# National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust

ABN 31 297 247 781

Annual Report - 30 June 2023



## TRUSTEES' REPORT 30 JUNE 2023

The Directors of the Trustee Company, National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Limited ("the Company" or "Trustee"), present their report together with the financial statements of National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust ("Heritage Foundation Trust") for the year ended 30 June 2023, and the auditor's report thereon.

The Trustee and the Heritage Foundation Trust are controlled entities of The National Trust of Australia (NSW) ("the Trust").

### Directors

The Directors of the Trustee, noted below, held office during the whole of the financial year and to the date of this report, unless indicated below. The Board met on 5 occasions during the year and the number of meetings attended by each of the Directors during the financial year was as follows:

	Meetings Held while in Office	Meetings attended
Robert Elliot - Chair	5	5
Bill d'Apice	5	3
Debbie Mills – National Trust of Australia (NSW) Director	5	4
David Pratt - National Trust of Australia (NSW) Director	5	4
Kathryn Pitkin AM -National Trust of Australia (NSW) Director (Elected 7 February 2023)	3	3
Neil Wykes OAM - National Trust of Australia (NSW) Director (Retired 26 November 2022)	2	2

The qualifications, experience and special responsibilities of Directors are set out on page 4.

### Vision, Mission and Values

The Heritage Foundation Trust operates solely to financially support the Trust to achieve its Vision and Mission.

The Vision of the Trust is to bring the heritage of New South Wales to life for future generations.

The Mission of the Trust is to:

• Advocate for the conservation of our built, cultural and natural heritage by engaging with the community and government;

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- Identify, conserve and protect our built, cultural and natural heritage by example, advice and support; and
- Educate and engage the community by telling our stories in ways that awaken a sense of place and belonging.

The Values of the Trust are to be:

- Independent operate without fear or favour.
- Trustworthy uphold the highest standards of ethics, professionalism and governance.
- Inclusive embrace diversity.
- Inspirational awaken awareness and galvanise support for our causes.



## TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) 30 JUNE 2023

## **Principal Activities**

The Trust is a community based statutory body and a charity which works to protect Australia's heritage through advocacy, conservation and education within New South Wales. The Heritage Foundation Trust and Trust are independent charitable organisations. As part of the long-term funding strategy of the Trust, a structure was set up consisting of a trustee company and two trusts. The objective is to preserve capital contributions received from third parties and to preserve part of the proceeds from the sale of Trust properties.

The Heritage Foundation Trust, Heritage Foundation Ancillary Fund and the Trustee became controlled entities of the Trust from 19 March 2013.

The Heritage Foundation Trust and the Heritage Foundation Ancillary Fund are referred to herein as "controlled trusts".

The Trustee is responsible for governing the day to day activities of the two subsidiary trusts, with a Board of up to 7 members, a majority of whom must be directors of the Trust. The Chairman of the Trustee is to be independent of the Board of the Trust. The directors of the Trustee are appointed by the Board of the Trust.

The objects of the controlled trusts are to pursue charitable purposes only and to apply the income and property of the controlled trusts however derived:

- (a) Solely to the Trust; or
- (b) Otherwise for the benefit or advancement of the objects of the Trust, if approved by a special resolution of the Trustee.

The individual trust deeds of the Heritage Foundation Trust and the Heritage Foundation Ancillary Fund set out the day to day activities, including the investment activities of the controlled trusts as well as the amount of income and capital the controlled trusts can distribute.

The amount of income that can be distributed each year is as follows:

- (i) The trusts can automatically distribute up to 80% of income to the Trust to be used in day to day activities; and
- (ii) The trusts can distribute the remaining 20% only if the capital base has been augmented by an amount equal to the 20%.

### Results

The Heritage Foundation Trust reported a surplus for accounting purposes of \$2,353,064 (2022: loss of \$257,297). These results in 2023 include \$1,863,557 significant unrealised gain on the revaluation of investments (2022: \$3,078,807 significant unrealised loss). These resulted from significant market fluctuations in FY23 and the gaining global markets in late FY23.

The Heritage Foundation Trust maintains net assets of \$22,094,683 (2022: \$20,133,244).



## TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) 30 JUNE 2023

#### **Subsequent Events**

In accordance with AASB 110 Events after the Reporting Date, the Trustee has considered whether events since the end of the financial year confirmed conditions existing before the reporting date. The Trustee did not identify any subsequent events, which would require adjustment to the amounts or disclosures in the financial statements.

There has not been any other matter or circumstance that has arisen since the end of the financial year that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the Trustee and Heritage Foundation Trust.

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#### Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the Auditor's Independence Declaration given to the Directors by HLB Mann Judd is included on page 6.

Signed on behalf of the Board by resolution of the Directors.

Mr. Robert Elliott Director, Chair

1 November 2023

Ms. Deborah Mills Director

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## DIRECTORS' QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES 30 JUNE 2023

Name	Qualifications	Experience	Special responsibilities
Robert Elliott	FCA, MAICD	Former Chairman of Pavilion Health Australia Pty Ltd., Consultant to Australian and New Zealand corporates in business profitability improvement.	Independent Chair. Member of National Trust Investment subcommittee.
William d'Apice AM	LLB (Sydney University)	Consultant at Sydney law firm Makinson d'Apice Lawyers. Member Finance Council Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. Former Chairman: Catholic Church Insurances Ltd, Calvary Ministries Ltd, Little Company of Mary Advisory Council and Trustees of Catholic Aged Care Sydney.	Independent Director.
Neil Wykes OAM (Resigned 26 November 2022)	B Com, FCA, AGIA, ACIS	Director Macular Disease Foundation Australia. Treasurer Esse Quam Videri Foundation (Dubbo High School). Former Treasurer, Variety - the Children's Charity Australia (2012 – 2022). Former Director and Worldwide Treasurer, Variety - the Children's Charity International (2011 – 2021). Retired partner of international accounting firm Ernst & Young. Former member of Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission User Group (2014 – 2021).	National Trust of Australia (NSW) President (until 26 November 2022). Director National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation (until 26 November 2022). Director of the Australian Council of National Trusts (until 26 November 2022). Member of the following committees: Continuing • Finance Audit and Risk Committee. • Butler Bequest Committee. • Conservation Task Force (until 26 November 2022). • Property Committee (until 26 November 2022). • Chair of Trust Awards Committee (until 26 November 2022). Ex officio member of all other Committees (until 28 November 2022).



## DIRECTORS' QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES (continued) 30 JUNE 2023

Name Qualifications **Special responsibilities** Experience **Deborah Mills** B Com, CA National Trust of Australia (NSW) Former CEO, Foundation and Friends of the Botanic Gardens. Executive Director. Former National Manager at Caltex Australia Member of the following National responsible for Risk Management and major Trust committees: Climate Change Project. Finance Audit and Risk Former Director, PricewaterhouseCoopers. Committee. Former Board member, Sydney Dogs and Cats Investment subcommittee. Home. Collection Committee. Ex officio Member on all Trust Committees. **Kathryn Pitkin** B.A. Dip Ed Former Chair and Treasurer of Miss President. National Trust of AM Doctor of the Porter's House. Australia (NSW) Former Deputy Chancellor and Deputy (Elected 7 University CSU (From 7 December 2022) February 2023) (honoris causa) Chair of Council of Charles Sturt University Member of Finance, Audit and Former Chair of Finance Committee of CSU. Risk Management Committee. Former Chair of Board of Bathurst **Director National Trust of** Conservatorium. Australia (NSW) Heritage Former Manager of Bathurst Campus of Foundation. Member of the National Trust TAFENSW. Former Head Teacher of General Studies Investment subcommittee. TAFENSW. Member of Executive Committee Former Teacher of NSW Department of of Miss Porter's House. Member of Hunter Branch of Education. National Trust. Ex officio member of all other Committees. **David Pratt** BEc (Syd), MEc Current Board member and Treasurer of National Trust of Australia (NSW) (Macq), FCA Australasian Pioneers' Club. Treasurer. Retired partner of international accounting Chair of National Trust Finance, firm PricewaterhouseCoopers. Audit and Risk Management Former Board member and Treasurer of **Committee and Investment** Arthritis Foundation of NSW (now Arthritis subcommittee. NSW). **Director Australian Council for** National Trust.



#### Auditor's Independence Declaration

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, we declare that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to our audit of National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust for the year ended 30 June 2023.

