Bendigo Superannuation Pty Ltd

Annual Financial Report 2023

ABN 23 644 620 128

BENDIGO SUPERANNUATION PTY LTD DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their report on the results of Bendigo Superannuation Pty Ltd ("the Company") for the year ended 30 June 2023, and the state of affairs of the Company at that date.

Directors

The names of Directors of the Company in office during the financial year and until the date of this report are:

Anthony Hodges

Gary Williams

Mary Latham

Paul Rohan

Corporate structure

Bendigo Superannuation Pty Ltd is a company limited by shares that is incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The Company was incorporated on 24 September 2020. The Company is a 100% owned subsidiary of the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited ("the Bank").

Nature of operations and principal activities

The principal activities of the Company during the year were to act as a registrable superannuation entity ("RSE") licensee of the Bendigo Superannuation Plan ABN 57 526 653 420. Pursuant to a Resource Sharing Deed between the Company and the Bank, the Bank has agreed to provide resources to the Company in order for it to fulfill its obligations in acting as trustee for the Bendigo Superannuation Plan. The Bank incurs, and does not recharge all costs back to the Company in providing resources.

Operatina Results

The net profit from ordinary activities for the year attributable to members of the Company for the year was \$350,581 (2022: \$50,915).

Significant changes in the state of affairs

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company that occurred during the financial year.

Significant events after the balance date

No circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year that have significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

Dividendo

No dividend was declared and paid during the year. The directors do not recommend the declaration of a dividend.

Environmental Regulation

The operations of the Company are not subject to particular or significant environmental regulations under a Commonwealth, State or Territory Law. There have been no known significant breaches of any environmental requirements applicable to the Company.

Indemnification and insurance of officers and auditors

To the extent permitted by law and professional regulations, the Bank has agreed to indemnify its auditors, Ernst & Young, as part of the terms of its audit engagement agreement against all claims by third parties and resulting liabilities, losses, damages, costs and expenses (including reasonable external legal costs) arising from the audit engagement including any negligent, wrongful or wilful act or omission by the Company. The indemnity does not apply to any loss resulting from Ernst & Young's negligent, wrongful or wilful acts or omissions. No payment has been made under this indemnity to Ernst & Young during or since the financial year end.

The Directors and officers of the Company have been indemnified through an insurance policy, against all liabilities to persons (other than the Company or a related entity) which arise out of the performance of their normal duties. The agreement stipulates that the policy will meet the full amount of any such liabilities, including costs and expenses. The insurance premium has been paid for by the ultimate parent entity, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited. The terms of the policy prohibit disclosure of the nature of the liability and the amount of the premium.

BENDIGO SUPERANNUATION PTY LTD DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors received an Independence Declaration from the Auditors of Bendigo Superannuation Pty Ltd, a copy of which is attached to the Directors' Report.

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

Director

Anthony Hodges Bendigo
Date: 21 September 2023



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Auditor's independence declaration to the directors of Bendigo Superannuation Pty Ltd

As lead auditor for the audit of the financial report of Bendigo Superannuation Pty Ltd for the financial year ended 30 June 2023, I declare 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;
- b. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit; and
- c. No non-audit services provided that contravene any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Ernst & Young

Hayley Watson Partner

21 September 2023

BENDIGO SUPERANNUATION PTY LTD STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

		30 Jun 2023	30 Jun 2022
	NOTE	\$	\$
Revenue			
Management fees		2,963,395	492,369
		2,963,395	492,369
Expenses			
Administration & advisor service fee		1,989,378	319,862
Staff and related costs		38,035	8,001
Directors fees		185,000	29,038
Marketing expenses		127,169	53,757
Operating expenses		121,803	8,976
		2,461,385	419,634
Profit before income tax		502,010	72,735
Income tax expense	4	151,429	21,820
Profit after income tax		350,581	50,915
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		350,581	50,915

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

BENDIGO SUPERANNUATION PTY LTD BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

		30 Jun 2023	30 Jun 2022
	NOTE	\$	\$
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	4,606,557	4,606,557
Intercompany receivable		5,416,708	5,066,631
Intercompany tax receivable	4	51,328	-
Trade and other receivables	6	260,970	264,635
Deferred tax asset	4	62,199	30,000
Total assets		10,397,762	9,967,823
Liabilities			
Intercompany tax payable	4	-	44,857
Trade and other payables	7	389,708	265,493
Total liabilities		389,708	310,350
Net assets		10,008,054	9,657,473
Equity			
Issued capital	8	5,000,001	5,000,001
Retained earnings	8	401,496	50,915
Reserves	9	4,606,557	4,606,557
Total Equity		10,008,054	9,657,473

