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Operating Report

31 December 2023

The Committee of Management, presents their report together with the financial statements of the reporting unit, the operating report of the Independent Education Union of Australia New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory Branch ("the Branch") for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

Names of Committee of Management members and positions held during the financial year

Name	Position	Period of appointment
Carol Matthews	Secretary	28 October 2023 - 31 December 2023
Carol Matthews	Deputy Secretary	1 January 2023 - 28 October 2023
David Towson	Deputy Secretary	28 October 2023 - 31 December 2023
David Towson	Assistant Secretary	1 January 2023 - 28 October 2023
Lyn Caton	Assistant Secretary	30 August 2023 - 31 December 2023
Tina Ruello	President	1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023
Elizabeth Lockwood	Deputy Branch President	18 January 2022 - 31 December 2023
Helen Templeton	Vice President (Non-Systemic)	1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023
Bernadette Baker	Vice President (Systemic)	1 January 2023 - 28 October 2023
Michelle Thompson	Vice President (Early Childhood Services)	1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023
Kylie Booth-Martinez	Vice President (Support Staff)	1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023
Angela McDonald	Vice President (ACT)	1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023
Denise McHugh	Financial Officer	1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023
Suzanne Penson	Financial Officer	1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023
Peter Critikos	General Executive	1 January 2023 - 25 January 2023
Christine Wilkinson	General Executive	1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023
Peter Moore	General Executive	1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023
Simon Goss	General Executive	1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023
Elizabeth Lockwood	General Executive	1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023
Anna Luedi	General Executive	1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023
Glenn Lowe	General Executive	1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023
Sarah Gardiner	General Executive	1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023
Elizabeth Heggart	General Executive	1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023
Nicole Downey	General Executive	1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023
Amanda Wood	General Executive	18 July 2023 - 31 December 2023
Mark Northam	Secretary	1 January 2023 - 28 October 2023
Veronica Yewdall	Assistant Secretary	1 January 2023 - 21 April 2023

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Review of principal activities, the results of these activities and any significant changes in the nature of those activities during the year

The principal activities of the Branch during the year was those activities included, but were not limited to:

- the provision of services to members;
- the representation of members before Fair Work Australia on award matters; and
- the provision of support for the Federal Union agenda in education, equity and industrial issues.

The Branch's principal activities resulted in:

- the maintenance and improvement of wages and conditions of employment for our members, especially those covered by collective bargaining agreements negotiated by our Branch.
- growth of our solid membership base in New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory, demonstrating member satisfaction of the support and advice currently provided to them.
- review of the operations and the results of the Branch is performed on the regular meetings of the Committee of Management. The Committee of Management believe they have furthered the interests of their members throughout the year through the conducting of the Branch's principal activities.
- the operating surplus of the Branch for the year ended 31 December 2023 was \$1,097,299 (2022: \$1,881,122) and the Committee Management believe that the activities of the Branch have achieved their objectives for the year.

There were no other significant changes to the nature of the Branch's activities during the year.

Number of members

The number of members of the Branch at the end of the financial year was 30,247 (2022: 30,941).

Right of members to resign

Members retain the right to resign from the Independent Education Union of Australia New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory Branch in accordance with section 10 of the Federal Rules and Section 174 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* ("the RO Act"). In accordance with Section 174(1) of the RO Act a member of an organisation may resign from membership by written notice addressed and delivered to a person designated for the purpose in the rules of the organisation or a branch of the organisation.

Number of employees

The total number of full time equivalent employees as at 31 December 2023 was 69 (2022: 68).

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Officers or members who are superannuation fund trustees or director of a company that is a superannuation fund trustee being a member or officer of a registered organisation is a criterion for them holding such position

Name	Position	Period
Christine Wilkinson	Member Director of NGS Super Pty Ltd	1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023
Mark Northam	Member Director of NGS Super Pty Ltd	1 February 2023 - 31 December 2023
Carol Matthews	Member Director of NGS Super Pty Ltd	27 September 2023 - 31 December 2023

The criterion for being a trustee or director is that officer or employee is an officer or employee of the Branch.

Significant changes in financial affairs

There have been no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Branch during the year.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Branch Executive:

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Carol Matthews Secretary

Dated: 5 April 2024

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Committee of Management Statement

31 December 2023

On 5 April 2024 the Committee of Management of the Independent Education Union of Australia New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory Branch ("the Branch"), passed the following resolution in relation to the general purpose financial report of the Branch for the year ended 31 December 2023:

The Committee of Management declares that in its opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes comply with the Australian Accounting Standards;
- (b) the financial statements and notes comply with any other requirements imposed by the Reporting Guidelines or Part 3 of Chapter 8 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* ("the RO Act");
- (c) the financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the financial performance, financial position and cash flows of the Branch for the financial year ended 31 December 2023;
- (d) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Branch will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (e) during the financial year to which the general purpose financial report relates and since the end of that year:
 - i) meetings of the Committee of Management were held in accordance with the rules of the organisation including the rules of the Branch concerned; and
 - ii) the financial affairs of the Branch have been managed in accordance with the rules of the organisation including the rules of the Branch concerned; and
 - iii) the financial records of the Branch have been kept and maintained in accordance with the RO Act; and
 - iv) where the organisation consists of two or more reporting units, the financial records of the reporting unit have been kept, as far as practicable, in a consistent manner with each of the other reporting units of the organisation; and
 - v) where information has been sought in any request by a member of the Branch or General Manager duly made under section 272 of the RO Act that information has been provided to the member or General Manager; and
 - vi) where any order for inspection of financial records has been made by the Fair Work Commission under section 273 of the RO Act, there has been compliance.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee of Management.

