in the Fund's assets, effectively fair value at reporting date. The Fund issues units at the unit price of the existing units. The holder of participating units can redeem them at any time for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Fund’s net asset value, subject to the liquidity rules of the Fund.

The Fund’s net asset value per unit is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to unitholders (calculated in-accordance with redemption requirements, which for the Fund are equivalent IFRS fair value measurement principles) by the number of units on issue.

Note 2. Material Accounting Policy Information (cont'd)

c. Impairment of assets

AASB 9 requires the Fund to record an allowance for expected credit losses (ECLs) for all loans and other financial assets not held at fair value through profit and loss.

The Fund holds trade receivables with no financing component and which have maturities of less than 12 months at amortised cost and, as such, has chosen to apply the simplified approach for expected credit losses (ECL) under AASB 9 to all its trade receivables. Therefore the Fund does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date.

d. Investment income and expenses

Unrealised gains and losses on revaluation of investments to fair value, are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Realised gains and losses on sale are recognised as investment income in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Gross proceeds from sale of investments are disclosed in the Statement of Cash Flows.

Dividend income is recognised on a receivable basis on the date the shares are quoted ex-dividend. Distributions from property trusts and unit trusts are recognised as income in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when declared.

Interest income and expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for all financial instruments that are not held at fair value through profit or loss using the effective interest method. Interest income on assets held at fair value through the profit or loss is also recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Other changes in fair value for such instruments are recorded in accordance with the policies described in Note 2(b).

All expenses including management fees are recognised on an accrual basis in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

e. Management fees

In accordance with the Constitution, the Fund’s managers are entitled to a management fee of 0.65% per annum (2025: 0.65% per annum) of the value of the Fund payable on a monthly basis for the Growth, Defensive and Equities portfolio. The Fund’s managers are entitled to a management fee of 0.65% per annum (2025: 0.65% per annum) of the value of the Fund payable on a monthly basis for the Long Term Income Builder portfolio. There is also an expense recovery of up to 0.03% per annum of net assets.

f. Income tax

Under current legislation, the Fund is not subject to income tax since the Fund elected into the AMIT tax regime and unitholders will be attributed the income of the Fund. The benefit of imputation credits and foreign tax paid are passed on to unitholders.

g. Distributions

Distributions are at the discretion of the Fund. A distribution to the Fund's unitholders is accounted for as a deduction from equity and presented in the Statement of Changes in Equity.

Distributions to unitholders comprise the net distributable income of the Fund. The distributions (if any) are payable or attributable at the end of September, December, March and June each year. A distribution payable is recognised in the Statement of Financial Position where the distribution has been declared but remains unpaid at balance date.

Note 2. Material Accounting Policy Information (cont'd)

h. Goods and services tax (GST)

The GST incurred on the costs of various services provided to the Fund by third parties such as audit fees, custodial services and investment management fees have been passed onto the Fund. The Fund qualifies for Reduced Input Tax Credits (RITC) at a rate of 75% (55% on Responsible Entity fees) hence investment management fees, administration fees, custodial fees and other expenses have been recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income net of the amount of GST recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Accounts 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 relating to GST are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis.

i. Equity

Quantitative information about the Fund's capital is provided in the Statement of Changes in Equity. The units are entitled to distributions when declared and to payment of a proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value on the redemption date or upon winding up of the Fund. A reconciliation of the number of units outstanding at the beginning and the end of each reporting period is provided in Note 7.

j. Exit price

The unit exit price is calculated in accordance with the Constitution of the Fund and is determined by the value of the assets of the Fund less its liabilities adjusted for estimated transaction costs, divided by the number of units on issue.

k. 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. No exit fees are charged. Unit redemption prices are determined by reference to the net assets of the Fund divided by the number of units on issue at or immediately prior to close of business each day.

l. New standards and interpretations adopted

Since 1 July 2025, the Fund has adopted all mandatory standards and amendments of Australian Accounting Standards. Adoption of these standards and amendments did not have a material impact on the Fund’s financial results or reporting.

m. New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

Australian Accounting Standards issued but not yet effective

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 July 2026 and have not been early adopted in preparing these financial statements. None of these are expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

AASB 18 Presentation and Disclosures in Financial Statements

AASB 18 Presentation and Disclosures in Financial Statements was issued by the Australian Standards Board in June 2025. AASB 18 is effective on January 1, 2027, and is required to be applied retrospectively to comparative periods presented, with early adoption permitted. AASB 18, upon adoption replaces AASB 101 - Presentation of Financial Statements.

