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**Annual Financial Report
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General information

The financial statements cover The Wilderness Society Ltd as a consolidated entity consisting of The Wilderness Society Ltd and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the year. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is The Wilderness Society Ltd's functional and presentation currency.

The Wilderness Society Ltd is a not-for-profit unlisted public company limited by guarantee. Its registered office and principal place of business is:

132 Davey Street
HOBART TAS 7000

The financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of Directors, on 19 October 2023. The Directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

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Directors' Report

The Directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the consolidated entity (referred to hereafter as the 'consolidated entity') consisting of The Wilderness Society Ltd (referred to hereafter as the 'company' or 'parent entity') and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the year ended 30 June 2023.

Directors

The names of the Board of Directors in office of The Wilderness Society Ltd at any time during the year and thereafter until 19 October 2023 being the date of the approval of the financial report, are:

Karl Tischler	Convenor	Appointed Director from 28 July 2021; Appointed Convenor 21 February 2023
Amanda Branley	Director	Re-elected Director 25 November 2021; Appointed Deputy Convenor 6 December 2022
Andrew Barker	Director	Elected Director 26 November 2020
Lisa Roberts	Director	Re-elected 23 November 2022
Leanne Craze AM	Director	Re-elected 25 November 2021; Re-appointed Convenor 7 December 2021; Resigned 21 March 2023
Junita Mushenko	Director	Appointed Director from 28 September 2021; Resigned 1 May 2023
Jacqueline Mills	Director	Elected Director 25 November 2021; Appointed Convenor 6 December 2022; Resigned 15 February 2023
Paul McDonnell	Director	Elected Director 23 November 2022; Resigned 20 July 2023
Fiona Justin	Director	Elected Director 23 November 2022; Resigned 13 February 2023
Sam Rando	Director	Re-elected 28 November 2019; Resigned 21 July 2022

The Board has been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

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Information on Directors

Karl Tischler

Karl comes to The Wilderness Society with a deep interest in how the Australian public values and views all aspects of nature. With a Bachelor of Business (UTS), Grad. Certificate in Public Relations and an MA in Communications Management, Karl also completed the Australian Progress Advocacy and Campaigning Fellowship in 2019.

With over 20 years of experience, Karl is the 'Founding Director and Idealist' of Marlin Communications, an agency providing branding, fundraising and creative services to the for-purpose sector.

Karl is a skills-based Appointed Director and was appointed as Board Convenor on 21 February 2023. He is currently a member of the Finance, Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee.

Amanda Branley

Amanda holds a Masters degree in Leadership and Management and has graduated from the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Company Director Course. She is a member of The Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS) Committee and has experience as a committee member of a number of Boards, including the Institute of Public Administration Australia WA.

Currently, Amanda is head of procurement for the Public Transport Authority in WA. She has over 20 years of experience in the government sector.

Amanda has been a Director on The Wilderness Society Ltd Board for five years, and prior to that held the roles of Convenor and Treasurer for The Wilderness Society WA Management Committee.

Amanda was appointed as Deputy Convenor on 6 December 2022 and is a member of the Finance, Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee.

Andrew Barker

Andrew joined the Board after having been a supporter of The Wilderness Society for many years. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Melbourne. He is a fellow of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia and has attended INSEAD for multiple leadership programmes.

Andrew has worked in senior financial management roles for over 15 years, including financial services and non-profit Board experience. He was a member of Asylum Seekers Resource Centre Board Finance Sub Committee (2015 – 2020) and is currently General Manager, Financial Optimisation and Sustainability at AIA Australia. He brings financial, strategic, governance, leadership and analytical skills to the Board.

Andrew is a member and Convenor of the Finance, Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee.

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Lisa Roberts

Lisa has a Bachelor of Arts (BA), Public Relations and Politics Majors, and a Certificate of Technology, Civil Engineering from RMIT University. Lisa has graduated from the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Company Director Course.

With an engineering background in catchment management, and experience in public affairs/relations in various sectors, including over 20 years in local government, Lisa brings extensive experience and strong governance knowledge to The Wilderness Society. Through past engineering and civic experience, she has an extensive understanding of Australia's social frameworks, infrastructure development and population growth issues, all of which significantly impact our environment.

Lisa is a member and Convenor of the Governance Committee

Leanne Craze AM

Leanne became a member of The Wilderness Society in the 1980s. She holds Social Work (BSW, PhD) and Science (Grad Dip. Climate Change and Resource Management) qualifications, and has run her own mental health and social policy consulting company since 1990. Leanne has over 30 years of experience working with NGO committees of management—establishing and supporting the development of fledgling and established NGOs. She is also a Board member of GroundUp, a not-for-profit organisation supporting community development in First Nations communities in the Kimberley.

Leanne was elected to The Wilderness Society Inc Committee of Management in 2015. She was a Director of The Wilderness Society Ltd from its establishment in 2016, was a Co-Convenor of the Board from May 2018 to November 2020, and Convenor until December 2022. Leanne resigned from the Board on 21 March 2023.