Carol Matthews Secretary

Dated: 5 April 2024

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	\$	\$
Membership fees received	4	16,558,962	16,490,358
Other income	4	935,510	609,671
		17,494,472	17,100,029
Employee costs	5	(11,355,305)	(10,208,565)
Affiliation and capitation fees		(1,048,220)	(910,535)
Printing and publication expense		(543,123)	(507,610)
Information technology expenses		(355,326)	(302,085)
Depreciation expense	10(a)	(849,258)	(841,938)
Property expenses		(353,449)	(352,166)
Meetings, conferences and events		(802,662)	(654,343)
Insurance expense		(200,088)	(198,536)
Motor vehicle expense		(211,355)	(168,063)
Legal costs	5	(92,053)	(77,577)
Commission expense		(102,722)	(99,837)
Finance costs		(64,893)	(69,410)
Lease expenses	9	(54,754)	(50,128)
Training expense		(55,070)	(21,780)
Donation expense	5	(2,950)	(550)
Loss on disposal of plant and equipment		-	(187,487)
Other expenses		(305,945)	(568,297)
		(16,397,173)	(15,218,907)
Result for the year		1,097,299	1,881,122
Other comprehensive income			
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	
Total comprehensive income for the year		1,097,299	1,881,122

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	\$	\$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	10,177,998	9,062,203
Trade and other receivables	7	397,646	381,136
Financial assets	8	4,358,583	4,077,696
Prepayments	70	68,220	48,576
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	12	15,002,447	13,569,611
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Financial assets	8	3,534,322	3,534,322
Right-of-use assets	9	113,359	25,423
Property, plant and equipment	10	21,523,551	22,013,253
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	97 	25,171,232	25,572,998
TOTAL ASSETS		40,173,679	39,142,609
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	11	682,622	654,696
Lease liabilities	9	33,842	17,863
Other financial liabilities	12	265,531	439,823
Employee benefits	13	3,969,585	3,980,486
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	P <u>=</u>	4,951,580	5,092,868
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	9	85,221	10,162
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	200 72	85,221	10,162
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1	5,036,801	5,103,030
NET ASSETS	-	35,136,878	34,039,579
EQUITY	9. 5		
Amalgamation reserve	14	23,284,191	23,284,191
Retained earnings	72	11,852,687	10,755,388
TOTAL EQUITY	=	35,136,878	34,039,579

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Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Retained Earnings \$	Amalgamation Reserve \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 January 2023	10,755,388	23,284,191	34,039,579
Result for the year	1,097,299	-	1,097,299
Balance at 31 December 2023	11,852,687	23,284,191	35,136,878
Balance at 1 January 2022	8,874,266	23,284,191	32,158,457
Result for the year	1,881,122	-	1,881,122
Balance at 31 December 2022	10,755,388	23,284,191	34,039,579

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipts from members and other revenue received		18,573,985	18,700,847
Payments to suppliers and employers		(17,195,379)	(16,408,858)
Interest received		433,325	107,940
Interest paid		(12,024)	(3,278)
Other receipts		-	(80,005)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	21	1,799,907	2,316,646
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(363,597)	(2,374,545)
Purchase of held to maturity assets		(268,979)	(3,040,929)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	11 11	(632,576)	(5,415,474)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Repayment of lease liabilities	7	(51,536)	(48,774)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	5	(51,536)	(48,774)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		1,115,795	(3,147,602)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		9,062,203	12,209,805
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	6	10,177,998	9,062,203

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1 Basis of preparation of the financial statements

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements and have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that apply for the reporting period and the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009.* For the purpose of preparing the general purpose financial statements, the Branch is a not-for-profit entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and in accordance with the historical cost, except for certain assets and liabilities measured at fair value, as explained in the accounting policies below. Historical cost is generally based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. Except where stated, no allowance is made for the effect of changing prices on the results or the financial position. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

Material accounting policy information relating to the preparation of these financial statements is resented below and is consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

2 Material Accounting Policy Information

(a) Revenue and other income

Revenue from contracts with customers

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Branch expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services.

Revenue is recognised by applying a five-step model as follows:

- 1. Identify the contract with the customer;
- 2. Identify the performance obligations;
- 3. Determine the transaction price;
- 4. Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations; and
- 5. Recognise revenue as and when control of the performance obligations is transferred.