HLB MAND JUDD

Sydney, NSW 1 November 2023

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## National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income For the year ended 30 June 2023

Να	ote	2023 \$	2022 \$
Investment income 4	4	616,585	1,642,162
Transfer from National Trust of Australia (NSW) Bequest Fund 1	1	-	1,309,585
Total revenue		616,585	2,951,747
Gain/(loss) on revaluation of investments		1,863,557	(3,078,807)
Donation income	_	-	2,404
Total other income/(loss)		1,863,557	(3,076,403)
Investment management fees		(119,353)	(126,001)
Audit fees	_	(7,725)	(6,640)
Total expenses	-	(127,078)	(132,641)
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		2,353,064	(257,297)
Other comprehensive income for the year	_	-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	=	2,353,064	(257,297)

## National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust Statement of financial position As at 30 June 2023

Assets	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents         5         75         51,41           Receivables         6         106,674         265,24	
Total current assets         106,074         203,24	
Non-current assets	
Other financial assets         7         22,084,038         20,300,75	
Total non-current assets         22,084,038         20,300,75	51
Total assets         22,190,787         20,617,400	06
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	
Distributions payable 8 88,379 459,03	
Other payables         9         7,725         25,14           Total current liabilities         96,104         484,18	
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Total liabilities         96,104         484,18	82
Net assets 22,094,683 20,133,224	24
Accumulated funds	
Retained surplus22,094,68320,133,22	24
Total accumulated funds22,094,68320,133,224	24

## National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust Statement of changes in accumulated funds For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Retained surplus \$	Total accumulated funds \$
Balance at 1 July 2021	21,598,138	21,598,138
Deficit for the year Other comprehensive income for the year	(257,297) 	(257,297)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	(257,297)	(257,297)
Distribution to National Trust of Australia (NSW)	(1,207,617)	(1,207,617)
Balance at 30 June 2022	20,133,224	20,133,224
	Retained surplus \$	Total accumulated funds \$
Balance at 1 July 2022		accumulated funds
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## National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust Statement of cash flows For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Investment income received		765,854	1,482,707
Donation received		-	2,403
Interest received		9,300	54
Cash payments to suppliers		(144,498)	(120,459)
Transfer from National Trust of Australia (NSW) Bequest Fund		-	1,309,585
Distributions paid	-	(762,263)	(2,325,509)
Net cash (used in)/from operating activities		(131,607)	348,781
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Cash flows from investing activities			
Acquisition of investments		628,248	(2,551,033)
Proceeds from investments	_	(547,978)	2,115,509
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities	-	80,270	(435,524)
Net cash from financing activities	-		-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(51,337)	(86,743)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	-	51,412	138,155
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	5 =	75	51,412

## Note 1. General information

National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust ("the Trust") is a subsidiary of National Trust of Australia (NSW).

The Trust is a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements, and is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. Its registered office and principal place of business is:

The National Trust Centre Upper Fort Street Millers Point SYDNEY NSW 2000

A description of the nature of the Trust's operations and its principal activities are included in the trustees' report, which is not part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of directors, on 1 November 2023. The trustee has the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

## Note 2. Significant accounting policies

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

#### New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The Trust has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

## **Basis of preparation**

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards -Simplified Disclosures issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the Australian Charities and Notfor-profits Commission Act 2012, as appropriate for not-for profit oriented entities.

#### Historical cost convention

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for financial assets which are measured at fair value.

#### Revenue recognition

The Trust recognises revenue as follows:

#### Revenue

Interest and distribution income are recognised as it accrues.

#### Other revenue

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

## Income tax

As the Trust is a charitable institution in terms of subsection 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as amended, it is exempt from paying income tax.

#### Receivables

Trade debtors and other receivables are carried at amounts due less any allowance for expected credit losses.

### Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently carried at market value, with changes in value recorded in profit or loss.

Dividends and distributions are recognised as revenue when the right to receive dividends and distributions is established.

## Note 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

## Payables

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received. Trade payables are normally settled within the payment terms.

## Note 3. Purpose of the Trust

National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust has been established as a Trust that will accumulate funds arising from significant non tax-deductible donations where the donors wish is that the capital be maintained or from the sale of National Trust of Australia (NSW) properties where the Board of National Trust of Australia (NSW) decides that part or all of the proceeds of sale should go into the Trust so that the capital is maintained.

