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Annual Financial Report



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Corporate Information

Directors

The following Directors were in office during the financial year ended 30 June 2023

- Mr John Rawnsley Board Chair
- Mr David Blair Deputy Chair
- Dr John Boffa (tenure ended on 29 March 2023)
- Ms Heather D'Antoine
- Dr Samuel Goodwin
- Dr John Paterson
- Ms Liza Houghton
- Dr Marco Briceno (resigned on 30 June 2023)

For further details regarding the qualifications, experience, and other pertinent information of the Directors who held office at any point during the financial year, please refer to pages 5 to 9.

Registered Office

23 Albatross Street, Winnellie Northern Territory 0820

Principal Place of Business

23 Albatross Street, Winnellie Northern Territory 0820

Bankers

National Australia Bank 71 Smith Street, Darwin Northern Territory 0800

Auditors

Merit Partners Chartered Accountants Level 2, 9-11 Cavanagh Street, Darwin Northern Territory 0800





Directors' Report

The Directors are presenting the financial report of Health Network Northern Territory Ltd ("the Company" or "Health Network NT"), also known as Northern Territory PHN, including the Rural Workforce Agency NT, for the year ending June 30, 2023. The auditor's report is included as well.

1. Directors

Below are the information on the Company's Directors who have served at any point during or after the financial year, including their qualifications, experience, and special responsibilities. The Northern Territory PHN Committee and Council memberships are as at year end.

Mr John Rawnsley (Chair)

John Rawnsley holds an LLB, BAIS, GDLP and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He was appointed to the Board on 10 November 2015, and later became the Chair on November 29, 2021. Currently, he serves as a Senior Policy Advisor to NT Minister Selena Uibo. Prior to this, John worked as the Law and Justice Manager at the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency and held various legal roles, including leadership development.

In addition to his role as Chair, John is also a director of the Larrakia Development Corporation, Winkiku Rrumbangi NT Indigenous Lawyers Aboriginal Corporation, and Rockpools and Ochre Aboriginal Corporation. He is the NT PHN Nominated Director at NTGPE and chairs the Smith Family's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group, where he has been a member since 2011. Furthermore, John is a member of the Advisory Board of the Poche Centre with Flinders University and serves as the Co-Chair of Poche Centre with Flinders University.

He is also a member of the Finance, Audit & Risk Management Committee of the Northern Territory PHN Committee/Council.

Mr David Blair (Deputy Chair)

David Blair is a highly qualified and experienced professional with a BSc Joint Honours in Science and certifications in Risk Management and Assurance, Internal Control, and Governance and Risk Management. He is a Fellow of several prestigious institutes, including the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, the Governance Institute of Australia, and the Chartered Institute of Company Secretaries. Additionally, he is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

On 29 November 2021, David was appointed to the Board as the Deputy Chair, after having joined on 30 November 2020. With a remarkable track record in finance, risk management, governance, and business, he currently serves as the Head of Corporate Services at Danila-Dilba Heath Services in Darwin.

Prior to this, David held several executive positions, including Chief Operating Officer at Menzies School of Health Research and Chief Financial Officer of Kolsen Group. He also served as Chief Operating Officer of New Chapters New Beginnings. Furthermore, David is an experienced Director, having previously sat on the Boards of Lifeline Top End, Melaleuca Refuge Centre, and the Northern Centre for Contemporary Art. In addition, he served as a public member of the AHPRA Physiotherapist Board in NT. As a Chair of Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee and Governance Committee, David also maintains Northern Territory PHN Committee/Council Memberships.

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Dr John Boffa

John Boffa, holds MBBS & Master of Public Health degree and was appointed to the Board on November 25, 2019. He has worked at Anyinginyi Health in Tennant Creek as a Senior Medical Officer since 1988 and has held various senior positions at Central Australian Aboriginal Congress since 1994. Since 2013, he has served as the Chief Medical Officer Public Health. In addition, he has been an Adjunct Associate Professor at Curtin University's National Drug Research Institute in Perth since 2013.

John has extensive experience in primary health care for Aboriginal communities and has provided clinical leadership for many years. He is committed to adapting evidence-based services and programs to meet the specific needs of Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory. As an executive member of the NT Clinical Senate and a member of several advisory committees, including the National Health Care Homes Evaluation Working Group, National Aboriginal, and Torres Strait Islander Health Service Data Advisory Committee, and Comprehensive Primary Health Care Sustainability Advisory Committee, John is well-versed in healthcare policy and practice. He is also a Board member of CDU Menzies School of Medicine.