Generally the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

None of the revenue streams of the Branch have any significant financing terms as there is less than 12 months between receipt of funds and satisfaction of performance obligations.

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2 Material Accounting Policy Information

(a) Revenue and other income

Specific revenue streams

The revenue recognition policies for the principal revenue streams of the Branch are:

Membership income

For membership subscription arrangements that meet the criteria to be contracts with customers, revenue is recognised when the promised goods or services transfer to the customer as a member of the Branch.

There is only one distinct membership service promised in the arrangement. Accordingly, the Branch recognises revenue as the membership service is provided, which is typically based on the passage of time over the subscription period to reflect the Branch promise to stand ready to provide assistance and support to the member as required.

When a member subsequently purchases additional goods or services from the Branch at their standalone selling price, the Branch accounts for those sales as a separate contract with a customer.

Other professional services

The Branch provides other professional services to members in the form of events and advertising. These are fixed price contracts. Revenue is recognised over the period of when the service is performed.

Rental income

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Branch and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue has been satisfied.

Interest revenue

Interest is recognised using the effective interest rate method.

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2 Material Accounting Policy Information

(b) Income Tax

The Branch is exempt from income tax under section 50.1 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* however still has obligations for Payroll Tax, Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) and the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

(c) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

(d) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the assets useful life to the Branch, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Fixed asset class	Depreciation rate
Buildings	2.5 - 5%
Plant and Equipment	15 - 30%
Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings	15 - 30%
Motor Vehicles	25%
Computer Software	25%

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(d) Property, plant and equipment

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

(e) Leases

At inception of a contract, the Branch assesses whether a lease exists - i.e. does the contract convey the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

This involves an assessment of whether:

- The contract involves the use of an identified asset this may be explicitly or implicitly identified within the agreement. If the supplier has a substantive substitution right then there is no identified asset.
- The Branch has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from the use of the asset throughout the period of use.
- The Branch has the right to direct the use of the asset i.e. decision making rights in relation to changing how and for what purpose the asset is used.

Separate lease and non-lease components

Lessee accounting

The non-lease components included in the lease agreement have been separated and are recognised as an expense as incurred.

(i) Right-of-use asset

At the lease commencement, the Branch recognises a right-of-use asset and associated lease liability for the lease term. The lease term includes extension periods where the Branch believes it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised.

The right-of-use asset is measured using the cost model where cost on initial recognition comprises of the lease liability, initial direct costs, prepaid lease payments, estimated cost of removal and restoration less any lease incentives received.

The right-of-use asset is depreciated over the lease term on a straight line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of assets accounting policy.

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- 2 Material Accounting Policy Information
 - (e) Leases
 - (ii) Lease liability

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments at the commencement of the lease. The discount rate is the rate implicit in the lease, however where this cannot be readily determined then the Branch's incremental borrowing rate is used.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The lease liability is remeasured whether there is a lease modification, change in estimate of the lease term or index upon which the lease payments are based (e.g. CPI) or a change in the Branch's assessment of lease term.

Where the lease liability is remeasured, the right-of-use asset is adjusted to reflect the remeasurement or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

Exceptions to lease accounting

The Branch has elected to apply the exceptions to lease accounting for both short-term leases (i.e. leases with a term of less than or equal to 12 months) and leases of low-value assets. The Branch recognises the payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(f) Capitation fees and levies

Capitation fees and levies are recognised on an accruals basis and recorded as an expense in the year to which it relates.

(g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is recognised at its nominal amount. Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with bank, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturity of 3 months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and subject to insignificant risk of changes in value and bank overdrafts.

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(h) Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Branch becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through-profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

Financial assets

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

Classification

On initial recognition, the Branch classifies its financial assets into the following categories, those measured at:

- amortised cost; and
- fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL").

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Branch changes its business model for managing financial assets.

Amortised cost

Assets measured at amortised cost are financial assets where:

- the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

The Branch's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables, cash and cash equivalents and financial assets in the balance sheet.

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

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2 Material Accounting Policy Information

(h) Financial instruments

Financial assets

Financial assets through profit or loss

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income as described above are measured at FVTPL.

Net gains or losses, including any interest or dividend income are recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment of financial assets

Impairment of financial assets is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis for financial assets measured at amortised cost.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial assets has increased significant since initial recognition and when estimating ECL, the Branch considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on the Branch's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward looking information.

The Branch uses the presumption that an asset which is more than 30 days past due has seen a significant increase in credit risk.

The Branch uses the presumption that a financial asset is in default when:

- the other party is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Branch in full, without recourse to the Branch to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or
- the financial assets is more than 90 days past due.

Credit losses are measured as the present value of the difference between the cash flows due to the Branch in accordance with the contract and the cash flows expected to be received. This is applied using a probability weighted approach.

