

# **National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust**

**ABN 31 297 247 781**

**Annual Report - 30 June 2024**



# NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) HERITAGE FOUNDATION TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT 30 JUNE 2024

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 2024, 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 4 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	4	3
Bill d'Apice (Resigned 6 February 2024)	2	0
Belinda Marsh (Appointed 6 February 2024)	2	2
Debbie Mills – National Trust of Australia (NSW) Director	4	4
David Pratt – National Trust of Australia (NSW) Director	4	4
Kathryn Pitkin AM – National Trust of Australia (NSW) Director	4	4

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;
- 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.



# NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) HERITAGE FOUNDATION TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

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### 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 \$2,226,852 (2023: surplus of \$2,353,064). These results in 2024 include \$1,058,571 unrealised gain on the revaluation of investments (2023: \$1,863,557 unrealised gain). These resulted from significant market fluctuations in FY24 and the gaining global markets in late FY24.

The Heritage Foundation Trust maintains net assets of \$23,481,418 (2023: \$22,094,683).



# NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) HERITAGE FOUNDATION TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

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### 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.

### Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the Auditor's Independence Declaration given to the Directors by HLB Mann Judd is included on page 5.

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

**Mr. Robert Elliott**  
Director, Chair

19 November 2024

**Ms. Deborah Mills**  
Director



# NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (NSW) HERITAGE FOUNDATION TRUST

## DIRECTORS' QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

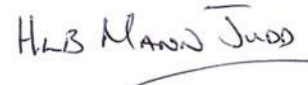
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Name	Qualifications	Experience	Special responsibilities
<b>Robert Elliott</b>	FCA, MAICD	Former Chairman of Pavilion Health Australia Pty Ltd., Consultant to Australian and New Zealand corporates in business profitability improvement.	Independent Chair. Member of National Trust Investment subcommittee.
<b>William d'Apice AM</b> (Resigned 6 February 2024)	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.
<b>Belinda Marsh</b> (Appointed 6 February 2024)	B Arts-Psychology LLB (Macquarie University)	Partner at Makinson d'Apice Lawyers Member of Advisory Council for Little Company of Mary	Independent Director.
<b>Deborah Mills</b>	B Com, CA	Former CEO, Foundation and Friends of the Botanic Gardens. Former National Manager at Caltex Australia responsible for Risk Management and major Climate Change Project. Former Director, PricewaterhouseCoopers. Former Board member, Sydney Dogs and Cats Home.	National Trust of Australia (NSW) Executive Director. Member of the following National Trust committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finance Audit and Risk Committee.</li> <li>Investment subcommittee.</li> <li>Collection Committee.</li> </ul> Ex officio Member on all Trust Committees.
<b>Kathryn Pitkin AM</b>	B.A. Dip Ed Doctor of the University CSU (honoris causa)	Former Chair and Treasurer of Miss Porter's House. Former Deputy Chancellor and Deputy Chair of Council of Charles Sturt University Former Chair of Finance Committee of CSU. Former Chair of Board of Bathurst Conservatorium. Former Manager of Bathurst Campus of TAFENSW. Former Head Teacher of General Studies TAFENSW. Former Teacher of NSW Department of Education.	President. National Trust of Australia (NSW) Member of Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee. Director National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation. Member of the National Trust Investment subcommittee. Member of Executive Committee of Miss Porter's House. Member of Hunter Branch of National Trust. Ex officio member of all other Committees.
<b>David Pratt</b>	BEC (Syd), MEC (Macq), FCA	Current Board member and Treasurer of Australasian Pioneers' Club. Retired partner of international accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers. Former Board member and Treasurer of Arthritis Foundation of NSW (now Arthritis NSW).	National Trust of Australia (NSW) Treasurer. Chair of National Trust Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee and Investment subcommittee. 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 the audit of the financial report of National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust for the year ended 30 June 2024.

**Sydney, NSW**  
**19 November 2024**



**HLB Mann Judd**  
**Chartered Accountants**

**National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust**  
**Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2024**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2024</b> <b>\$</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>\$</b>
Investment income	4	1,192,700	616,585
<b>Total revenue</b>		<u>1,192,700</u>	<u>616,585</u>
Unrealised gain on revaluation of investments		1,058,571	1,863,557
Realised gain on disposal of investments		118,135	-
<b>Total other income</b>		<u>1,176,706</u>	<u>1,863,557</u>
<b>Total revenue and other income</b>		<u>2,369,406</u>	<u>2,480,142</u>
Investment management fees		(133,554)	(119,353)
Audit fees		(9,000)	(7,725)
<b>Total expenses</b>		<u>(142,554)</u>	<u>(127,078)</u>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>		2,226,852	2,353,064
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<u><u>2,226,852</u></u>	<u><u>2,353,064</u></u>

*The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes*

**National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust**  
**Statement of financial position**  
**As at 30 June 2024**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2024</b> <b>\$</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>\$</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	106,129	75
Receivables	6	441,421	106,674
Total current assets		<u>547,550</u>	<u>106,749</u>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Other financial assets	7	23,184,096	22,084,038
Total non-current assets		<u>23,184,096</u>	<u>22,084,038</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>23,731,646</u>	<u>22,190,787</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Distributions payable	8	233,503	88,379
Other payables	9	16,725	7,725
Total current liabilities		<u>250,228</u>	<u>96,104</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>250,228</u>	<u>96,104</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>23,481,418</u>	<u>22,094,683</u>
<b>Accumulated funds</b>			
Retained surplus		<u>23,481,418</u>	<u>22,094,683</u>
<b>Total accumulated funds</b>		<u>23,481,418</u>	<u>22,094,683</u>