AASB 18 sets out new requirements focused on improving financial reporting by:

• requiring additional defined structure to the statement of profit or loss (i.e. consolidated statement of income), to reduce diversity in the reporting, by requiring five categories (operating, investing, financing, income taxes and discontinued operations) and defined subtotals and totals (operating income, income before financing, income taxes and net income).

• requiring disclosures in the notes to the financial statements about management-defined performance measures (i.e. non-AASB measures), and

• adding new principles for aggregation and disaggregation of information in the primary statements and notes.

n. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Fair value measurement hierarchy

The Fund is required to classify all assets and liabilities, measured at fair value, using a three level hierarchy, based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement, being: Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date; Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Considerable judgement is required to determine what is significant to fair value and therefore which category the asset or liability is placed in can be subjective.

Note 2. Material Accounting Policy Information (cont'd)

n. Critical accounting estimates and judgements (cont'd)

The underlying assumptions used in determining the fair value of the level 3 investments are based on EBITDA multiples and forecasts of economic conditions which reflect expectations and assumptions as at 30 June 2026 about future events that the Fund's managers believe are reasonable in the circumstances.

Note 3. Auditor's remuneration

	2026	2025
Amounts received or due and receivable for:	**$**	**$**
Audit and review of the financial reports of the Fund - William Buck	44,700	48,690
	44,700	48,690

Note 4. Cash and cash equivalents

	2026	2025
	$'000	**$'000**
Cash at bank	19,830	19,861
	19,830	19,861

Note 5. Receivables

	2026	2025
	$'000	**$'000**
Current assets		
Investment income receivable	21,962	11,005
Interest receivable	2	-
Amounts receivable on investments sold	8,000	2,497
Other receivables	82	2
Cash receivable for the issue of Fund units	10	2,503
Total assets	30,057	16,007

Note 6. Distributions to unitholders

	Long Term Income Builder	Defensive	Growth	Equities	Total
	2026	**2026**	**2026**	**2026**	**2026**
	$'000	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Distribution paid - September	1,011	730	12,259	-	14,000
Distribution paid - December	277	1,066	1,237	-	2,580
Distribution paid - March	926	729	943	-	2,598
Distribution payable	603	2,259	14,761	6,822	24,445
	2,817	4,784	29,200	6,822	43,623
	2025	**2025**	**2025**	**2025**	**2025**
	$'000	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Distribution paid - September	414	1,541	607	-	2,562
Distribution paid - December	699	783	1,502	-	2,984
Distribution paid - March	600	1,732	1,442	-	3,774
Distribution payable	1,491	4,336	12,734	4,443	23,004
	3,204	8,392	16,285	4,443	32,324

Note 7. Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss

Financial instruments carried at fair value are categorised under a three level hierarchy, reflecting the availability of observable market inputs when estimating the fair value. If different levels of inputs are used to measure a financial instrument's fair value, the classification within the hierarchy is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The following table shows the Fund's financial assets recorded at fair value, analysed by the following categories:

- Level 1 – valued at a quoted market price
- Level 2 – a valuation technique based upon market observable inputs
- Level 3 – a valuation technique based upon non-market observable inputs

Level 3 investments are investments held by the Fund which are not active on a public market. The valuation is provided by the external investment manager and is considered unobservable and therefore a Level 3 investment. The Fund reviews the valuation methodology adopted by the relevant investment manager including key inputs used to determine valuations.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
2026	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Shares in listed entities	96,955	-	-	96,955
Units in unit trusts	117,555	204,312	28,757	350,624
Unlisted interest bearing securities	12,000	-	-	12,000
Private Equity Partnerships	-	-	72,345	72,345
Total	226,510	204,312	101,102	531,924

2025	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Total**
	$'000	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Shares in listed entities	89,959	-	-	89,959
Units in unit trusts	101,100	211,639	23,741	336,480
Unlisted interest bearing securities	21,000	-	-	21,000
Private Equity Partnerships	-	-	79,736	79,736
Total	212,059	211,639	103,477	527,175

The following table shows a reconciliation of the movement in the fair value of financial instruments categorised within Level 3 between the beginning and the end of the year:

	Units in unit trusts	Private equity investments	Total
	$'000	**$'000**	**$'000**
As at 1 July 2025	23,741	79,736	103,477
Total fair value gains in profit or loss	3,016	(21,772)	(18,756)
Purchases	2,000	18,690	20,690
Sales	-	(4,309)	(4,309)
As at 30 June 2026	28,757	72,345	101,102