Trade receivables

Impairment of trade receivables have been determined using the simplified approach in AASB 9 which uses an estimation of lifetime expected credit losses. The Branch has determined the probability of non-payment of the receivable and contract asset and multiplied this by the amount of the expected loss arising from default.

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2 Material Accounting Policy Information

(h) Financial instruments

Financial assets

The amount of the impairment is recorded in a separate allowance account with the loss being recognised in finance expense. Once the receivable is determined to be uncollectable then the gross carrying amount is written off against the associated allowance.

Where the Branch renegotiates the terms of trade receivables due from certain customers, the new expected cash flows are discounted at the original effective interest rate and any resulting difference to the carrying value is recognised in profit or loss.

Other financial assets measured at amortised cost

Impairment of other financial assets measured at amortised cost are determined using the expected credit loss model in AASB 9. On initial recognition of the asset, an estimate of the expected credit losses for the next 12 months is recognised. Where the asset has experienced significant increase in credit risk then the lifetime losses are estimated and recognised.

Financial liabilities

The Branch measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The financial liabilities of the Branch comprise trade and other payables and lease liabilities.

(i) Impairment of non-financial assets

At the end of each reporting period the Branch determines whether there is any evidence of an impairment indicator for non-financial assets.

Where an indicator exists and regardless for indefinite life intangible assets and intangible assets not yet available for use, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated.

Where assets do not operate independently of other assets, the recoverable amount of the relevant cash-generating unit (CGU) is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the higher of the fair value less costs of disposal and the value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from an asset or cash-generating unit.

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(i) Impairment of non-financial assets

Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Reversal indicators are considered in subsequent periods for all assets which have suffered an impairment loss.

(j) Employee benefits

Short-term obligations

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits and accumulating sick leave that are expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the end of the reporting period and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. The liabilities are presented as current employee benefit obligations in the balance sheet.

Other long-term employee benefit obligations

The liabilities for long service leave and annual leave are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service. They are therefore measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the end of the reporting period. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the end of the reporting period of high-quality corporate bonds with terms and currencies that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows. Remeasurements as a result of experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are recognised in profit or loss.

The obligations are presented as current liabilities in the balance sheet if the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting period, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur.

(k) Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

The Branch has adopted all standards which became effective for the first time at 31 December 2023, and the adoption of these standards has not caused any material adjustments to the reported financial position or performance.

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2 Material Accounting Policy Information

(I) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations

Certain new accounting standards have been published that are not mandatory for 31 December 2023 reporting periods and have not been early adopted by the Branch. These standards are not expected to have a material impact on the Branch in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

3 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

The Committee of Management make estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

The significant estimates and judgements made have been described below:

Key estimates - impairment of property, plant and equipment

The Branch assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluating conditions specific to the Branch that may be indicative of impairment triggers.

Key estimates - useful lives of depreciable assets

Management reviews its estimate of the useful lives of depreciable assets at each reporting date, based on the expected utility of the assets. Uncertainties in these estimates relate to technical obsolescence that may change the utility of certain property, plant and equipment.

Key estimates - employee entitlements

As described in the accounting policies, provisions are measured at management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period. These estimates are made taking into account a range of possible outcomes and will vary as further information is obtained.

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3 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

Key estimates - receivables

The receivables at reporting date have been reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that any of the receivables are impaired. An impairment provision is included for any receivable where the entire balance is not considered collectible. The impairment provision is based on the best information at the reporting date.

4 Revenue and Other Income

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Revenue from contracts with customers		
- Membership income	16,558,962	16,490,358
Other income		
- Publication income	228,183	193,319
- Rental income	100,932	62,053
- Directors fees	108,731	54,500
- Interest income	433,325	107,940
- Other income	64,339	191,859
	935,510	609,671

(a) Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue from contracts with customers has been disaggregated and the following table shows this breakdown:

Timing of revenue recognition		
- Over time	16,558,962	16,490,358
- At a point in time	-	-
Revenue from contracts with customers	16,558,962	16,490,358

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5 Result for the Year

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Employee Expenses		
Office holders*		
- Wages and salaries	1,866,016	1,636,596
- Superannuation	262,599	220,888
- Leave and other entitlements	247,581	(38,273)
- Other employee expenses (Fringe benefits and payroll tax)	210,567	97,135
	2,586,763	1,916,346
Employees other than office holders		
- Wages and salaries	7,557,047	7,291,007
- Superannuation	1,020,379	967,805
- Leave and other entitlements	(248,870)	(422,631)
- Other employee expenses (Fringe benefits and payroll tax)	439,986	456,038
	8,768,542	8,292,219
	11,355,305	10,208,565
* Office holders are defined by the RO Act.		
Legal Costs		
Litigation	89,915	71,338
Other Legal Matters	2,138	6,239
	92,053	77,577
Grants & donations		
Grants - total paid that exceeded \$1,000	18,000	18,000
Donations - total paid that were \$1,000 or less	2,950	550
Donations - total paid that exceeded \$1,000	-,	-
	2,950	550
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5 Result for the Year