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



**National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust**  
**Statement of changes in accumulated funds**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2024**

	<b>Retained surplus \$</b>	<b>Total accumulated funds \$</b>
Balance at 1 July 2022	20,133,224	20,133,224
Surplus for the year	2,353,064	2,353,064
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	2,353,064	2,353,064
Distribution to National Trust of Australia (NSW)	(391,605)	(391,605)
Balance at 30 June 2023	<u>22,094,683</u>	<u>22,094,683</u>
	<b>Retained surplus \$</b>	<b>Total accumulated funds \$</b>
Balance at 1 July 2023	22,094,683	22,094,683
Surplus for the year	2,226,852	2,226,852
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	2,226,852	2,226,852
Distribution to National Trust of Australia (NSW)	(840,117)	(840,117)
Balance at 30 June 2024	<u>23,481,418</u>	<u>23,481,418</u>

*The above statement of changes in accumulated funds should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes*

**National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust**  
**Statement of cash flows**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2024**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2024</b> <b>\$</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>\$</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Investment income received		802,825	765,854
Interest received		55,127	9,300
Cash payments to suppliers		(133,554)	(144,498)
Distributions paid		<u>(694,993)</u>	<u>(762,263)</u>
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities		<u>29,405</u>	<u>(131,607)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Acquisition of investments		(617,472)	(547,978)
Proceeds from investments		<u>694,121</u>	<u>628,248</u>
Net cash from investing activities		<u>76,649</u>	<u>80,270</u>
Net cash from financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		106,054	(51,337)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		<u>75</u>	<u>51,412</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	5	<u><u>106,129</u></u>	<u><u>75</u></u>

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

**National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**30 June 2024**

**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 19 November 2024. The trustee has the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

**Note 2. Material accounting policy information**

The accounting policies that are material to the Trust are set out below. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year, 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 Not-for-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*

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

**National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**30 June 2024**

**Note 2. Material accounting policy information (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**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Dividend Income	378,774	402,990
Interest Income	55,126	9,300
Distribution Income	758,800	204,295
	<u>1,192,700</u>	<u>616,585</u>

**Note 5. Cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<i>Current assets</i>		
Cash at bank	<u>106,129</u>	<u>75</u>

**Note 6. Receivables**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<i>Current assets</i>		
Other debtors - investment income	337,813	-
Other debtors - franking tax credits	97,033	103,725
Other debtors - GST	6,575	2,949
	<u>441,421</u>	<u>106,674</u>

**Note 7. Other financial assets**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<i>Non-current assets</i>		
Other financial assets designated as at fair value through profit or loss:		
Funds under management - Restricted	14,763,424	13,531,124
Funds under management - Unrestricted	8,420,672	8,552,914
	<u>23,184,096</u>	<u>22,084,038</u>

Restricted financial assets are assets held by the Trust, where the asset and/or income from the asset must be applied to a specific purpose or property within the Trust.

**National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**30 June 2024**

**Note 7. Other financial assets (continued)**

Unrestricted financial assets are assets held by the Trust, where income from the assets and a portion of the financial asset (if conditions are met) can be applied to any purpose within the Trust.

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**

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Total Distribution to National Trust of Australia (NSW)	840,117	391,605
Add: Distributions payable from prior year	88,379	459,037
Less: Distributions paid to National Trust of Australia (NSW)	(694,993)	(762,263)
<b>Distributions payable</b>	<u><u>233,503</u></u>	<u><u>88,379</u></u>

**Note 9. Other payables**

	2024 \$	2023 \$
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Other payables	<u><u>16,725</u></u>	<u><u>7,725</u></u>

**Note 10. Remuneration of auditors**

During the financial year the fees paid or payable for services provided by HLB Mann Judd (NSW Partnership) were \$9,000 (2023: \$7,725) for the audits of the financial statements of the Trust, National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Ancillary Fund and National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Limited.

**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 (resigned 6 February 2024)  
Belinda Marsh (appointed 6 February 2024)

*Directors*

Deborah Mills  
David Pratt  
Kathryn Pitkin

No compensation was received by any Director from the Trust.

*Transfer of funds from related Trusts*

During the year ended 30 June 2024, the Trust received \$nil (2023: \$nil) from a related trust, National Trust of Australia (NSW).

**National Trust of Australia (NSW) Heritage Foundation Trust**  
**Notes to the financial statements**  
**30 June 2024**

**Note 11. Related parties (continued)**

*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:

- (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 augmented 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 or 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 2024 and 2023 financial years, the Trust distributed 80% of income.

**Note 13. Events after the reporting period**

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2024 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 2024**

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 6 to 13 satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors.



Mr. Robert Elliott  
Director, Chair



Ms. Deborah Mills  
Director

19 November 2024

## **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 2024, 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 material accounting policy information, 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 2024 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 confirm that the independence declaration required by Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, which has been given to those charged with governance, would be in the same terms if given as at the time of this auditor's report.

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 2024, 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 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.



**HLB Mann Judd**  
**Chartered Accountants**

**Sydney, NSW**  
**20 November 2024**



**S P James**  
**Partner**