Junita Mushenko

Junita has a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from UNSW, a Grad. Certificate in Human Resource Management and a Masters in Coaching, Leadership, Neurolinguistic Programming and Human Behavior from ICI (International Coaching Institute).

Junita has over 15 years of human resource leadership experience in for-purpose, enterprise and ICT organisations, and is the founder of Xpand Coaching and Consulting. She was a director of the Taj Foundation funding children and young people in Australia and South Asia.

Junita is passionate about diversity, inclusion, equity and belonging. She brings a lived cultural diversity and intersectionality perspective to the conservation movement that will help The Wilderness Society with forward-thinking approaches that support staff, volunteers and the leadership team with sustainable solutions.

Junita was a member of the Governance Committee and resigned from the Board on 1 May 2023.

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Jacqueline Mills

Jacqui has a Bachelor of Arts (Sociology and Social Policy) upon which she completed a Bachelor of Sociology (Honours), and a Masters of Environmental Management. In addition, she has completed the Australian Institute of Company Directors course on governance for not-for-profit directors.

Jacqui has worked in the not-for-profit advocacy space for almost 15 years. She leads strategic campaigning for World Animal Protection and was the Director of The Wombat Foundation for over nine years. She was hands-on in building this organisation to save the critically endangered Northern Hairy-nosed Wombat from extinction. In addition to this, she has a lengthy history of multiple committees and other voluntary roles in the environment and animal protection movements.

Jacqui was a member of the Finance, Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee, was briefly Convenor of the Board (December 2022), and resigned from the Board on 15 February 2023.

Paul McDonnell

A member of The Wilderness Society for over 20 years, Paul has served previously as Treasurer of The Wilderness Society Queensland from 2003 to 2009.

Paul has undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications in economics. His skills and experience span strategy development, stakeholder management, governance, financial management and leadership. He has primarily worked in the corporate sector focusing on retail and commercial property investment with stints at a Statutory Body and a University. He has also served on the council for an industry lobby group as well as an industry professional standards organisation.

Paul was elected to the Board in November 2022 and resigned on 20 July 2023.

Fiona Justin

Fiona has a Master of Laws from the University of Sydney, a Bachelor of Law (LLB) and a Bachelor of Applied Science (Human Movement). She has completed a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice as well as a Graduate Certificate in International Relations. She is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Fiona has extensive experience in the provision of high-level legal and corporate governance advice to Boards. She is currently General Counsel, Head of Corporate Governance at ERMHA Limited and also acts as Company Secretary and General Counsel for the Aboriginal Carbon Foundation.

Fiona was elected to the Board in November 2022 and resigned on 13 February 2023.

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Members Guarantee

The Wilderness Society Ltd is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of, and for the purpose of winding up the company, the amount capable of being called up from each Member and any person or association who ceased to be a member in the year prior to the winding up, is limited to \$1 for Members that are subject to the provisions of the company's constitution.

At 30 June 2023, the collectible liability of members was \$21,958.

Principal activities

The Wilderness Society Ltd is a public company limited by guarantee. Offices are located in Warrane/Sydney, Naarm/Melbourne, Nipaluna/Hobart and Meanjin/Brisbane, and in addition staff work remotely across the country.

The Wilderness Society Ltd is primarily funded by donations from its Members and Supporters with the purpose of protecting, promoting and restoring wilderness and natural processes across Australia for the survival and ongoing evolution of life on Earth.

The Wilderness Society (TWS) operates as a group of organisations sharing the same purpose and consists of The Wilderness Society Ltd, The Wilderness Society Newcastle, The Wilderness Society Sydney, The Wilderness Society Victoria, The Wilderness Society Tasmania, The Wilderness Society South Australia and The Wilderness Society Western Australia.

All of The Wilderness Society entities are Members of and primarily funded by The Wilderness Society Ltd. As a group, the Wilderness Society entities work together towards achieving the purpose.

Individuals who are Members of The Wilderness Society Ltd are also entitled to be Members of their local Wilderness Society entity.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Communities

The Wilderness Society recognises Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities as the Traditional Owners and custodians of all Country in Australia and pays its respect to Elders past and present. We acknowledge that this land was never ceded. We support efforts to progress recognition of the distinct rights of Indigenous peoples as well as reconciliation, land justice and equality. We welcome actions that better seek to identify, present, protect and conserve Aboriginal cultural heritage, irrespective of where it is located.

Operating Results for the year

The consolidated deficit for the year of the consolidated entity amounted to (\$198,014) (2022: surplus \$1,538,667).

Review of Operations

Organisational objectives

Throughout 2022/2023, The Wilderness Society worked to deliver the strategic direction identified in The Wilderness Society Ltd 2018-2023 Strategic Plan. This plan identified a path to achieve our purpose through ensuring

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- Australia's nature and wilderness is protected, healthy and resilient to threats and is broadly valued for its essential contribution to our existence.
- Australia strongly contributes to limiting dangerous warming to no more than 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels.
- Our community organising program can continue to enliven and sustain a diverse and engaged social movement by building relationships and empowering our supporters.