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	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Affiliation fees		
Independent Education Union of Australia	206,742	196,079
Independent Education Union of Australia - Common Pool of Fund	15,006	-
Unions NSW	93,078	87,620
Unions ACT	15,970	16,103
Welfare Right Centre	13,838	13,838
South Coast Labour Council	3,653	3,457
Newcastle Trade Hall Council	3,622	3,376
Workers Health Centre	1,890	1,694
Union Shopper	14,000	14,000
	367,799	336,167
Capitation fees - Independent Education Union of Australia	680,421	574,368
Consideration to employers for payroll deductions of membership	102 723	00.027
subscriptions	102,722	99,837
Conference and meeting expenses	14,845	487,992
Fees/allowances - meeting and conferences	61,406	35,430
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash at bank and on hand	10,177,998	9,062,203

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7 Trade and Other Receivables

		2023	2022
		\$	\$
Trade receivables from contracts with customers		493,994	479,474
Provision for impairment	7(a)	(183,770)	(166,488)
		310,224	312,986
Other receivables	0	87,422	68,150
	_	397,646	381,136

The carrying value of trade receivables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of each class of receivable in the financial statements.

(a) Impairment of receivables

The Branch applies the simplified approach to providing for expected credit losses prescribed by AASB 9, which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision for all trade receivables. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. The loss allowance provision as at 31 December 2023 is determined as follows, the expected credit losses incorporate forward looking information.

31 December 2023	Current	< 90 days overdue	> 90 days overdue	Total
Expected loss rate (%)	1.00	40.00	95.00	
Gross carrying amount (\$)	183,203	206,026	104,765	493,994
ECL provision	1,832	82,411	99,527	183,770
31 December 2022				
Expected loss rate (%)	1.00	40.00	95.00	
Gross carrying amount (\$)	189,394	199,626	90,454	479,474
ECL provision	1,894	78,663	85,931	166,488

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7 Trade and Other Receivables

(b) Receivables from other reporting units and related parties

	2023	2022	
	\$	\$	
Independent Education Union of Australia	712	8,040	

None of the receivables from other reporting units and related parties are deemed impaired (2022: \$Nil).

8 Financial Assets

Current		
Financial assets held at amortised cost		
Term Deposits	4,358,583	4,077,696
Non-current		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
Shares - unlisted entity	50	50
Financial assets held at amortised cost		
Term Deposits	3,534,272	3,534,272
	3,534,322	3,534,322

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9 Leases

Branch as a lessee

The Branch has leases over a range of assets including IT equipment.

Information relating to the leases in place and associated balances and transactions are provided below.

Terms and conditions of leases

Office equipment is leased over 2 to 5 year period with no option to extend. The lease payments are fixed during the lease term.

(a) Right-of-use assets

			Plant and Equipment
			\$
	Year ended 31 December 2023		
	Balance at beginning of year		25,423
	Additions to right-of-use assets		130,666
	Depreciation charge	_	(42,730)
	Balance at end of year	=	113,359
	Year ended 31 December 2022		
	Balance at beginning of year		72,273
	Depreciation charge	-	(46,850)
	Balance at end of year	=	25,423
(b)	Lease liabilities		
		2023	2022
		\$	\$
	Current	33,842	17,863
	Non-current	85,221	10,162
		119,063	28,025

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9 Leases

(c) Lease liabilities

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities based on contractual undiscounted cash flows is shown in the table below:

	< 1 year	1 - 5 years	Total undiscounted lease liabilities	Lease liabilities included in this Balance Sheet
	\$	\$	\$	\$
2023				
Lease liabilities	45,096	118,012	163,108	119,063
2022				
Lease liabilities	19,016	10,480	29,496	28,025

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

The amounts recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income relating to leases where the Branch is a lessee are shown below:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Lease interest expense	12,024	3,278
Depreciation of right-of-use asset	42,730	46,850
	54,754	50,128
Statement of Cash Flows		
Total cash outflow for leases	51,536	48,774

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10 Property, plant and equipment

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Land and buildings		
At cost	22,888,997	22,740,845
Accumulated depreciation	(1,893,550)	(1,284,883)
	20,995,447	21,455,962
Plant and equipment		
At cost	505,851	441,044
Accumulated depreciation	(296,541)	(193,283)
	209,310	247,761
Furniture, fixtures and fittings		
At cost	100,833	89,867
Accumulated depreciation	(55,787)	(42,963)
	45,046	46,904
Motor vehicles		
At cost	592,684	477,964
Accumulated depreciation	(334,006)	(242,838)
	258,678	235,126
Computer software		
At cost	49,720	49,720
Accumulated depreciation	(34,650)	(22,220)
	15,070	27,500
Total property, plant and equipment	21,523,551	22,013,253

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10 Property, plant and equipment