He is also a member of the Northern Territory PHN Committee/Council and currently serve as the Chair of Rural Workforce Agency NT Committee and Governance Committee.

Ms Heather D'Antoine

Heather D'Antoine, who has a Diploma in Midwifery, a Diploma in Nursing, a Bachelor of Applied Science, and a Master of Health Economics (Aboriginal Health), was appointed to the Board on 28 August 2017. With over 25 years of experience, she started as a registered midwife and nurse, then became a manager for health services in both Aboriginal and general health services. For the past 18 years, she has dedicated herself to health research. For ten years, Heather served as the Associate Director for Aboriginal Programs and Division Leader of Education and Capacity Building at Menzies School of Health Research, where she was a member of the Executive Committee. She continues to be a Distinguished Honorary Fellow at Menzies School of Health Research.

Heather's research is focused on maternal and child health, with a particular interest in fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) and other birth defects. She helped develop and assess resources for health professionals and developed a FASD care model in Western Australia. She is also a member of the Public Health Association of Australia and the Independent Review Panel for Dan Murphy's.

Heather is a member of the Governance Committee, Community Advisory Council, and Rural Workforce Agency NT Committee for the Northern Territory PHN.

Dr Samuel Goodwin

Dr. Samuel Goodwin is a highly qualified medical professional with an MBBS degree, a JCCA (Anaesthetics) certification, and a fellowship from the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine. He has also graduated from the Australian Institute of Company Directors and holds an MPHTM degree.

Since 14 August 2015, Dr. Goodwin has served as a board member. He currently holds the position of Executive Director of Medical and Clinical Services at Alice Springs Hospital, Central Australia Health Service. Dr. Goodwin has been dedicated to rural generalism for the past ten years, primarily working in remote areas. He continues to work as a general practitioner at Central Clinic in Alice Springs while specializing in health system governance.



Dr. Goodwin is an active member of the Northern Territory Postgraduate Medical Council, the Medical Board of Australia, and the CDU Menzies School of Medicine Board. He also serves on the Northern Territory PHN Committee/Council, including the Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee, and the Rural Workforce Agency NT Committee.

Ms Liza Houghton

Liza is a highly qualified individual with numerous certifications and degrees, including GAICD, Fellow Australasian College Health Service Management, MBA, Graduate Diploma Nurse Education, Graduate Certificate Critical Care, and Bachelor Applied Science (Nursing). She joined the Board on 29 November 2021, and has vast experience as a Registered Nurse working with multidisciplinary and allied health teams across the health sector.

Moreover, Liza has previously held several Board Directorships, including Chair of Variety, the Children's Charity Northern Territory, Non-executive Director of Variety Australia, and Triathlon Northern Territory. Additionally, she facilitates NT study groups and examines the Fellowship program for the Australasian College Health Service Management, as well as mentors in the NT Health Leadership Program.

Furthermore, Liza is a member of various Northern Territory PHN Committees and Councils, including the Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee, Governance Committee, and Clinical Council.

Dr John Paterson

John Paterson brings a wealth of experience and qualifications to his role as a board member, having earned a Bachelor of Social Science in Human Service, a Fellowship with the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation, and an Honorary Doctor of Arts from Charles Darwin University. He was appointed to the Board on 30 November 2020.

John has dedicated his career to Indigenous affairs, with a specific focus on healthcare since 2005. He has served as the Chief Executive Officer of AMSANT (Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory) since 2006, and was previously the CEO of Wurli-Wurlinjang Health Service in Katherine. During the financial year, he was seconded to North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency as the Acting CEO.

John is an experienced Director, having previously served on the Board of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), the NT Hospital Management Board, and Thirrili. He is also a member of the Coalition of Peaks on the Joint Council for Closing the Gap and co-chair of the NT Closing the Gap Executive Council. Currently, John holds the position of Chair of the Central Australian Academic Health Science Network, is a member of the Telstra Indigenous Advisory Committee, and a Board Member at CDU Menzies School of Medicine.

John is affiliated with the Ngalakan tribe from the Ngukurr region in south-east Arnhem Land. As a member of the Northern Territory PHN Committee/Council Memberships, he serves on the Governance Committee.