The above Balance Sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

BENDIGO SUPERANNUATION PTY LTD STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

		Retained		
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	Issued Capital	Earnings	Reserves	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
At 30 June 2022	5,000,001	50,915	4,606,557	9,657,473
Net profit for the period	-	350,581	-	350,581
At 30 June 2023	5,000,001	401,496	4,606,557	10,008,054
		Retained		
	Issued Capital	Earnings	Reserves	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
At 30 June 2021	1	-	-	1
Issued capital	5,000,000	-	-	5,000,000
Net profit for the period	-	50,915	=	50,915
·			4,606,557	4,606,557
Increase in reserve	-	-	4,000,557	4,000,007

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

BENDIGO SUPERANNUATION PTY LTD CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

		30 Jun 2023	30 Jun 2022
		\$	\$
Operating Activities			
Fees and commissions received		2,967,060	227,735
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,337,169)	(154,142)
Income tax paid		(279,814)	(6,963)
Net cash from Operating Activities	11 (b)	350,077	66,630
Financing Activities			
Cash provided to parent entity		(350,077)	(5,066,630)
Proceeds from shares issued		=	5,000,000
Transfers to reserve		=	4,606,557
Net cash from/(used in) Financing Activities		(350,077)	4,539,927
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		-	4,606,557
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		4,606,557	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	11 (a)	4,606,557	4,606,557

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

BENDIGO SUPERANNUATION PTY LTD NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Note 1 - Corporate Information

The financial report of Bendigo Superannuation Pty Ltd ("the Company") for the year ended 30 June 2023 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the directors on 21 September 2023.

Bendigo Superannuation Pty Ltd is a company limited by shares that is incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The parent entity is Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited, incorporated in Australia. The registered office of the Company is located at 'The Bendigo Centre', Bendigo, VIC, 3550.

Note 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

This financial report is a general purpose financial report, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standard Board.

- AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements;
- AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows;
- AASB 1048: Interpretations and Application of Standards; and
- AASB 1054: Australian Additional Disclosures

The amounts contained in the financial statements have been rounded off to the nearest dollar for presentation purposes. The financial report has been prepared on a historical cost basis. The financial report is presented in Australian dollars.

For the purposes of preparing the financial report, the Company is a for-profit entity.

As the Company was incorporated in May 2022 the comparative year information is from 1 May 2022 to 30 June 2022, a 2 month period.

(b) Recently issued or amended standards not yet effective

Australian Accounting Standards that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet effective have not been adopted for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2023.

The following amendments to existing standards are not expected to result in significant changes to the Company's accounting policies:

- > AASB 17 Insurance Contracts (issued on 18 May 2017); including Amendments to AASB 17 (issued on 25 June 2020);
- > Disclosure of Accounting Policy (Amendments to AASB 101 and IFRS Practice Statement 2);
- > Definition of Accounting Estimate (Amendments to AASB 108);
- > Deferred Tax Related to Assets and Liabilities Arising from a Single Transaction / Amendments to AASB 112 Income Taxes;
- > Initial Application of AASB 17 and AASB 9 Comparative Information (Amendments to AASB 17) (issued on 9 December 2021);
- > International Tax Reform—Pillar Two Model Rules (Amendments to AASB 112);
- > Classification of liabilities as current or non-current (Amendments to AASB 101);
- > Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback (Amendments to AASB 16);
- > Non-current Liabilities with Covenants (Amendments to AASB 101); and
- > Supplier Finance Arrangements (Amendments to IAS 7 and AASB 107).

(c) Revenue

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(d) Income tax

The charge for current income tax expense is based on the profit for the period adjusted for any non-assessable or disallowed items. It is calculated using the tax rates that have been enacted or are substantially enacted by the reporting date.

(e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits, and other short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

(f) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less an allowance for credit losses. The effective interest rate calculation includes the contractual terms of the loan together with all fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts.

Debts that are known to be uncollectible are written off when identified. An allowance for expected credit loss is recognised when there is quantitative and qualitative evidence that there is doubt over the Company's ability to recover the debt.