(a) Movements in carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	Land and buildings \$	Plant and Equipment \$	Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings \$	Motor Vehicles \$	Computer Software \$	Total \$
Year ended 31 December 2023						
Balance at the beginning of year	21,455,962	247,761	46,904	235,126	27,500	22,013,253
Additions	148,152	74,377	9,972	131,096	-	363,597
Transfers from asset clearing	-	(4,841)	995	3,440	-	(406)
Disposals - written down value	-	(3,635)	-	-	-	(3,635)
Depreciation expense	(608,667)	(104,352)	(12,825)	(110,984)	(12,430)	(849,258)
Balance at the end of the year	20,995,447	209,310	45,046	258,678	15,070	21,523,551

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10 Property, plant and equipment

(a) Movements in carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment

	Land and buildings \$	Plant and Equipment \$	Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings \$	Motor Vehicles \$	Computer Software \$	Total \$
Year ended 31 December 2022						
Balance at the beginning of year	20,120,760	212,060	67,754	222,425	39,930	20,662,929
Additions	2,114,676	137,459	7,572	116,315	-	2,376,022
Disposals - written down value	(170,305)	(3,481)	(9,974)	-	-	(183,760)
	(609,169)	(98,277)		(103,614)	(12,430)	(841,938)
Depreciation expense	(005)1057				07.500	22 012 252
Balance at the end of the year	21,455,962	247,761	46,904	235,126	27,500	22,013,253

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11 Trade and Other Payables

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Trade payables	470,181	403,883
Other payables	212,441	250,813
	682,622	654,696

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

(a) Payables to other reporting units and related parties

		Independent Education Union of Australia - National Office	712	8,025
	(b)	Other payables disclosures		
		Legal fees - Other legal matters	3,346	3,346
		Payable to employees for making payroll deductions of		
		membership subscriptions		2,111
12	Othe	er Financial Liabilities		
	Reve	nue received in advance - contracts from customers	265,531	439,823

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13	Emp	loyee Benefits		
			2023	2022
			\$	\$
	Curr	ent liabilities		
	Annı	ual leave	1,673,184	1,666,865
	Long	g service leave	2,296,401	2,313,621
			3,969,585	3,980,486
	Non	-current liabilities		
	Long	g service leave	-	-
	(a)	Total employee benefits attributable to:		
		Employee provisions		
		Office Holders* - Current		
		Annual leave	1,292,604	579,769
		Long service leave	1,882,074	1,049,003
			3,174,678	1,628,772
		Employees other than office holders		
		- Current		
		Annual leave	380,580	1,087,096
		Long service leave	414,327	1,264,618
			794,907	2,351,714
		Employees other than office holders		
		- Non-current		
		Long service leave	-	
			-	-
			3,969,585	3,980,486

* Office holders are defined by the RO Act.

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14 Reserves

Amalgamation reserve

The amalgamation reserve was created when the New South Wales Independent Education Union was deregistered and it transferred its assets and liabilities to the Independent Education Union of Australia New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory Branch – the transfer of these assets at fair value gave rise to an amalgamation reserve as per AASB 3 *Business Combinations*.

15 Financial Risk Management

		2023	2022
	Note	\$	\$
Financial assets			
Held at amortised cost			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	10,177,998	9,062,203
Trade and other receivables	7	397,646	381,136
Term deposits	8	4,358,583	7,611,968
Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)		.,===,====	,,011,508
Shares in unlisted entity	8	50	50
Total financial assets		14,934,277	17,055,357
Financial liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	682,622	654,696
Lease liabilities	9	119,063	28,025
Total financial liabilities		801,685	682,721

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises from the Branch's management of working capital. It is the risk that the Branch will encounter difficulty in meeting its financial obligations as they fall due.

The Branch's policy is to ensure that it will always have sufficient cash to allow it to meet its liabilities as and when they fall due.

The Branch manages its liquidity needs by carefully monitoring cash-outflows due in day-to-day business.

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15 Financial Risk Management

Liquidity risk

The Branch's liabilities have contractual maturities which are summarised below:

	Less than	Less than 1 year		Total	
	2023 \$	2022 \$	2023 \$	2022 \$	
Trade and other payables	682,622	654,696	682,622	654,696	

Credit risk

The Branch has no significant concentration of credit risk with respect to any single counterparty or group of counterparties.

The Branch does not hold any financial assets with terms that have been renegotiated, but which would otherwise be past due or impaired.

The other classes of receivables do not contain impaired assets.

Market risk

The Branch is not exposed to a material level of interest rate risk or equity price risk.

(a) Net income from financial assets

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Term Deposits		
Interest income	433,325	107,940

(b) Fair value estimation

The fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities are consistent with their carrying values as presented in the balance sheet. Fair values are those amounts at which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

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16 Fair Value Measurement

The Branch measures the following assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis:

Fair value hierarchy

AASB 13 *Fair Value Measurement* requires all assets and liabilities measured at fair value to be assigned to a level in the fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1	Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.
Level 2	Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
Level 3	Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The table below shows the assigned level for each asset and liability held at fair value by the Branch:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
31 December 2023	\$	\$	\$	\$
Recurring fair value measurements				
Financial assets				
Unlisted Shares	-		50	50
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
31 December 2022	\$	\$	\$	\$
Recurring fair value measurements				
Financial assets				
Unlisted Shares		_	50	50

Level 3 measurements

The Committee of Management believe that the fair value of these shares is equal to the cost that was paid for them, as they have no right to variable return for the entities.