Note 8. Equity

	Portfolios				
	Long Term Income Builder $'000	Defensive $'000	Growth $'000	Equities $'000	Total $'000
Opening balance at 1 July 2024	36,979	137,558	269,343	66,668	510,548
Units issued during the year	32,755	20,441	24,491	22,585	100,272
Units redeemed during the year	(3,599)	(29,015)	(40,230)	(13,185)	(86,028)
Distribution to unitholders	(3,204)	(8,392)	(16,285)	(4,443)	(32,324)
Net profit	7,759	7,671	21,408	8,299	45,137
Closing balance at 30 June 2025	70,690	128,263	258,727	79,924	537,604
Opening balance at 1 July 2025	70,690	128,263	258,727	79,924	537,604
Units issued during the year	74,872	109,001	194,461	91,353	469,687
Units redeemed during the year	(63,544)	(111,230)	(195,660)	(75,983)	(446,417)
Distribution to unitholders	(2,817)	(4,784)	(29,200)	(6,823)	(43,624)
Net profit	4,575	5,878	19,682	8,884	39,019
Closing balance at 30 June 2026	83,776	127,128	248,010	97,355	556,269

	Long Term Income Builder Units '000	Defensive Units '000	Growth Units '000	Equities Units '000	Total Units '000
Opening balance at 1 July 2024	31,144	136,260	211,655	56,268	435,327
Units issued during the year	25,942	19,751	18,610	17,580	81,883
Units redeemed during the year	(2,835)	(28,029)	(30,385)	(10,507)	(71,755)
Closing balance at 30 June 2025	54,251	127,982	199,880	63,341	445,454
Opening balance at 1 July 2025	54,251	127,982	199,880	63,341	445,454
Units issued during the year	57,947	106,994	154,227	70,134	389,302
Units redeemed during the year	(49,306)	(109,216)	(155,031)	(58,468)	(372,021)
Closing balance at 30 June 2026	62,892	125,760	199,076	75,007	462,735

Note 9. Statement of Cash flow Reconciliation

	2026 $'000	2025 $'000
Reconciliation of net profit to cash flows from operating activities		
Net profit	39,019	45,137
Change in fair value of financial instruments	24,881	(11,145)
Net gains from foreign exchange movements	(14)	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) / decrease in receivables	(11,041)	(5,591)
Decrease / (increase) in payables	5	65
Net cash inflow from operating activities	52,850	28,466

Non-cash items relating to reinvestment of distributions paid was $9,551,000 (2025: $4,013,000). There were no other non-cash items.

Note 10. Financial Instruments

The Fund's investing activities expose it to various types of risk that are associated with the financial instruments and markets in which it invests. The types of financial risk to which the Fund is exposed are market risk, liquidity risk and credit risk.

Asset allocation is the responsibility of the Investment Manager, which has engaged the services of Context Capital Pty Ltd., an independent investment services provider, to assist it to manage the distribution of the assets to achieve the investment objectives. Target asset allocations and the composition of the portfolio are monitored by the Board of the Responsible Entity.

The nature and extent of the financial instruments outstanding at the end of the reporting period and the risk management policies employed by the Fund are discussed below.

a. Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, price risk, including interest rate risk will affect the Fund's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. With a majority of its investment holdings in Australia, the Fund has no significant exposure to foreign exchange rate risk.

Market risk embodies the potential for both loss and gains. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return on risk.

The Fund's strategy on the management of investment risk is driven by the Fund's investment objectives. The Fund's market risk was managed continuously by the Board of the Responsible Entity in accordance with the investment guidelines as outlined in the Fund's product disclosure statement.

b. Price risk

Price risk is the risk that value of the instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer or all factors affecting all instruments traded in the market. The various market categories the Fund operates in are described below. As the majority of the Fund's financial instruments are carried at fair value with changes recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, all changes in market conditions will directly affect net investment income. Price risk is mitigated by the Board of the Responsible Entity by constructing a diversified portfolio of instruments traded on various markets and in diverse industry sectors.