(g) Goods & Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Note 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies (cont.)

(h) Accrued expenses

Expenses are accrued for, once realised, and are classified as accrued expenses if the following criteria are met:

- the amount can be accurately calculated,
- the period they belong to can be determined, and
- the period they will be paid is known.

(i) Contributed equity

Issued and paid up capital is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received by the Company. Any transaction costs arising on the issue of ordinary shares are recognised directly in equity as a reduction, net of tax, of the share proceeds received.

(i) Related party receivable

There is an interest free receivable from the ultimate parent of the Company which has no fixed repayment date, and may be recalled at any time

Note 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 and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgement and estimates 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.

Note 4 - Income tax	30 Jun 2023	30 Jun 2022 \$
Major components of income tax expense are:	Ψ	Ψ
Current income tax		
Current income tax charge	183.629	51.820
Deferred income tax	100,027	01,020
Relating to origination and reversal of temporary differences	(32,200)	(30.000)
Income tax expense reported in the income statement	151,429	21,820
A reconciliation between tax expense and the product of accounting profit before income tax multi- rate is as follows: Accounting profit before income tax	olied by the Group's app 502,010	licable income tax
The income tax expense comprises amounts set aside as: Provision attributable to current year at statutory rate, being Prima facie tax on accounting profit before tax @ 30% Expenditure not allowable for income tax purposes	150,603 826	21,820
Income tax expense reported in the income statement	151,429	21,820
Deferred income tax Deferred income tax at 30 June relates to the following: Gross deferred tax assets Accrued expenses	62,199	30,000
Net deferred tax assets	62,199	30,000
Intercompany tax payable/(receivable) Intercompany tax payable/(receivable) attributable to members of the tax consolidated group	(51,328) (51,328)	44,857 44,857

At 30 June 2023, there is no unrecognised deferred income tax liability (2022: Nil) for taxes that would be payable on the unremitted earnings of certain subsidiaries or joint ventures of the Group, as the Group has no liability for additional taxation should such amounts be remitted.

Tax consolidation

Bendigo Superannuation Pty Ltd joined the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited tax consolidated group. The head entity of the tax consolidated group is Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited. Members of the group have entered into a tax sharing arrangement in order to allocate income tax expense to the wholly owned subsidiaries on a pro-rata basis. In addition, the agreement provides for the allocation of income tax liabilities between the entities should the head entity default on its tax payment obligations. At the balance date, the possibility of default is remote.

Nature of tax funding agreement

Members of the tax consolidated group have entered into a tax funding agreement. The tax funding agreement provides for the allocation of current taxes to members of the tax consolidated group on a group allocation method based on a notional standalone calculation, while deferred taxes are calculated by members of the tax consolidated group in accordance with the principle of Accounting Standard AASB 112 Income Taxes.

Note 5 - Cash and cash equivalents	30 Jun 2023	30 Jun 2022
	\$	5
Note 6 - Trade and other receivables Sundry debtors and accrued income Note 7 - Trade and other payables Sundry creditors and accrued expenses (a) Other payables Ferms and conditions: (a) Sundry creditors and accrued expenses are non-interest bearing and are normally settled of Sundry creditors and accrued expenses are non-interest bearing and are normally settled of Sundry creditors and accrued expenses are non-interest bearing and are normally settled of Sundry creditors and accrued expenses are non-interest bearing and are normally settled of Sundry shares are fully owned by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited. Ordinary shares participate in dividends and the proceeds on winding up of the company in proceedings shares entitle their holder to one vote, either in person or by proxy, at a meeting of the Retained earnings: Movement in retained earnings was as follows:	4,606,557	4,606,557
	4,606,557	4,606,557
	30 Jun 2023	30 Jun 2022
Note 6 - Trade and other receivables	\$	\$
Sundry debtors and accrued income	260,970	264,635
	260,970	264,635
	30 Jun 2023	30 Jun 2022
Note 7 - Trade and other payables	\$	\$
Sundry creditors and accrued expenses (a)	364,000	256,670
Other payables	25,708	8,823
	389,708	265,493
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Contributed Equity	5,000,001	5,000,001
All shares are fully owned by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited. Ordinary shares participate in dividends and the proceeds on winding up of th	ne company in proportion to the number of shares	
Ordinary shares entitle their holder to one vote, either in person or by proxy, a		held.
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BENDIGO SUPERANNUATION PTY LTD NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Note 10 - Fair value of financial instruments

Fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. Fair value is the fair value adjusted for transaction costs.