Dr Marco Briceno

Marco holds a Bachelor's degree in Medicine and a Bachelor's degree in Surgery (BMBS), as well as MRCS(England) and FACRRM qualifications. He was appointed to the Board on 29 November 2021 and currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Territory Department of Health.

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Before this position, Marco worked in East Arnhem for over 13 years, holding various roles such as Senior Rural Generalist Surgeon, Director of Medical and Allied Health Services, Director of Medical Education and Training, Duty Medical Officer, and General Practitioner. In 2016, he became Director of Medical Services of Gove District Hospital, and in 2018 his role expanded to Regional Director of Medical Services for East Arnhem. Marco also played a significant role in developing undergraduate, pre-vocational, and vocational training pathways in East Arnhem.

In 2020, Marco was appointed by the NT Health Department to lead the implementation of the NT Rural Generalist Pathway. He also served as the Medical Director of the NT Prevocational Medical Assurance Service and provided medical leadership in broader medical education, strategic projects, and medical workforce functions NT-wide as the Chief Medical Advisor for NT Health. Marco is a member of the Rural Workforce Agency NT Committee.

2. Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Company Secretary and Public Officer

The following officers were in office during the financial year ended 30 June 2023 and up to the date of this report:

Chief Executive Officer

Ms Gillian Yearsley (M.A., MAICD)

Company Secretary

Ms Nutisha Todi (B.L.S, LLB, MGB, GIA {Affiliated})

Public Officer

Ms Kristy Brain (BCom, CA, GAICD)

3. Directors' Meetings

The number of Directors' meetings attended by each of the Directors of Health Network NT during the financial year are:

Director	Board Meetings		
Director	Number of meetings held/eligible to attend	Number of meetings attended	
John Rawnsley (Chair)	9	9	
David Blair (Deputy Chair)	9	6	
Dr John Boffa (tenure ended on 29 March 2023)	5	5	
Heather D'Antoine	9	8	

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Dr Samuel Goodwin	9	6
Dr John Paterson	9	5
Ms Liza Houghton (appointed on 29 November 2021)	9	9
Dr Marco Briceno (resigned on30 June 2023)	9	3

4. Planning and Activities

Principal Activities

Health Network Northern Territory Ltd, which is also known as Northern Territory PHN and the Rural Workforce Agency NT, is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee and a registered charity under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012 (Cth)*. The independent skills-based Board, appointed by Health Network NT's Members at General Meetings, oversees the Company's operations.

Being part of the Primary Health Network ("PHN") established by Australian Government, the Company is expected to coordinate primary health care delivery and to address local health care needs and service gaps. Further, the Company's role and performance is influenced by government policies at the Australian, State, Territory, and Local Council levels. The Company is focus on national priority areas such as mental health, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, population health, digital health, health workforce, aged care, and alcohol and other drugs. Its goal is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of medical services for patients, especially those at risk of poor health outcomes, and to enhance coordination of care to ensure patients receive timely and appropriate care.

As a PHN, the Company don't provide services directly to people, instead, it works directly with service providers through a comprehensive primary health care service model to coordinate care across the Northern Territory. The Company also includes the Rural Workforce Agency Northern Territory, which helps the Company attract, recruit, educate, and retain a professional medical workforce across the Northern Territory.

Short-Term Objectives

Health Network NT has established short-term objectives in its Strategic Plan for the years 2018-2023 and is dedicated in achieving its vision and purpose by focusing on the following key strategic objectives:

- a) Empowering individuals to take responsibility for their own health and well-being.
- b) Addressing health equity issues by identifying those with the most significant health needs and improving access to primary health care.
- c) Providing health care providers the ability to deliver high-quality health care.
- d) Leading primary health care system integration through effective partnerships.



Its strategic objectives are supported by excellent corporate governance, a committed and aligned workforce, and successful stakeholder engagement.