Financial overview

For the 2022/2023 financial year, The Wilderness Society delivered an operating deficit of (\$198,014) (after our \$1,538,667 surplus result in 2021-22). Our result was better than planned as the Board approved a larger deficit budget in the context of several years of surplus results. And our upside to plan was due to better than budgeted fundraising income particularly from bequests. The deficit was due to an expansionary budget reflecting significant increases in our financial investment in organisational growth and our campaigns, which were delivered.

The financial result for 2022/2023 was a sound financial result during a challenging period where we were rebuilding from the impact of Covid-19, whilst facing economic uncertainty and inflationary pressures. We have maintained a secure financial footing with our balance sheet and liquidity remaining strong. Our strong reserves position gives us confidence to pursue continued investment in our organisation and its work in delivering our continental campaign plan.

Environmental Campaigns and programs

The Wilderness Society's environmental campaigns and programs are structured to fit within the Wilderness Society's Organisational Campaign Plan.

Campaigns and programs are run across national and state levels. They address nature, climate and conservation issues, and can be long-term and ongoing.

Environmental Campaigns in 2022/2023 included the following:

- Strengthening community rights: Calling for communities to have a genuine say and be properly consulted when it comes to environmental decisions;
- Securing new federal nature laws and institutions that effectively protect nature and native animals and address community rights in environmental decisions;
- Expanding protection across the Martuwarra and West Kimberley to protect global heritage values, while ruling out inappropriate large scale irrigated agriculture and the expansion of gas fracking in the region. Supporting the Martuwarra / Fitzroy River Council with a First Nations led local conservation economy project;
- Tackling deforestation in Australia. Our launch of Watch On Nature, an app that uses satellite data to allows community members to identify deforestation, logging and fire impacts.;
- Raising the issue of Australia's deforestation with European Union decision makers and finance sectors in Australia and EU. And highlighting Biodiversity risk;
- Defending World Heritage listed wilderness from privatisation, including Tasmania's Lake Malbena;
- Protecting high conservation value native forests in Victoria and Tasmania;
- Seeking protection for WA's Northern Jarrah Forests that are threatened by bauxite mining;
- Demanding that the fossil fuel industry pays to properly decommission its ageing offshore infrastructure and continuing to lobby against the release of offshore acreage for oil and gas exploration;
- Protecting the wider Lake Eyre Basin (including Munga-Thirri/ Simpson Desert and QLD Channel Country) from the expansion of the fossil fuel industry;
- Calling for the inclusion forest areas adjacent to NSW Wollemi National Park to be included in the World Heritage Area;

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- Working with the Great Australian Bight Alliance (GABA) and Mirning Elders to secure World Heritage protection for the Nullarbor and Great Australian Bight.

Community Organising Program

The Wilderness Society Ltd has a deep commitment to the power of people to make change and in 2015 launched the community organising program to empower a new generation of leaders.

This program involves building the capacity of communities through training leaders and organisers to create lasting positive change for nature.

Fundraising and Administration

Administration processes are continually assessed for efficiency, and to deliver cost savings across the federation.

We have carried out fundraising activities through appeals and telemarketing as well as our Wilderness Defender face to face fundraising program in Melbourne, as well as increasing capacity in our philanthropy team.

We invest in national fundraising activities in support of our purpose.

Consolidated Entities

The Wilderness Society Ltd is deemed to control interests in the Friends of the Wilderness.

The Friends of the Wilderness unit trust holds property in Hobart and Launceston and leases the properties to The Wilderness Society, Tasmania. The Wilderness Society Ltd owns 78.17% of the units in the Trust.

Significant changes in State of Affairs

The Wilderness Society Ltd expects to maintain the present status and level of operations and hence there are no likely developments in the entity's operations.

Matters subsequent to year end

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

Directors' emoluments

The Directors of The Wilderness Society Ltd receive no remuneration from the entity.

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Meetings of the Board

During the financial year, 11 meetings of the Board were held. Attendances by each Board member during the financial year were as follows:

Names	Board Meetings	
	Number attended	Number eligible to attend
Karl Tischler	9	11
Andrew Barker	8	11
Lisa Roberts	9	11
Amanda Branley	11	11
Leanne Craze	6	8
Junita Mushenko	6	8
Jacqueline Mills	7	7
Paul McDonnell	3	3
Fiona Justin	1	1

Company Secretary

Jennifer Rowe held the position of Company Secretary at the end of the financial year.

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Auditors

William Buck continues in the office of auditor for the financial year ending 30 June 2023. It is the policy of the auditors to provide an annual declaration of their independence in accordance with section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (Cth). This has been received for the year ended 30 June 2023 and can be found on page 12 of the financial report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board:

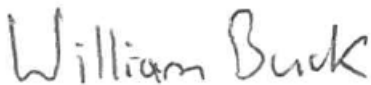
Convenor:  Director: 

Dated this 19th day of October 2023.