The fair values are based on relevant information available as at 30 June 2023. While judgement is used in obtaining the fair value of financial instruments, there are inherent weaknesses in any estimation technique. Many of the uncertainties and matters of significant judgement and changes in underlying assumptions could significantly affect these estimates. Furthermore, market prices or rates of discount are not available for many of the financial instruments valued and surrogates have been used which may not reflect the price that would apply in an actual sale. The use of estimates and assumptions together with calculations based on information available at a particular point in time (being year end) result in the fair values disclosed being highly subjective and subject to change and are not representative of the underlying value of the entity.

The carrying value of the Company's assets and liabilities is considered a reasonable approximation of the fair value.

	Carrying	Fair
	Value	Value
	2023	2023
	\$	\$
Financial Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	4,606,557	4,606,557
Loans and other receivables	5,677,678	5,677,678
Financial Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	389,708	389,708
	Carrying	Fair
	Value	Value
	2022	2022
	\$	\$
Financial Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	4,606,557	4,606,557
Loans and other receivables	5,331,266	5,331,266
Financial Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	265,493	265,493

Methodologies

The following methodologies and assumptions have been used to determine fair values:

Fair value and credit risk of trade and other receivables

The maximum exposure to credit risk is the fair value of receivables. Collateral is not held as security, nor is it the company's policy to transfer (onsell) receivables to special purpose entities. Due to the short term nature of these trade and other receivables, their carrying value is considered to approximate their fair value.

Interest rate and foreign exchange risk

The Company has given consideration to the effect of interest rate and foreign exchange exposure for the year. The Company has not been affected by these risks as it has not been exposed to any transactional currency or market interest rate exposures.

BENDIGO SUPERANNUATION PTY LTD DIRECTORS' DECLARATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Note 11 - Cash flow information

(a) Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents

Cash as at end of the financial year as shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:

	30 Jun 2023	30 Jun 2022
Cash and cash equivalents balance comprise of:	\$	\$
- cash on hand and at bank	4,606,557	4,606,557
	4,606,557	4,606,557
(b) Reconciliation of profit after income tax to the net cash flows from operations :		
Profit after income tax	350,581	50,915
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	3,665	(264,635)
Increase in deferred tax asset	(83,527)	(30,000)
Increase in accrued expenses	124,215	265,493
Increase/(decrease) in income tax payable	(44,857)	44,857
Net cash flows from operating activities	350,077	66,630

Note 12 - Director and executive disclosures

(a) Details of key management personnel

Anthony Hodges Non-executive Director
Gary Williams Non-executive Director
Mary Latham Non-executive Director
Paul Rohan Executive Director

(b) The compensation of key management personnel

Key management personnel are employed and paid by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited.

The Non-executive Director fees are summarised in the table below.

		30 Jun 2023	30 Jun 2022
		\$	\$
Anthony Hodges	Annual base fee	85,000	-
	Superannuation	8,925	-
Gary Williams	Annual base fee	50,000	-
	Superannuation	5,250	-
Mary Latham	Annual base fee	50,000	-
	Superannuation	5.250	_

Note 13 - Auditors' remuneration

Audit fees are paid directly by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited.

Note 14 - Events after balance sheet date

No item, transaction or event of a material or unusual nature has arisen between 30 June 2023 and the date of this report that has significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent years.

BENDIGO SUPERANNUATION PTY LTD DIRECTORS' DECLARATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

In the opinion of the directors:

- (a) the financial statements and notes of the Company are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Accounting Standards and Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (b) the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in note 2; and
- (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

Director

Anthony Hodges

Bendigo

Date: 21 September 2023



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Independent auditor's report to the members of Bendigo Superannuation Pty Ltd

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Bendigo Superannuation Pty Ltd (the Company), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2023, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Company is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- Giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and 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.

Information other than the financial report and auditor's report thereon

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information is the directors' report accompanying the financial report.

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 Company are responsible for the preparation of the 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 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 Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- ▶ Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- ▶ Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- ► Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- ► Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- ► Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.



We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Ernst & Young

Hayley Watson

Partner Melbourne

21 September 2023