## Note 4. Income

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Dividend Income Interest Income Distribution Income	402,990 9,300 204,295	940,437 54 701,671
	616,585	1,642,162
Note 5. Cash and cash equivalents		
	2023 \$	2022 \$
<i>Current assets</i> Cash at bank	75	51,412
Note 6. Receivables		
	2023 \$	2022 \$
<i>Current assets</i> Other debtors - franking tax credits Other debtors - GST	103,725 2,949	262,156 3,087
	106,674	265,243
Note 7. Other financial assets		
	2023 \$	2022 \$
<i>Non-current assets</i> Other financial assets designated as at fair value through profit or loss		
Funds under management	22,084,038	20,300,751

Investments have been valued based on their quoted market prices in active markets.

During financial year 2021 the Trust has transitioned the portfolio of investments to integrate the inclusion of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors with traditional financial analysis, for investment decision making.

## Note 8. Distributions payable

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Total Distribution to National Trust of Australia (NSW) Add: Distributions payable from prior year Less: Distributions paid to National Trust of Australia (NSW)	391,605 459,037 (762,263)	1,207,617 1,576,929 (2,325,509)
Distributions payable	88,379	459,037
Note 9. Other payables		
	2023 \$	2022 \$
<i>Current liabilities</i> Other payables	7,725	25,145

### Note 10. Remuneration of auditors

The audit fees for the Trust are borne by National Trust of Australia (NSW) and there is \$7,725 audit fee payable by the Trust (2022: \$6,640).

## Note 11. Related parties

Trustee

The Trustee of the Trust is National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Limited. The directors of the Trustee are as follows:

*Independent Non-Executive Directors* Robert Elliott, Chair William d'Apice

Directors Neil Wykes OAM (resigned 26 November 2022) Deborah Mills David Pratt Kathryn Pitkin (appointed 7 February 2023)

No compensation was received by any Director from the Trust.

## Transfer of funds from related Trusts

During the year ended 30 June 2023, the Trust received \$nil (2022: \$1,309,585) from a related trust, National Trust of Australia (NSW).

### Distributions to related Trust

Distributions are paid to National Trust of Australia (NSW) a related trust. For details of the distributions for the financial year refer to Note 8. For details of how distributions are determined refer to Note 12.

## Note 12. Distributions

The Trust Deed provides that:

The Trustee in relation to each year:

## Note 12. Distributions (continued)

- (a) shall distribute up to 80% of the Income received in that Year (subject to clause (b)(ii) (below)); and
- (b) either:

(i) shall accumulate and retain the remainder of the Income (Retained Income) as an addition to the Capital Base if the Capital Base has not been augment from other sources in that Year by an amount at least equal to the amount of the Retained Income; or

(ii) may but is not required to distribute all of part of the Retained Income if the Capital Base has been so augmented.

The Trustee may distribute up to 5% of the Capital Base of the Trust Fund in any Year only if approved by at least 75% in number of all of the directors of the Trustee and 75% in number of all of the directors of The National Trust of Australia (NSW).

In the 2023 and 2022 financial years, the Trust distributed 80% of income.

## Note 13. Events after the reporting period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2023 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Trust's operations, the results of those operations, or the Trust's state of affairs in future financial years.

#### National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust Trustees' declaration 30 June 2023

In the opinion of the directors of National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Limited ("the Trustee"):

- there are reasonable grounds to believe that National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- the financial statements and notes set out on pages 7 to 14 satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Notfor-profits Commission Act 2012.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors.

Mr. Robert Elliott Director, Chair

1 November 2023

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Ms. Deborah Mills Director

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust

#### REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust ("the Trust") which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in accumulated funds and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the trustees' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Trust has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* ("the ACNC Act"), including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Trust's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards Simplified Disclosures and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022.*

#### **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 Trust in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* ("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 of National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Limited ("the Directors") are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trust's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2023, 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.

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#### **Responsibilities of the Trustee for the Financial Report**

The Directors 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 ACNC Act, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Trust'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 Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Directors are responsible for overseeing the Trust's financial reporting process.

#### 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 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 judgement 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 Trust'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 Trust'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 Trust 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 those charged with governance 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.

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HLB Mann Judd Chartered Accountants

Sydney, NSW 1 November 2023

S P James Partner