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17 Key Management Personnel Disclosures

The totals of remuneration paid to the key management personnel of Independent Education Union of Australia New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory Branch during the year are as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Short-term benefits	873,911	1,106,358
Long-term benefits	113,888	40,536
Post-employment benefits	127,058	152,378
	1,114,857	1,299,272
Key management personnel are defined at note 20(a).		
B Auditors' Remuneration		
Remuneration of the auditor, Daley Audit, of the Branch for:		
- auditing of the financial report	45,750	46,450
- other services - taxation assistance	3,530	
	49,280	46,450
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19 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Committee of Management the Branch did not have any contingencies at 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: None).

Contingent Liabilities

As a benefit of membership, the Branch has undertaken to fund the future legal costs of a number of member matters. Whilst it is difficult to quantify the commitment that has been made, the Branch's exposure to costs being incurred is limited and can be controlled. Accordingly, the collective value of the potential contingent liability to the Union is not able to be measured reliably, nor is it considered to be material, and hence no further information has been disclosed.

Contingent Assets

Similarly, having funded the legal costs of member matters over numerous years, the Branch considers it probable that future recoveries will be made in relation to such legal services disbursements. However, the prospects of success and quantum of recoveries are not able to be measured reliably, nor are they considered to be material, and hence no further information has been disclosed.

20 Related Parties

(a) The Branch's main related parties are as follows:

(i) Key Management Personnel (KMP):

Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly, including any Committee (whether executive or otherwise) of that entity are considered KMP.

For details of remuneration disclosures relating to key management personnel, refer to Note 17: Key Management Personnel Disclosures.

Other transactions with KMP and their related entities are shown below.

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20 Related Parties

(b) Transactions with related parties

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

The following transactions occurred with related parties:

- Amounts owed to and amounts owed by the Branch to other Reporting Units are disclosed in notes 7(b) and 11(a) respectively.
- Capitation and affiliation fees paid are disclosed in note 5.

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

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20 Related Parties

The following transactions occurred with related parties:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Independent Education Union of Australia - National Office		
- Payroll tax expense	(50,941)	(51,188)
- Postage expense	(933)	(822)
- Rental income	43,636	3,013
- Salary reimbursement	10,509	130,044
- Electricity reimbursement	-	511
- Campaign reimbursement	(15,006)	(18,408)
- Entitlements expense	(57,555)	-
Independent Education Union of Australia - Queensland/Northern Territory Branch		
- Publication sales	71,970	54,883
Independent Education Union of Australia - South Australia Branch		
- Publication sales	-	342
Independent Education Union of Australia - Victoria/Tasmania Branch		
- Publication sales	62,231	47,728
Independent Education Union of Australia - Western Australia Branch		
- Publication sales	2,244	1,710

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21 Cash Flow Information

(a) Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities

		2023 \$	2022 \$
Result for the year		1,097,299	1,881,122
Cash flows excluded activities	from profit attributable to operating		
- depreciation exp	pense	891,988	888,788
- loss on disposal	of property, plant and equipment	4,041	187,487
Changes in assets a	nd liabilities:		
- (increase)/decre	ease in trade and other receivables	(16,510)	(59,182)
- (increase)/decre	ease in other assets	(19,644)	51,209
 increase/(decrease) 	ase) in trade and other payables	(146,366)	(171,874)
 increase/(decrease) 	ase) in employee benefits	(10,901)	(460,904)
Cashflows from ope	rations	1,799,907	2,316,646
(b) Cash flow informat	ion - reporting units		
Net cash flows fror	n Reporting Units:		
Independent Educ	cation Union of Australia - National Office	58,509	133,921
Independent Educ	cation Union of Australia QLD/NT Branch	79,167	60,372
Independent Educ	cation Union of Australia VIC/TAS Branch	68,454	52,501
Independent Educ	cation Union of Australia WA Branch	2,468	1,881
Independent Educ	cation Union of Australia SA Branch	-	376
Net cash flows to R	eporting Units:		
	cation Union of Australia - National Office	(1,100,407)	(916,573)

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22 Events Occurring After the Reporting Date

There has not been any matter or circumstance occurring subsequent to the end of the financial year that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Branch, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Branch in subsequent financial periods.

23 Section 272 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009

In accordance with the requirements of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*, the attention of members is drawn to the provisions of subsections (1) to (3) of section 272, which reads as follows:

Information to be provided to members or General Manager:

- 1. A member of a reporting unit, or the General Manager, may apply to the reporting unit for specified prescribed information in relation to the reporting unit to be made available to the person making the application.
- 2. The application must be in writing and must specify the period within which, and the manner in which, the information is to be made available. The period must not be less than 14 days after the application is given to the reporting unit.
- 3. A reporting unit must comply with an application made under subsection (1).