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 60-40 OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION ACT 2012 TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY LIMITED

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2023 there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



William Buck Audit (Vic) Pty Ltd

ABN 59 116 151 136



R. P. Burt

Director

Melbourne, 19 October 2023

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Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	Consolidated	
		2023	2022
		\$	\$
Revenue			
Income from fundraising, donations, bequests, memberships and grants	3	12,114,361	11,769,727
Other income	4	284,946	98,402
Total revenue		12,399,307	11,868,129
Expenses			
Environmental campaigns and programs			
- National		(1,974,492)	(1,834,259)
- NSW		(504,230)	(397,167)
- VIC		(412,516)	(388,607)
- TAS		(507,315)	(459,773)
- SA		(600,836)	(539,471)
- WA		(493,458)	(427,086)
- QLD		(328,004)	(316,801)
Member and supporter engagement		(1,028,626)	(736,947)
Total environmental campaigns and programs		(5,849,477)	(5,100,111)
Fundraising expenses - recruitment of new supporters		(2,156,842)	(1,329,128)
Fundraising expenses - staff, appeals, supporter and other costs		(3,314,020)	(2,796,484)
Governance, finance and operations		(1,047,971)	(864,668)
Depreciation and amortisation		(229,011)	(225,239)
Interest on loan		-	(13,832)
Total expenses		(12,597,321)	(10,329,462)
(Deficti) / Surplus for the year		(198,014)	1,538,667
Other comprehensive income			
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>			
- Gain on the revaluation of land and buildings	9	-	1,100,000
Total comprehensive income for the year		(198,014)	2,638,667
Surplus/(deficit) for the year is attributable to:			
Non-controlling interest		7,770	6,285
Parent entity		(205,784)	1,532,382
		(198,014)	1,538,667
Total comprehensive income for the year is attributable to:			
Non-controlling interest		7,770	246,403
Parent entity		(205,784)	2,392,264
		(198,014)	2,638,667

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

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Statement of financial position

As at 30 June 2023

	Note	Consolidated 2023 \$	2022 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		1,659,167	7,135,694
Trade and other receivables	5	133,606	76,172
Inventories		23,055	31,761
Other financial assets	7	6,143,283	716,191
Other assets	8	362,446	187,289
Total current assets		8,321,557	8,147,107
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	2,356,744	2,356,099
Right-of-use assets	6	437,059	399,899
Intangible assets	10	340,077	474,133
Total non-current assets		3,133,880	3,230,131
Total assets		11,455,437	11,377,238
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	511,627	275,770
Lease liabilities	12	181,591	376,975
Employee benefits	13	1,023,931	966,562
Total current liabilities		1,717,149	1,619,307
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	12	291,637	118,956
Employee benefits	13	83,000	69,540
Total non-current liabilities		374,637	188,496
Total liabilities		2,091,786	1,807,803
Net assets		9,363,651	9,569,435
Equity			
Reserves	14	8,129,298	7,174,899
Accumulated surpluses		730,784	1,890,967
Equity attributable to the parent entity		8,860,082	9,065,866
Non-controlling interest	15	503,569	503,569
Total equity		9,363,651	9,569,435

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

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Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Reserves	Accumulated surpluses	Non controlling interest	Total equity
Consolidated	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2021	4,881,885	1,793,466	263,451	6,938,802
Surplus for the year	-	1,532,382	6,285	1,538,667
Other comprehensive income for the year	859,882	-	240,118	1,100,000
Total comprehensive income for the year	859,882	1,532,382	246,403	2,638,667
Writeback of Goodwill on Asset Revaluation	(1,749)			(1,749)
Distributions paid or provided for			(6,285)	(6,285)
Transfer to tied funds reserves	1,991,135	(1,991,135)	-	-
Transfer from tied funds reserves	(556,254)	556,254	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2022	7,174,899	1,890,967	503,569	9,569,435

	Reserves	Accumulated surpluses	Non controlling interest	Total equity
Consolidated	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2022	7,174,899	1,890,967	503,569	9,569,435
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year	-	(205,784)	7,770	(198,014)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the year	-	(205,784)	7,770	(198,014)
Distributions paid or provided for			(7,770)	(7,770)
Transfer to Campaign Centres	(123,000)	123,000		-
Transfer to tied funds reserves	2,463,554	(2,463,554)	-	-
Transfer from tied funds reserves	(1,386,155)	1,386,155	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2023	8,129,298	730,784	503,569	9,363,651

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

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Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 30 June 2022

	Note	Consolidated 2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from membership proceeds		40,250	44,550
Receipts from sales		134,203	86,363
Interest, dividends received and other non-operating income		52,054	299,574
Donations and other receipts		11,921,823	11,631,787
Payments to suppliers and employees		(11,723,385)	(9,624,842)
Payments of finance costs		(13,857)	(33,312)
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities		411,088	2,404,120
Cash flows from investing activities			
Net payments for property, plant and equipment	9	(40,060)	(30,404)
Payments for Computer Software and Website	10	(55,597)	-
Payments for term deposits	7	(5,400,000)	-
Net cash used in investing activities		(5,495,657)	(30,404)
Cash flows from financing activities			
(Repayments) of borrowings		-	(1,331,810)
Payments for the principal portion of leases		(391,958)	(491,288)
Net cash used in financing activities		(391,958)	(1,823,098)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(5,476,527)	550,618
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		7,135,694	6,585,076
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year		1,659,167	7,135,694

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

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Note 1. Significant accounting policies

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

New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The consolidated entity 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.