Long-Term Objectives

The long-term objectives of Health Network NT are set out in Clause 2, Objects of the Constitution. Among others, these includes:

- a) Support the efficiency and effectiveness of medical and health services for patients, particularly those at risk of poor health outcomes.
- b) Improve coordination of care so that patients receive the right care in the right place at the right time.
- c) Improve health outcomes for Aboriginal people through comprehensive primary health services.
- d) Support and strengthen Aboriginal community control of comprehensive Primary Health Care.
- e) Support and strengthen the role of the general practice and allied health sectors in comprehensive Primary Health Care.
- f) Engage with all health providers and the community to identify local health needs and regional service gaps.
- g) Increase equitable health outcomes by commissioning and supporting Primary Health Care services and promoting Primary Health Care initiatives and programs.
- h) Support clinicians and service providers to deliver best practice care.
- i) Deliver and promote high quality education and inter-professional learning opportunities for Primary Health Care providers.
- j) Support the attraction and retention of a sustainable qualified Primary Health Care workforce which providers culturally appropriate comprehensive Primary Health Care.
- k) Support the integration of the primary and secondary health care sectors to improve the patient journey.

Strategy

Strategies for achievement of long term and short-term objectives are set out in the Strategic Plan 2018-2023 and are reflected in annual work plans and program planning.

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Performance Measurement

The Company CEO is required to report to the Board on a regular basis, against the achievement of objects included in the Strategic Plan 2018-2023. Reporting also includes the progress of principal activities and reporting of risks and opportunities.

5. Environmental Issues

Health Network NT operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Australian Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.

6. Indemnification of Officer or Directors

Health Network NT has paid an annual premium to insure the directors and officers against any liabilities that may arise while performing their duties. The details of the premium are confidential as per the policy.

7. Proceedings on Behalf of Company

No individual has requested permission from the court to file a lawsuit on behalf of the company or participate in any ongoing legal proceedings involving the company. Additionally, the Company did not participate in any such legal proceedings throughout the year.

8. Members' Guarantee

In accordance with Health Network NT's Constitution, each member is liable to contribute not more than \$50 in the event that the company is wound up.

9. Events Subsequent to Reporting Date

There has not been any matter or circumstance occurring subsequent to the end of the reporting date that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.



10. Auditor's Independence Declaration

The Lead auditor's independence declaration is set out on page 40 and forms part of the Directors' report for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

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

MrJohn Rawnsley ' Director and Chair, Health Network Northern Territory Ltd Dated at Darwin this 25th day of October 2023

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The Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the attached notes.

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Assets			Angelen and a second
Current			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	35,526,066	33,377,343
Trade and other receivables	7	408,172	430,751
Other current assets	8	1,904,877	140,911
Total current assets		37,839,116	33,949,005
Non-Current		,	
Property, plant and equipment	9	1,230,296	1,575,164
Total non-current assets	·	1,230,296	1,575,164
Total assets		39,069,412	35,524,169
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Liabilities			
Current			
Trade and other payables	10	5,980,585	4,010,646
Lease liabilities	13	426,889	334,958
Employee benefits	11	1,144,934	1,068,570
Unearned grant income	12	25,645,616	25,706,509
Total current liabilities		33,198,023	31,120,683
Non-Current	4.4	444 570	40.000
Employee benefits Unearned grant income	11 12	144,578 1,816,071	48,806 257,675
Lease liabilities	12	904,628	1,331,517
Total non-current liabilities	10	2,865,277	1,637,998
Total liabilities		36,063,300	32,758,681
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Net assets		3,006,112	2,765,488
Equity Retained Earnings		2,390,310	2,149,686
Strategic Initiatives Reserves		615,802	615,802
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Total equity attributable to members		0.000.110	0 707 400
of the Company		3,006,112	2,765,488

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The Statement of Comprehensive Income is to be read in conjunction with the attached notes.

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	\$	\$
Revenue		•	,
Grant income	4	86,387,192	73,090,174
Non-grant income	4	1,986,558	232,655
Interest income	4	1,052,475	121,736
Total Revenue		89,426,225	73,444,565
Operating Expenses			
Employee expenses	5	12,745,065	10,542,373
Governance expenses		299,540	242,991
Occupancy expenses		245,807	150,281
Depreciation	9	403,607	348,531
Travel and accommodation		431,565	211,361
Administration expenses		4,089,184	2,861,316
Direct program expenses		70,970,834	59,076,153
Total Expenditure		89,185,602	73,433,006
Net Surplus for the year		240,624	11,559
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive Income for the year	—	240,624	11,559

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The Statement of Changes in Equity is to be read in conjunction with the attached notes.

