

RFM Almond Fund 2008

Financial Statements

For the Half Year Ended 31 December 2017

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Corporate Directory

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Company Secretaries	Andrea Lemmon Stuart Waight
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Auditors	PricewaterhouseCoopers One International Towers Sydney Watermans Quay, Barangaroo GPO Box 2650 SYDNEY NSW 2001
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Directors' Report

31 December 2017

The Directors of Rural Funds Management Limited (RFM), the Responsible Entity of RFM Almond Fund 2008 (AF08 or the Scheme) present their report on the Scheme for the half year ended 31 December 2017.

Directors

The following persons held office as Directors of the Responsible Entity during the half year and up to the date of this report:

Guy Paynter	Non-Executive Chairman
David Bryant	Managing Director
Michael Carroll	Non-Executive Director
Julian Widdup	Non-Executive Director

Principal activities and significant changes in nature of activities

The principal activity of the Scheme during the half year was the commercial growing of almonds to be sold for processing and consumption in Australia and internationally.

AF08 was established in 2008 to provide Growers with an opportunity to invest and participate in the business of growing and selling almonds. The Growers are licensed to operate an almond growing business for 19 years from June 2008, after which the agricultural produce from the trees reverts to the lessor. From 2008 to 2027 the Growers have entered into a Licence and Management Agreement (LMA) with RFM to conduct the growing and harvest of the almonds.

For the duration of the license period, Growers are entitled to receive net cash flows arising under the Scheme, being revenue from almond sales less the Scheme costs. When the Scheme costs exceed revenues, the Growers are required to fund the shortfall. When the revenues exceed costs, the surplus is distributed to Growers.

As the Scheme manages the cash flows associated with the above and does not operate a business in its own right, AF08 does not have net assets except for the balance noted in the Statement of Financial Position. The respective rights and obligations under the LMA rest with the Growers.

The Scheme grants a licence of an almondlot to a Grower pursuant to the LMA. If Growers fail to make payment in accordance with the LMA, the Responsible Entity may cancel their almondlots and the Grower's interest in the Scheme is automatically terminated.

Further information on the Scheme operations is detailed in note 1 on page 10.

Each almond grove operated represents an area of 0.2158 hectares. As at 31 December 2017, the Scheme had 181 Growers (31 December 2016: 182) with a total of 956 groves (31 December 2016: 956) representing 206.3 hectares (31 December 2016: 206.3).

Operating results

The net loss attributable to Growers for the half year ended 31 December 2017 amounted to \$195,770 (31 December 2016: \$176,834 loss).

Harvest proceeds are received in the financial year following harvest. Therefore, the 2018 harvest proceeds will be received in the 2019 financial year. The proceeds of the 2017 harvest, the Scheme's eighth harvest, were available for funding the 2018 operating costs. The table below gives the details of the 2018 harvest with a comparison to the 2017 harvest.

	Tonnes per grove	Tonnes per hectare
2018 estimated harvest (per original PDS)	0.76	3.50
2018 estimated harvest (per forecast)	0.76	3.51
2017 estimated harvest (per original PDS)	0.76	3.50
2017 actual harvest	0.79	3.64

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Operating results (continued)

The 2018 harvest estimate is based on nut counts conducted in the middle of the season. The trees that were selected are from all almond varieties containing an average amount of nuts. The 2018 crop is expected to yield lower than the 2017 actual harvest due to the tendency for trees to follow a larger crop with a smaller one in the subsequent year, and the frost damage from two frost events early in the season.

The 2017 actual harvest yield was higher than the original yield estimates due to the biennial bearing nature of the trees as described above. The almond price is expected to remain stable at approximately \$7.10 per kilogram. The 2018 financial year will result in a cash surplus (excluding GST) for AF08 Growers, prior to the 2017 financial year shortfall being applied.

An invoice was issued to the Growers in September 2017 for a portion of the 2017 financial year shortfall as 2017 operating expenses were higher than the 2016 harvest proceeds. The details of this invoice are shown below.