The adoption of these Accounting Standards and Interpretations did not have any significant impact on the financial performance or position of the consolidated entity.

The following Accounting Standards and Interpretations are most relevant to the consolidated entity:

AASB 1060 General Purpose Financial Statements - Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities
The consolidated entity adopted AASB 1060 from 1 July 2020. The standard provided a new Tier 2 reporting framework with simplified disclosures that are based on the requirements of IFRS for SMEs. As a result, there is increased disclosure in these financial statements for key management personnel, related parties, tax and financial instruments where appropriate.

Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosure Requirements and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB'), the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Corporations Act 2001, as appropriate for not-for profit oriented entities.

Historical cost convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for, where applicable, the revaluation of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, investment properties, certain classes of property, plant and equipment and derivative financial instruments.

Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the consolidated entity's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 2.

Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of all subsidiaries of The Wilderness Society Ltd ('company' or 'parent entity') as at 30 June 2023 and the results of all subsidiaries for the year then ended. The Wilderness Society Ltd and its subsidiaries together are referred to in these financial statements as the 'consolidated entity'.

Subsidiaries are all those entities over which the consolidated entity has control. The consolidated entity controls an entity when the consolidated entity is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct the activities of the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the consolidated entity. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

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Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Non-controlling interest in the results and equity of subsidiaries are shown separately in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of financial position and statement of changes in equity of the consolidated entity. Losses incurred by the consolidated entity are attributed to the non-controlling interest in full, even if that results in a deficit balance.

Revenue recognition

The consolidated entity recognises revenue as follows:

Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the consolidated entity is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer. For each contract with a customer, the consolidated entity: identifies the contract with a customer; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct good or service to be delivered; and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the goods or services promised.

Variable consideration within the transaction price, if any, reflects concessions provided to the customer such as discounts, rebates and refunds, any potential bonuses receivable from the customer and any other contingent events. Such estimates are determined using either the 'expected value' or 'most likely amount' method. The measurement of variable consideration is subject to a constraining principle whereby revenue will only be recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur. The measurement constraint continues until the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. Amounts received that are subject to the constraining principle are recognised as a refund liability.

Donations and bequest income

Revenue from donations and bequest income is recognised upon receipt, when the consolidated entity obtains control of the funds. Donations or bequests of shares or other property are recognised at market value on the date on which The Wilderness Society becomes legally entitled to the asset.

Interest

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

Other revenue

Other revenue including merchandise and events are recognised when it is received or when there has been a transfer of the goods and services and the right to receive payment is established.

Income tax

As the consolidated entity 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.

Current and non-current classification

Assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of financial position based on current and non-current classification.

An asset is classified as current when: it is either expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the consolidated entity's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period; or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other assets are classified as non-current.

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Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

A liability is classified as current when: it is either expected to be settled in the consolidated entity's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period; or there is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any allowance for expected credit losses. Trade receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

The consolidated entity has applied the simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses, which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on days overdue.

Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any allowance for expected credit losses.

Property, plant and equipment

Land and buildings are shown at fair value, based on periodic, at least every 3 years, valuations by external independent valuers, less subsequent depreciation and impairment for buildings. The valuations are undertaken more frequently if there is a material change in the fair value relative to the carrying amount. Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset. Increases in the carrying amounts arising on revaluation of land and buildings are credited in other comprehensive income through to the revaluation surplus reserve in equity. Any revaluation decrements are initially taken in other comprehensive income through to the revaluation surplus reserve to the extent of any previous revaluation surplus of the same asset. Thereafter the decrements are taken to profit or loss.

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment (excluding land) over their expected useful lives as follows:

Leasehold improvements	4 years
Plant and equipment	3-5 years

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

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Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Right-of-use assets

A right-of-use asset is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for, as applicable, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date net of any lease incentives received, any initial direct costs incurred, and, except where included in the cost of inventories, an estimate of costs expected to be incurred for dismantling and removing the underlying asset, and restoring the site or asset.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the asset, whichever is the shorter. Where the consolidated entity expects to obtain ownership of the leased asset at the end of the lease term, the depreciation is over its estimated useful life. Right-of use assets are subject to impairment or adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets acquired as part of a business combination, other than goodwill, are initially measured at their fair value at the date of the acquisition. Intangible assets acquired separately are initially recognised at cost. Indefinite life intangible assets are not amortised and are subsequently measured at cost less any impairment. Finite life intangible assets are subsequently measured at cost less amortisation and any impairment. The gains or losses recognised in profit or loss arising from the derecognition of intangible assets are measured as the difference between net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the intangible asset. The method and useful lives of finite life intangible assets are reviewed annually. Changes in the expected pattern of consumption or useful life are accounted for prospectively by changing the amortisation method or period.

Website

Significant costs associated with the development of the revenue generating aspects of the website, including the capacity of placing orders, are deferred and amortised on a straight-line basis over the period of their expected benefit, being their finite life of 8 years.