Investment allocations by asset class for each of the investment options were:

	Long Term Income Builder	Defensive	Growth	Equities	Total
	%	%	%	%	%
2026					
Cash and cash equivalents	5	7	5	6	6
Income securities	-	44	15	2	17
Australian shares	95	22	43	57	48
International shares	-	1	2	9	3
Infrastructure / private equity	-	26	35	26	26
	100	100	100	100	100
2025					
Cash and cash equivalents	6	12	6	6	7
Income securities	-	46	15	2	19
Australian shares	94	24	45	57	48
International shares	-	1	2	9	3
Infrastructure / private equity	-	17	32	26	23
	100	100	100	100	100

Price risk sensitivity

Apart from Cash, Bank Bills, and certain types of Income Securities, all other investments are subject to price fluctuations. The following table illustrates the potential effect on profit attributable to unitholders and net assets attributable to unitholders from changes in price risk that were reasonably possible based on the investments subject to price risk at the end of the reporting period. A price fluctuation range of plus or minus 10% for Defensive and 15% for Growth, Equities and Long Term Income Builder has been applied in making this estimate for the 2026 year (2025: 10% for Defensive and 15% for Growth, Equities and Long Term Income Builder).

Note 10. Financial Instruments (cont'd)
b. Price risk (cont'd)

	Long Term Income Builder $'000	Defensive $'000	Growth $'000	Equities $'000	Total $'000
2026					
Effect of an increase in price	11,985	11,179	35,440	13,796	72,399
Effect of a decrease in price	(11,985)	(11,179)	(35,440)	(13,796)	(72,399)
2025					
Effect of an increase in price	10,076	11,461	37,060	11,599	70,196
Effect of a decrease in price	(10,076)	(11,461)	(37,060)	(11,599)	(70,196)

c. Interest rate risk

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are non-interest bearing. A small proportion of interest bearing securities are held at fixed interest rates. The Fund's interest rate risk is managed continuously by the Board of the Responsible Entity in accordance with policies and procedures in place. Where the proportion of interest bearing securities and the corresponding interest rate risk are not in accordance with the investment allocation policy of the Fund, the Investment Manager will rebalance the portfolio.

Interest rate sensitivity

Due to their inherently liquid nature, the Fund's interest-bearing investments in cash, term deposits and cash income-bearing securities do not have a sensitivity to changes in interest rates that would materially impact these financial statements, were they to change by a fluctuation of plus or minus 3% (2025: 3%) as at 30 June 2026.

d. Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Fund's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Fund's reputation. The Fund processes applications and redemptions of units on a daily basis, and it is therefore exposed to the liquidity risk of meeting unitholder redemptions at any time. The Fund's liquidity risk is managed on a continuous basis by the Board of the Responsible Entity in accordance with the policies and procedures in place. The Fund maintains an ongoing level of liquid assets well in excess of its prior redemption experience. Of the distributions payable at 30 June 2026, the amount subject to re-investment was 23% (2025: 23%). In assessing the cash requirements of quarterly distributions, the Responsible Entity ensures that the cash payment component is adequately covered by liquid funds.

When withdrawal requests are made, the Fund can delay withdrawal of units for 180 days or such period as considered appropriate in the circumstances as outlined in the PDS.

The following are the contractual maturities of financial liabilities:

	Contractual cash flows $'000	Less than 1 month $'000	1-3 months $'000	3+ months $'000
2026				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	279	279	-	-
Amounts payable on settlement of acquisition of assets	-	-	-	-
Distribution payable to unitholders	24,445	24,445	-	-
	24,724	24,724	-	-
2025				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,588	1,588	-	-
Amounts payable on settlement of acquisition of assets	-	-	-	-
Distribution payable to unitholders	23,005	23,005	-	-
	24,593	24,593	-	-

Furthermore, as at 30 June 2026, the Fund had capital calls that may become due and payable in respect of its investments totalling $57,951,436 (30 June 2025: $92,424,166). These capital calls, if made, are likely to occur within the next 24 to 36 months.

Note 10. Financial Instruments (cont'd)
e. Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Fund. The Investment Manager has a credit policy in place and the exposure to credit risk is monitored on an ongoing basis. At 30 June 2026, the following interest bearing securities were subject to credit risk:

	Long Term Income Builder $'000	Defensive $'000	Growth $'000	Equities $'000	Total $'000
2026					
Mortgage loans secured by Australian property	-	-	-	-	-
Other debt securities – unlisted	-	56,810	44,833	2,071	103,714
Listed Australian bank interest securities	-	-	-	-	-
	-	56,810	44,833	2,071	103,714
2025					
Mortgage loans secured by Australian property	-	-	-	-	-
Other debt securities – unlisted	-	69,074	52,019	1,802	122,895
Listed Australian bank interest securities	-	-	-	-	-
	-	69,074	52,019	1,802	122,895

The value of other debt securities can vary in line with the movement in market rates, including any repricing of the market's assessment of risk premium. In respect of the other debt securities, risk is reduced by the spread of individual investments. Interest was in arrears in respect of other debt securities as at 30 June 2026 was $Nil (2025: $Nil).