	Sub-total	GST	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Income			
Harvest proceeds from 2016 crop	5,001.30	GST Free	5,001.30
Dividend received	0.14	GST Free	0.14
Interest received	18.86	GST Free	18.86
Expenses			
Management fee	(228.72)	(22.87)	(251.59)
Licence fee	(1,320.81)	(132.08)	(1,452.89)
Processing cost	(251.51)	GST Free	(251.51)
Operating cost	(3,219.26)	(321.93)	(3,541.19)
Total Invoice per Grove	-	(476.88)	(476.88)

The 2018 financial year cash surplus will be applied to the remaining portion of the 2017 financial year shortfall before any distribution is made for the 2018 financial year.

Financial position

The net assets of the Scheme have increased from \$4,394,978 at 30 June 2017 to \$4,655,105 at 31 December 2017. \$455,897 was invoiced to the Growers during the half year (31 December 2016: \$4,048,612 distribution).

Interests in the Scheme

	31 December 2017 No.	30 June 2017 No.
Licence and Management Agreements	181	180
Almondlots under Licence and Management Agreements	956	956

Significant changes in state of affairs

In the opinion of the Directors, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Scheme during the half year.

Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year

No matter or circumstance has arisen since the end of the half year that has significantly affected or could significantly affect the operations of the Scheme, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Scheme in future financial years.

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Likely developments and expected results of operations

Maximising grower returns by developing crop yield potential and improving efficiency in operations continues to be the main focus for the Scheme.

Environmental regulation

The operations of the Scheme are subject to environmental regulations under the laws of the Commonwealth and States or Territories of Australia. There have been no known significant breaches of any environmental requirements applicable to the Scheme.

Indemnity of Responsible Entity and Custodian

In accordance with the constitution, RFM Almond Fund 2008 indemnifies the Directors, Company Secretaries and all other officers of the Responsible Entity and Custodian when acting in those capacities, against costs and expenses incurred in defending certain proceedings.

Auditor's independence declaration

The auditor's independence declaration in accordance with section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* for the half year ended 31 December 2017 has been received and is included on page 5 of the financial report.

The Directors' report is signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors of Rural Funds Management Limited.



David Bryant

Director

28 February 2018



Auditor's Independence Declaration

As lead auditor for the review of RFM Almond Fund 2008 for the half-year ended 31 December 2017, 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 review; and
- (b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

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CMC Heraghty
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Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the half year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	31 December 2017 \$	31 December 2016 \$
Revenue	4	3,308,225	2,969,263
Cost of almonds sold		(3,354,843)	(3,043,407)
Change in fair value of biological assets	5	706,209	691,301
Interest received		966	17,573
Management fees		(121,464)	(120,261)
Land lease		(706,209)	(691,301)
Inventory impairment		(28,569)	-
Other expenses		(85)	(2)
Net (loss) for the half year		(195,770)	(176,834)
Net (loss) attributable to Growers		(195,770)	(176,834)
Other comprehensive income:			
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income attributable to Growers		(195,770)	(176,834)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2017

	Note	31 December 2017 \$	30 June 2017 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		535,611	597
Trade and other receivables		560,165	412,150
Biological assets	5	2,796,102	-
Inventories	6	2,030,085	4,907,572
Total current assets		5,921,963	5,320,319
Total assets		5,921,963	5,320,319
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables		364,858	345,341
Borrowings	7	902,000	580,000
Total current liabilities		1,266,858	925,341
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to Growers)		1,266,858	925,341
Net assets attributable to Growers		4,655,105	4,394,978
Total liabilities		5,921,963	5,320,319

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Growers

For the half year ended 31 December 2017

	31 December 2017 \$
Balance at 1 July 2017	4,394,978
Net (loss) attributable to Growers	(195,770)
Total (loss) attributable to Growers	(195,770)
Invoice to Growers	455,897
Balance at 31 December 2017	4,655,105

	31 December 2016 \$
Balance at 1 July 2016	8,673,227
Net (loss) attributable to Growers	(176,834)
Total (loss) attributable to Growers	(176,834)
Distributions to Growers	(4,048,612)
Balance at 31 December 2016	4,447,781

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the half year ended 31 December 2017