Impairment of non-financial assets

Other intangible assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that they might be impaired. Other non-financial assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

Recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value-in-use. The value-in-use is the present value of the estimated future cash flows relating to the asset using a pre-tax discount rate specific to the asset or cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Assets that do not have independent cash flows are grouped together to form a cash-generating unit.

Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the consolidated entity prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

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Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Lease liabilities

A lease liability is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments to be made over the term of the lease, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the consolidated entity's incremental borrowing rate. Lease payments comprise of fixed payments less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees, exercise price of a purchase option when the exercise of the option is reasonably certain to occur, and any anticipated termination penalties. The variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Lease liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The carrying amounts are remeasured if there is a change in the following: future lease payments arising from a change in an index or a rate used; residual guarantee; lease term; certainty of a purchase option and termination penalties. When a lease liability is remeasured, an adjustment is made to the corresponding right-of use asset, or to profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset is fully written down.

Finance costs

Finance costs attributable to qualifying assets are capitalised as part of the asset. All other finance costs are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave, long service leave and accumulating sick leave expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Non-accumulating sick leave is expensed to profit or loss when incurred.

Other long-term employee benefits

The liability for annual leave and long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. 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 reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

Fair value measurement

When an asset or liability, financial or non-financial, is measured at fair value for recognition or disclosure purposes, the fair value is based on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date; and assumes that the transaction will take place either: in the principal market; or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market.

Fair value is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming they act in their economic best interests. For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement is based on its highest and best use. Valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, are used, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for business combinations regardless of whether equity instruments or other assets are acquired.

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Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

The consideration transferred is the sum of the acquisition-date fair values of the assets transferred, equity instruments issued or liabilities incurred by the acquirer to former owners of the acquiree and the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree. For each business combination, the non-controlling interest in the acquiree is measured at either fair value or at the proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. All acquisition costs are expensed as incurred to profit or loss.

On the acquisition of a business, the consolidated entity assesses the financial assets acquired and liabilities assumed for appropriate classification and designation in accordance with the contractual terms, economic conditions, the consolidated entity's operating or accounting policies and other pertinent conditions in existence at the acquisition-date.

Where the business combination is achieved in stages, the consolidated entity remeasures its previously held equity interest in the acquiree at the acquisition-date fair value and the difference between the fair value and the previous carrying amount is recognised in profit or loss.

Contingent consideration to be transferred by the acquirer is recognised at the acquisition-date fair value. Subsequent changes in the fair value of the contingent consideration classified as an asset or liability is recognised in profit or loss. Contingent consideration classified as equity is not remeasured and its subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity.

The difference between the acquisition-date fair value of assets acquired, liabilities assumed and any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the fair value of the consideration transferred and the fair value of any pre-existing investment in the acquiree is recognised as goodwill. If the consideration transferred and the pre-existing fair value is less than the fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired, being a bargain purchase to the acquirer, the difference is recognised as a gain directly in profit or loss by the acquirer on the acquisition-date, but only after a reassessment of the identification and measurement of the net assets acquired, the non-controlling interest in the acquiree, if any, the consideration transferred and the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquirer.

Business combinations are initially accounted for on a provisional basis. The acquirer retrospectively adjusts the provisional amounts recognised and also recognises additional assets or liabilities during the measurement period, based on new information obtained about the facts and circumstances that existed at the acquisition-date. The measurement period ends on either the earlier of (i) 12 months from the date of the acquisition or (ii) when the acquirer receives all the information possible to determine fair value.

Goods and Services Tax ('GST') and other similar taxes

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the tax authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority is included in other receivables or other payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the tax authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority.

Note 2. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

Fair value measurement hierarchy

The consolidated entity is required to classify all assets and liabilities, measured at fair value, using a three level hierarchy, based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement, being: Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) 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; and Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Considerable judgement is required to determine what is significant to fair value and therefore which category the asset or liability is placed in can be subjective.

The fair value of assets and liabilities classified as level 3 is determined by the use of valuation models. These include discounted cash flow analysis or the use of observable inputs that require significant adjustments based on unobservable inputs.

Estimation of useful lives of assets

The consolidated entity determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other event. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

Lease Liabilities

A lease liability is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments to be made over the term of the lease, discounted using the interest rate comparable to industry data from like-for-like assets.

Impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets

The consolidated entity assesses impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the consolidated entity and to the particular asset that may lead to impairment. If an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. This involves fair value less costs of disposal or value-in-use calculations, which incorporate a number of key estimates and assumptions.

Employee benefits provision

As discussed in note 1, the liability for employee benefits expected to be settled more than 12 months from the reporting date are recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation have been taken into account.

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Note 3. Income from fundraising, membership and merchandise

Revenue from continuing operations

	Consolidated	
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Donations	10,054,589	10,031,889
Bequests	1,602,123	1,438,043
Memberships	40,250	44,550
Merchandise sales	125,497	102,052
Fundraising events	291,902	153,193
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	12,114,361	11,769,727
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All revenue is generated in Australia.