Credit risk arising on transactions with brokers relates to transactions awaiting settlement and cash collateral provided against open contracts. Risk relating to unsettled transactions is considered small due to the short settlement period involved. The carrying amounts of financial assets best represent the maximum credit risk exposure at the end of the reporting period.

Receivables past due and not impaired: $Nil (2025: $Nil).

Note 11. Related Party Disclosures
a. Fundhost Limited - fees

Fundhost Limited (ACN 092 517 087) as Responsible Entity of The ARA Investment Fund provides services to the Fund in accordance with the Fund's Constitution. Transactions with the Responsible Entity have taken place on normal commercial terms and conditions.

During the year the following amounts were paid to the Responsible Entity:

	2026 $	2025 $
Responsible Entity's fees	570,973	558,284

The amounts due and payable at 30 June to the Responsible Entity in accordance with the Constitution were:

	2026 $	2025 $
Responsible Entity's fees	51,872	50,172

Note 11. Related Party Disclosures (cont'd)

b. ARA Consultants Pty Ltd - fees

ARA Consultants Pty Ltd (ABN 14 715 812 046), as Investment Manager of The ARA Investment Fund, provides services to the Fund in accordance with the Fund's Constitution. Transactions with the Investment Manager have taken place on normal commercial terms and conditions.

During the year the following amounts were paid to the Investment Manager:

	2026 $	2025 $
Management fees	3,397,275	3,451,485
Performance fees	(37,780)	15,922

The amounts due and payable at 30 June to the Investment Manager in accordance with the Constitution were:

	2026 $	2025 $
Management fees	312,487	304,550
Performance fees	454,308	492,087

c. Fundhost Limited - Key Management Personnel

Fundhost Limited as Responsible Entity and ARA Consultants Pty Ltd as Investment Manager are considered key management personnel. The Fund does not employ personnel in its own right.

The Directors of Fundhost Limited, the Responsible Entity, during the year were:

Valerie Anne Monge
Drew Wilson
Robert H Nagel
Paul Ernest Dortkamp

There were no other persons with responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Fund, directly or indirectly during the year (2025: nil).

There were no units held in The ARA Investment Fund by the Responsible Entity and by Directors and their respective related parties (2025: nil).

Key management personnel are paid by Fundhost Limited. Payments made from the Fund to Fundhost Limited do not include any amounts attributable to the compensation of key management personnel.

The Fund has not made, guaranteed or secured, directly or indirectly, any loans to the key management personnel or their personally related entities at any time during the reporting year (2025: nil).

There are no post-employment benefits paid to a director or key management personnel of the Responsible Entity (2025: nil).

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

Note 11. Related Party Disclosures (cont'd)
d. ARA Consultants Pty Ltd - Key Management Personnel
The Directors of ARA Consultants Pty Ltd during the year were:

Alan B Rimmer
Ellyn M Rimmer
Debra A Comben
Ellyn Arunasalam

Units held in The ARA Investment Fund by the ARA Consultants Pty Ltd in aggregate were:

Unitholder	Number of units held (Units)	Interest held (%)	Number of units acquired (Units)	Number of units disposed (Units)	Distributions paid/payable by the Fund ($)
2026					
ARA Consultants Ltd	-	-	-	-	-
2025					
ARA Consultants Ltd	-	-	-	(308,898)	5,646

Note 12. Events subsequent to balance date
No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operation of the entity, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the entity in future financial years.

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Directors' Declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of the Responsible Entity of The ARA Investment Fund (the "Fund"), I state that:

In the opinion of the Directors:

(a) The financial statements and notes are prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* , including:

i) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001* ; and

ii) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of its performance for the 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.

On behalf of the Board



Drew Wilson
Director
Sydney
Dated this 16th day of September 2026

William Buck
ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS

Independent auditor's report to the members of ARA Investment Fund

Report on the audit of the financial report

Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of ARA Investment Fund (the Fund), is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 30 June 2026 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

What was audited?

We have audited the financial report of the Fund, which comprises:

- the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026,
- 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,
- notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and
- the directors' declaration.

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 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.

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

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Fund's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2026, 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.

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, 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 for the financial report

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

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Fund'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 the directors 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 this financial report.

William Buck
ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: https://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

William Buck

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Dennis Lee

W. H. D. Lee
Director
Melbourne, 16 September 2026