	31 December 2017 \$	31 December 2016 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from customers	3,308,225	2,969,263
Payments to Responsible Entity	(3,527,429)	(2,729,566)
Interest received	966	17,573
Net cash inflow from operating activities	(218,238)	257,270
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividend received	130	130
Net cash inflow from investing activities	130	130
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from borrowings	322,000	-
Contributions from / (distribution) paid to Growers	431,122	(4,048,612)
Net cash (outflow) from financing activities	753,122	(4,048,612)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents held	535,014	(3,791,212)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	597	4,221,674
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	535,611	430,462

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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1 General information

These financial statements cover RFM Almond Fund 2008 as an individual entity. The Scheme is a registered managed investment scheme constituted in 2008. The Responsible Entity of the Scheme, Rural Funds Management Limited (RFM), is incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The registered office of the Responsible Entity is Level 2, 2 King Street, Deakin, ACT 2600.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Directors of the Responsible Entity on 28 February 2018. The Directors of the Responsible Entity have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

The Scheme does not operate a business in its own right. The Scheme acts as a conduit for the receipt of income from the sale of almond produce, and the distribution of the same to grower investors. It also acts as a conduit for the receipt of monies from Growers and where applicable the distribution of those monies in accordance with the Scheme's constituent documents. Growers are responsible for all operating costs, licence and management fees, including an interest component to fund the operation. Any profits made under the Scheme are profits made by the Growers.

For the duration of the licence period, Growers are entitled to receive the net cash flows arising under the Scheme, being the revenue from almond sales less the Scheme costs. When Scheme costs exceed revenue, the Growers are required to fund the shortfall. When revenue exceeds costs, the surplus is distributed to Growers.

As the Scheme manages the cash flows associated with the above and does not operate a business in its own right, the Scheme does not have net assets except for the balance noted in the Statement of Financial Position. The respective rights and obligations under the Licence Management Agreement (LMA) rest with the Growers.

(i) Obligations of the Responsible Entity

The Responsible Entity, RFM, has obligations to operate the Scheme and perform functions conferred on it by the relevant Scheme constitution.

In addition, RFM has separately entered into individual contractual arrangements with members of the Scheme under which RFM has other obligations directly with the individual members of the Scheme.

This financial report relates only to the Scheme and therefore only considers the obligations of RFM to the Scheme pursuant to the constitution and the sublease. Other than as noted below at Note 1(ii), the financial report does not consider obligations of RFM in respect of obligations to members of the Scheme pursuant to the separate contractual relationships between RFM and those members.

(ii) Other obligations to members of the Scheme

In addition to its responsibilities as the Responsible Entity, RFM has entered into individual contractual arrangements with members of the Scheme under which RFM is obliged to incur various expenditures and provide various services. The members either have paid or will make payments to RFM to perform these obligations. The costs incurred by RFM in discharging its contractual obligations with members are specific financial obligations of RFM and are reimbursable to RFM from the members. They can be recoverable from the member's proceeds of sale and are not financial obligations of the Scheme. Therefore these costs are not directly relevant to this financial report.

Notwithstanding this, members of the Scheme should understand that in addition to RFM meeting its obligations to the Scheme under the Managed Investment Scheme constitutions, RFM also needs to meet its contractual obligations to members for services pursuant to the individual agreements entered into with individual members of the Scheme. These obligations include incurring maintenance expenditure for the duration of the Scheme.

The cash inflows to RFM from the performance of the ongoing management and maintenance services for the member are predominantly received within thirteen months of the expenditure being incurred.

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2 Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounting policies that have been adopted in respect of the financial report are those of Rural Funds Management as Responsible Entity of the Scheme. The accounting policies adopted for the half year ended 31 December 2017 are consistent with those of the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the *Corporations Act 2001* and the Scheme's Constitution.

The financial statements and notes comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

This general purpose financial report for the half year ended 31 December 2017 has been prepared in accordance with AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The half year financial report does not include all notes of the type normally included within the annual financial report and therefore cannot be expected to provide as full an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of the Scheme as the full financial report.