Note 4. Other income

	Consolidated	
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Investment income including dividends	135,776	91,863
Covid-19 rent relief received	-	5,029
Interest revenue	149,170	1,510
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	284,946	98,402
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Note 5. Trade and other receivables

	Consolidated	
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<i>Current assets</i>		
Trade receivables	31,833	22,727
Deposits	33,373	9,833
GST receivable	68,400	43,612
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	133,606	76,172
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Note 6. Right-of-use assets

	Consolidated	
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<i>Non-current assets</i>		
Melbourne office - right-of-use	635,193	635,193
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(554,351)	(415,763)
	<u>80,842</u>	<u>219,430</u>
 Sydney office - right-of-use	 590,036	 590,036
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(590,036)	(493,983)
	<u>-</u>	<u>96,053</u>
 Hobart office - right-of-use (see (a) below)	 640,440	 271,184
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(289,647)	(213,890)
	<u>350,793</u>	<u>57,294</u>
 Printers - right-of-use	 92,213	 92,213
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(86,789)	(65,091)
	<u>5,424</u>	<u>27,122</u>
 Brisbane office - right-of-use	 136,700	 136,700
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(136,700)	(136,700)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>437,059</u>	<u>399,899</u>

- (a) Signed a new lease to continue arrangement for Hobart Office for a further 5 year term from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2028 (NPV: \$369,255). Value is calculated based on the annual 3% increase as per lease agreement, and the imputed interest rate 5.5% (as determined per comparable industry data from like-for-like assets)

Note 7. Other financial assets

	Consolidated	
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<i>Current assets</i>		
Term Deposit 12 months (a)	3,400,000	-
Term Deposit 3 months (b)	1,018,563	-
Term Deposit 6 months (c)	508,529	-
Term Deposit 9 months (d)	500,000	-
Term Deposit (e)	716,191	716,191
	<u>6,143,283</u>	<u>716,191</u>

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Note 7. Other financial assets (continued)

Details of Term Deposits as at 30 June 2023

	<i>Term</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Maturity Date</i>	<i>Interest Rate</i>	<i>Accrued Interest</i>
		\$			\$
(a)	12 Months	3,400,000	30/11/2023	4.04%	79,782
(b)	3 Months	1,018,563	30/08/2023	4.52%	3,874
(c)	6 Months	508,529	30/11/2023	4.68%	2,021
(d)	9 Months	500,000	30/08/2023	3.64%	10,571
(e)	At Call	716,191	n/a	0.25%	446

Note 8. Other assets

	Consolidated	
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<i>Current assets</i>		
Accrued interest	97,998	841
Prepayments	179,345	186,448
Accrued distributions - Forever Wild Trust - realised	85,103	-
	<u>362,446</u>	<u>187,289</u>

Note 9. Property, plant and equipment

	Consolidated	
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<i>Non-current assets</i>		
Land and buildings - at independent valuation (a)	<u>2,301,591</u>	<u>2,301,591</u>
Leasehold improvements - at cost	148,079	188,714
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(148,079)</u>	<u>(188,102)</u>
	-	612
Plant and equipment - at cost	283,582	253,136
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(228,429)</u>	<u>(199,240)</u>
	<u>55,153</u>	<u>53,896</u>

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Note 9. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Reconciliations

Reconciliations of the written down values at the beginning and end of the current financial year are set out below:

	Land and buildings	Plant and equipment	Leasehold improvements	Total
Consolidated	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2022	2,301,591	53,896	612	2,356,099
Additions	-	40,957	-	40,957
Disposals	-	(897)	-	(897)
Depreciation expense	-	(38,803)	(612)	(39,415)
Balance at 30 June 2023	2,301,591	55,153	-	2,356,744

(a) Valuations of land and buildings

The basis of the valuation of land and buildings is fair value. In accordance with the group's accounting policy, the land and buildings were revalued on 6 June 2022 (Hobart) and 6 May 2022 (Launceston) by independent assessments by Opteon Property Group Pty Ltd having recent experience in the location and category of land and buildings being valued. Valuations were based on current prices for similar properties in the same location and condition. The Directors do not believe that there has been a material movement in fair value since the revaluation date in the year to 30 June 2023. No land and buildings were revalued for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Note 10. Intangible assets

	Consolidated	
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<i>Non-current assets</i>		
Computer software and website - at cost	1,681,388	1,625,791
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(1,341,311)	(1,151,658)
	340,077	474,133

Note 11. Trade and other payables

	Consolidated	
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Trade payables	270,402	192,165
Accrued expense	241,225	83,605
	511,627	275,770

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Note 12. Lease liabilities

	Consolidated	
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Lease liability - Melbourne office	112,058	183,812
Lease liability - Sydney office	-	109,143
Lease liability - Hobart office	62,635	57,509
Lease liability - Printers	6,898	26,511
	<u>181,591</u>	<u>376,975</u>
<i>Non-current liabilities</i>		
Lease liability - Melbourne office	-	112,058
Lease liability - Hobart office	291,637	-
Lease liability - Printers	-	6,898
	<u>291,637</u>	<u>118,956</u>
	<u>473,228</u>	<u>495,931</u>

Note 13. Employee benefits

	Consolidated	
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Annual leave	511,094	494,922
Long service leave	512,837	471,640
	<u>1,023,931</u>	<u>966,562</u>
<i>Non-current liabilities</i>		
Long service leave	83,000	69,540
	<u>1,106,931</u>	<u>1,036,102</u>

Note 14. Reserves

Revaluation surplus reserve

Included within reserves is the portion of the asset revaluation reserve, used to recognise increments and decrements in the fair value of land and buildings, which is attributable to the parent entity. The total asset revaluation reserve of \$1,550,000 is allocated according to the unit holding in note 15 across the parent entity and the non-controlling interest.