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Subsection 255 (2A) report

For the year ended 31 December 2023

The Committee of Management presents the expenditure report as required under subsection 255(2A) on the Reporting Unit for the year ended 31 December 2023.





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Carol Matthews Secretary

Dated: 5 April 2024

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Officer Declaration Statement

I, Carol Matthews, being the Secretary of the Independent Education Union of Australia - New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory Branch, declare that the following activities did not occur during the reporting period ending 31 December 2023 (including the comparative year).

The reporting unit did not:

- agree to receive financial support from another reporting unit to continue as a going concern (refers to agreement regarding financial support not dollar amount)
- agree to provide financial support to another reporting unit to ensure they continue as a going concern (refers to agreement regarding financial support not dollar amount)
- acquire an asset or liability due to an amalgamation under Part 2 of Chapter 3 of the RO Act, a restructure of the branches of an organisation, a determination or revocation by the General Manager, Fair Work Commission
- receive periodic or membership subscriptions-
- receive capitation fees from another reporting unit
- receive any other revenue amount from another reporting unit
- receive revenue via compulsory levies
- receive donations or grants
- receive revenue from undertaking recovery of wages activity
- incur fees as consideration for employers making payroll deductions of membership subscriptions-
- pay capitation fees to another reporting unit
- pay any other expense to another reporting unit
- pay affiliation fees to other entity
- pay compulsory levies
- pay a grant that was \$1,000 or less
- pay a grant that exceeded \$1,000
- pay a donation that was \$1,000 or less
- pay a donation that exceeded \$1,000
- pay wages and salaries to holders of office
- pay superannuation to holders of office
- pay leave and other entitlements to holders of office
- pay separation and redundancy to holders of office
- pay other employee expenses to holders of office
- pay wages and salaries to employees (other than holders of office)
- pay superannuation to employees (other than holders of office)
- pay leave and other entitlements to employees (other than holders of office)
- pay separation and redundancy to employees (other than holders of office)
- pay other employee expenses to employees (other than holders of office).
- pay to a person fees or allowances to attend conferences or meetings as a representative of the reporting unit
- incur expenses due to holding a meeting as required under the rules of the organisation
- pay legal costs relating to litigation-
- pay legal costs relating to other legal matters
- pay a penalty imposed under the RO Act or the Fair Work Act 2009
- have a receivable with other reporting unit(s)

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Officer Declaration Statement

- have a payable with other reporting unit(s)
- have a payable to an employer for that employer making payroll deductions of membership subscriptions-
- have a payable in respect of legal costs relating to litigation
- have a payable in respect of legal costs relating to other legal matters
- have an annual leave provision in respect of holders of office-
- have a long service leave provision in respect of holders of office
- have a separation and redundancy provision in respect of holders of office
- have other employee provisions in respect of holders of office
- have an annual leave provision in respect of employees (other than holders of office)
- have a long service leave provision in respect of employees (other than holders of office)
- have a separation and redundancy provision in respect of employees (other than holders of office)
- have other employee provisions in respect of employees (other than holders of office)
- have a fund or account for compulsory levies, voluntary contributions or required by the rules of the organisation or branch
- transfer to or withdraw from a fund (other than the general fund), account, asset or controlled entity
- have a balance within the general fund-
- provide cash flows to another reporting unit and/or controlled entity-
- receive cash flows from another reporting unit and/or controlled entity
- have another entity administer the financial affairs of the reporting unit
- make a payment to a former related party of the reporting unit

Carol Matthews Secretary

Dated: 5 April 2024



Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Independent Education Union of Australia New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory Branch ("the Branch"), which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 December 2023, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and the Committee of Management Statement, the subsection 255 (2A) report and the Officer Declaration Statement.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Branch as at 31 December 2023 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended on that date in accordance with:

- (i) the Australian Accounting Standards; and
- (ii) any other requirements imposed by the Reporting Guidelines or Part 3 of chapter 8 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* ("the RO Act").

We declare that management's use of the going concern basis in the preparation of the financial statements of the Branch is appropriate.

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 Branch in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical 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 Auditors Report Thereon

The Committee of Management is responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is included in the Operating 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 Committee of Managements for the Financial Report

The Committee of Management of the Branch are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the RO Act, and for such internal control as the Committee of Managements 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 Committee of Managements are responsible for assessing the Branch'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 Committee of Managements either intend to liquidate the Branch 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 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 the 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 Branch's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee of Management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Committee of Managements' 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 Branch'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 Branch 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 Committee of Management 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.

I declare that I am an auditor registered under the RO Act.

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Partner

Wollongong

Dated: 5 April 2024

Registration Number (as registered under the RO Act): AA2017/67

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