It is recommended that the half year financial report be read in conjunction with the annual financial report for the year ended 30 June 2017 and any public announcements made by the Scheme during the period in accordance with continuous disclosure requirements arising under the *Corporations Act 2001*.

3 Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements, estimates and assumptions in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors it believes to be reasonable under the circumstances, the result of which form the basis of the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions and may materially affect financial results or the financial position reported in future periods.

Management has identified the following critical accounting policies for which significant judgements, estimates or assumptions are made.

Net cost of inventory

At the date of harvest, the cost of inventory is assessed as the fair value of the agricultural produce being the harvested almonds. The fair value assessment requires estimates to be made of harvested tonnes, quality and mix. As almonds are processed these estimates are revised and finalised. Inventory is impaired if net realisable value is below cost.

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4 Revenue

	For the half year ended 31 December 2017 \$	For the half year ended 31 December 2016 \$
Harvest proceeds - sale of almonds	3,308,225	2,969,263
Total	3,308,225	2,969,263

5 Biological assets

	31 December 2017 \$	31 December 2016 \$
Opening balance - 1 July	-	-
Costs capitalised	2,089,893	1,875,719
Change in fair value of biological assets	706,209	691,301
Transfer to agricultural produce	-	-
Closing balance	2,796,102	2,567,020

The Scheme's 2018 harvest has commenced in February 2018 and is expected to be completed at the end of June 2018. Harvest proceeds are received in the financial year following harvest. Therefore, the proceeds of the 2018 harvest will be received in financial year 2019.

6 Inventories

	31 December 2017 \$	30 June 2017 \$
Agricultural produce:		
Almonds on hand, and at processor	2,030,085	4,907,572
Total	2,030,085	4,907,572

Agricultural produce inventory represents almonds which have been harvested but not yet sold.

The Scheme receives instalment payments of the proceeds as the almonds are sold and therefore the final sale price will not be known until the final instalment is received, which for the current forecast is due in June 2018. The forecast sale price for the 2017 harvest is \$7.10 per kilogram (2016 harvest: \$7.40 actual).

7 Borrowings

	31 December 2017 \$	30 June 2017 \$
Loan from RFM	902,000	580,000
Closing balance	902,000	580,000

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8 Related party transactions

Transactions between the Scheme and related parties are on commercial terms and conditions.

Responsible entity (Rural Funds Management) and related entities

Transactions between the Scheme and the Responsible Entity and its associated entities are shown below:

	31 December 2017 \$	31 December 2016 \$
Management fee	121,464	120,261
Total management fees	121,464	120,261
Expenses reimbursed to RFM	1,916,419	1,717,845
Licence fee paid to Rural Funds Trust	706,209	691,301
Rental paid to RF Active	173,474	157,874
Total amount paid to RFM and related entities	2,917,566	2,687,281

Debtor

	31 December 2017 \$	30 June 2017 \$
Trade debtor - RFM	560,165	412,020
Total	560,165	412,020

9 Events after the reporting period

No other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the period which significantly affected or could significantly affect the operations of the Scheme, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Scheme in future financial years.

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Directors' Declaration

31 December 2017

In the Directors of the Responsible Entity's opinion:

- 1 The financial statements and notes of RFM Almond Fund 2008 set out on pages 6 to 13 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - a. comply with Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
 - b. give a true and fair view of the Scheme's financial position as at 31 December 2017 and of its performance for the half year ended on that date; and
- 2 There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Scheme will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Note 2 confirms that the financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of the Directors of Rural Funds Management Limited.



David Bryant
Director

28 February 2018



Independent auditor's review report to the Growers of RFM Almond Fund 2008

Report on the Half-Year Financial Report

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of RFM Almond Fund 2008 (the Registered Scheme), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in net assets attributable to Growers and statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

Directors of the Responsible Entity's responsibility for the half-year financial report

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

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Australian Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 31 December 2017 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*. As the auditor of RFM Almond Fund 2008, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

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Conclusion

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report of RFM Almond Fund 2008 is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

1. giving a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 31 December 2017 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date;
2. complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

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PricewaterhouseCoopers

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CMC Heraghty
Partner

Sydney
28 February 2018

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