As stated in note 9, during the year to 30 June 2023, there were no property revaluations undertaken and no movements in the reserve.

Tied funds reserves

Also included within reserves are Tied fund reserves, which are funds allocated to specific purposes or outcomes.

Tied funds include funds received or reserves held that must be spent on the purpose for which they were received or are held. They comprise of significant donations, sponsorships and bequests where the supporter indicates a preference for how the funds should be spent.

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Note 14. Reserves (continued)

The parent entity also ties funds for specific purposes and activities which are allocated through organisational planning processes. These funds are allocated to priority campaigns over multiple years or set aside for specific projects and both ensure that the parent entity can continue to undertake long term thinking and planning with regards to continental scale solutions, fundamental ecological processes and broad policy development.

Other tied funds, including those funds held as operating reserves, are unrestricted in that the Board has the discretion to spend them on purposes for which the consolidated entity was established.

During the year, a further \$2,463,554 was allocated to tied fund reserves, and \$1,386,155 was spent from tied funds on campaign projects. In addition, a net amount of \$123,000 was expended from tied funds by a net transfer to other Wilderness Society organisations for work on shared campaign projects.

Note 15. Interests In Subsidiaries

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Accumulated surpluses from non-controlled interest	503,569	503,569

	Principal place of business / Country of Incorporation	Percentage Owned/Controlled (%)* 2023	Percentage Owned/Controlled (%)* 2022
Subsidiaries:			
Friends of the Wilderness Unit Trust	Australia	78	78

* The percentage of ownership interest held is equivalent to the percentage voting rights for all subsidiaries

Note 16. Key management personnel disclosures

Compensation

The aggregate compensation made to directors and other members of key management personnel of the consolidated entity is set out below:

	Consolidated	
	2023	2021
	\$	\$
Aggregate compensation	722,830	713,841

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Note 16. Key management personnel disclosures (continued)

Key management personnel are responsible for the planning, directing and managing of The Wilderness Society's activities. The key management personnel compensation amount includes salaries and wages, leave liability expense, superannuation, and amounts of leave liabilities paid out upon changes in staff.

The increase of \$8,989 from last year represents pay increases for all staff partially offset by higher utilisation of annual leave entitlements.

The following positions have been included in the key management personnel in this financial year:

Chief Executive Officer
National Campaigns Director
Chief Financial Officer
Director – Membership and Fundraising

Note 17. Related party transactions

There have been no other related party transactions outside of those disclosed below.

(a) 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.

(b) Other related parties

Other related parties include close family members of key management personnel and entities that are controlled or significantly influenced by those key management personnel or their close family members. Remuneration paid is disclosed in note 16.

Note 18. Events after the reporting period

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

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Note 19. Remuneration of auditors

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by William Buck Audit (Vic) Pty Ltd, the auditor of the group:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Audit of the financial statements	27,000	27,000
	<u>27,000</u>	<u>27,000</u>

Note 20. Contingent liabilities

The company had no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022.

Note 21. Commitments

Financial commitments

The Wilderness Society has an unsecured \$90,000 corporate credit card facility for the purpose of general business expenses. Any liabilities owing under this facility are fully repaid by TWS each month.

Other commitments

TWS has a commitment to support the Martuwarrra / Fitzroy River Council with a First Nations led local conservation economy project with funding of \$168,000 per annum.

The initial annual period of this project is 10 October 2022 to 30 September 2023.

Subject to the completion of agreed milestones, there is a commitment to renew this funding agreement for two subsequent periods being:

Subsequent period 1 : 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024

Subsequent period 2 : 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025

A new Funding Letter is required to be agreed and signed for each subsequent period.

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Directors' declaration

30 June 2023

In the Directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the Corporations Act 2001, the Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosure Requirements, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Tasmanian legislation the Collections for Charities Act 2001 and associated regulations, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors made pursuant to section 295(5)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.



Convenor
Karl Tischler



Director.....
Andrew Barker

Dated this 19th day of October 2023.

The Wilderness Society Ltd Independent auditor's report to members

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of The Wilderness Society Ltd (the Company) and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of The Wilderness Society Ltd has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

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

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 Significant accounting policies to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Company's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Group'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 Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

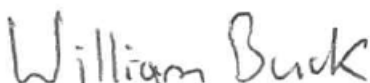
Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of these financial statements is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of our independent auditor's report.



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R. P. Burt

Director

Melbourne, 19 October 2023