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Strategic Initiatives Reserves \$	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2021	615,802	2,138,127	2,753,929
Net Surplus for the year	-	11,559	11,559
Other Comprehensive Income			-
Total comprehensive income for the year	·	11,559	11,559
Total transactions with members		248.	
Balance at 30 June 2022	615,802	2,149,686	2,765,488
Balance at 1 July 2022	615,802	2,149,686	2,765,488
Net Surplus for the year		240,624	240,624
Other comprehensive income		. ма	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		240,624	240,624
Total transactions with members	-	-	
Balance at 30 June 2023	615,802	2,390,310	2,994,112

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The Statement of Cash Flows is to be read in conjunction with the attached notes.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash receipts from customers		8,701,035	232,655
Cash receipts from funding bodies		92,466,301	76,875,518
Interest received		772,464	72,073
Cash payments to employees		(9,606,241)	(10,623,390)
Cash payments to suppliers		(89,804,435)	(63,057,591)
Net cash from operating activities	15	2,592,124	3,499,265
Cash flows from investing activities Additions to property, plant and equipment Net cash from/(used in) investing activities	_	 -	-
Cash flows from financing activities Finance lease principal payments	13	(380,401)	(260,343)
Net cash used in financing activities		(380,401)	(260,343)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July		2,148,723 33,377,343	3,238,922 30,138,421
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	6	35,526,066	33,377,343

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Corporate Information

Health Network Northern Territory Ltd ("Health Network NT" or "the Company") was established as a not-for-profit public company limited by guarantee under the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)* on 1 July 2012. Health Network NT has currently three Members: Health Providers Alliance Northern Territory Incorporated, the Northern Territory Department of Health and the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory Aboriginal Corporation. Health Network NT, trading as Northern Territory PHN, is primarily involved in health service commissioning and health outcomes in the Northern Territory and is one of 31 Primary Health Networks established Australia-wide by the Australian Government Department of Health. The Health Network NT also includes the Northern Territory Rural Workforce Agency as an operational branch.

The Company is a not-for-profit entity and registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission from 3 December 2012.

Health Network NT's registered office is 23 Albatross Street, Winnellie, NT 0820.

2. Basis of Preparation

a) Statement of compliance

The financial report is a general-purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Interpretations and Accounting Interpretations) adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB), the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

Accounting policies are selected and applied in a manner which ensures that the resulting financial information satisfies the concepts of relevance and reliability, thereby ensuring that the substance of the underlying transaction or other events is reported. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of this financial report are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated. The financial statements are for the financial year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 and were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 23 October 2023.

b) Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except as otherwise stated.

c) Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is Health Network NT's functional currency.



d) Critical Accounting and Estimates and Judgement

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires the management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected.

Information about critical judgments in applying accounting policies and in preparing this financial report that have the most significant effect on the amounts have been recognised in the financial statements as appropriate.

e) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations

No accounting standard has been adopted earlier than the applicable dates as stated in the standard.

Several amending standards and Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) interpretations have been issued that apply to the current reporting period but are considered to have limited or no impact on the Company's financial reporting.

No Australian accounting standards have been adopted early for 2022-23. Several other amending standards and AASB interpretations that have been issued that apply to future reporting periods but are considered to have limited or no impact on the Company's financial reporting.

3. Significant Accounting Policies

Revenue

The Company measures revenue by considering the amount specified in a contract and excludes amounts collected on behalf of third parties. Revenue is recognised when the Company fulfills obligations specified in the relevant contract. These obligations may be fulfilled either at a specific point in time or over a period.

a) Grant revenue

Revenue generated from grants is recognised upon fulfillment of associated performance obligations, rather than immediately upon receipt. Grants with enforceable agreements but no specific performance obligations, yet have restrictions on the timing of expenditure, are recognised at the time of receipt as the time restriction on the utilisation of funds is not specific enough to create a performance obligation. Grants that are not enforceable and/or specific enough do not qualify for deferral and are recognised as revenue as soon as they are controlled.

Grants that require the Company to provide services or facilities or meet eligibility criteria is recognised only to the extent that the required services have been provided or the eligibility criteria have been met. In cases where monies are received in advance of performance or



eligibility, a liability is recognised. Any unexpended grants associated with performance obligations are recognised as a liability in the Statement of Financial Position.

b) Interest

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Financial Instruments

a) Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. For financial assets, this is the equivalent to the date that the Company commits itself to either the purchase or sale of the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments (except for trade receivables) are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs, except where the instrument is classified "at fair value through profit or loss", in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.

Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Trade receivables are initially measured at the transaction price if the trade receivables do not contain a significant financing component.

b) Subsequent measurement

Financial assets are subsequently measured at:

- amortised cost (cash in bank, trade and other & receivables and investments);
- fair value through Statement of Comprehensive Income; or
- fair value through Other Comprehensive Income.

Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at:

- amortised costs; or
- fair value through Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The Company does not have any financial assets and liabilities at fair value through Statement of Comprehensive Income or fair value through Other Comprehensive Income.

Cash in bank and trade receivables are classified as at amortised cost and are measured using effective interest method, net of any provision for impairment losses. Whereas Trade payables are subsequently measured at amortised costs using the effective interest rate method.

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c) Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expires, or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the Company no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the related obligations are discharged, cancelled, or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in Statement of Comprehensive Income.

d) Impairment

The Company recognises an allowance for expected credit losses (ECLs) for trade and other receivables. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due following the contract and all the cash flows the Company expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The expected cash flows will include cash flows from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements integral to the contractual terms.

For trade and other receivables, the Company applies a simplified approach in calculating ECLs. Therefore, the Company does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date.

The Company considers a trade and other receivables in default when contractual payments are 30 days past due. However, in certain cases, the Company may also consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the Company is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before taking into account any credit enhancements held by the Company. A trade and other receivables are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows.

Property, plant and equipment

a) Recognition and measurement

Items of property, plant and equipment are initially measured at cost.

Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of that equipment.

Property, plant, and equipment that has been contributed at no cost or for nominal cost is valued at the fair value of the asset at the date of its acquisition.

b) Asset Capitalisation policy

The Health Network NT collaborates with Health Service Providers throughout the Northern Territory and is granted funds by the Commonwealth Government to promote the well-being of Territorians. To ensure compliance with each grant funding contract, the Company



meticulously scrutinises contracts to ascertain whether asset purchases are permissible, as asset ownership may be constrained under Commonwealth Funding guidelines. The Company strictly invests only in assets by the contract guidelines.

c) Subsequent costs

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

d) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated over the depreciable amount, which is the cost of an asset, or other amount substituted as cost, less its residual value.

Depreciation is recognised in Statement of Comprehensive Income on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of property, plant and equipment, since this most closely reflects the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the asset.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each financial yearend and adjusted if appropriate. Even if it is acquired by the Company, depreciation will still be done at the shorter of EUL and lease term.

Where an asset is acquired by direct Government grant funding and it has not been fully depreciated, at the end of the associated program, direction is sought from the Government to use the asset or sale proceeds to benefit a complementary or similar program.

Right of Use Assets

The Company has secured office space to carry out its business operations through lease agreements. The leases typically last for 4 to 5 years, with options to extend as needed. The terms of each lease are customised and can vary widely. There are no restrictions imposed in the lease agreements, and the company does not provide residual value guarantees for the leases.

For short-term and low-value leases, the company recognises payments as expenses on a straight-line basis instead of recording a right-of-use asset and lease liability. Short-term leases have a duration of 12 months or less and do not include a purchase option, while low-value assets have a new fair value of \$10,000 or less and are typically photocopiers that are not part of a sublease arrangement.

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a) Recognition and measurement

The Company assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

The Company recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets, except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets.

The Company recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are initially measured at the amount of initial measurement of the lease liability, adjusted by any lease payments made at or before the commencement date and lease incentives, any initial direct costs incurred, and estimated costs of dismantling and removing the asset or restoring the site, if any.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

The right-of-use assets are subsequently measured at fair value which approximates costs except for those arising from leases that have significantly below-market terms and conditions principally to enable the Company to further its objectives and are also subject to impairment.

The right-of-use assets are subject to remeasurement principles consistent with the lease liability, including indexation and market rent review that approximates fair value and only revalued where a trigger or event may indicate their carrying amount does not equal fair value.

b) Impairment of Non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of Health Network NT's non-financial assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. For impairment testing, assets that cannot be tested individually are grouped into the smallest group of assets that generate cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets.

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

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In respect of other assets, impairment losses recognised in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount.

An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

Employee Benefits

a) Long-term employee benefits

Health Network NT's net obligation in respect of long-term employee benefits is the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior periods, plus related expected benefit is discounted to determine its present value.

b) Short-term benefits

Liabilities for employee benefits for wages, salaries, annual leave and long-service leave, represent present obligations resulting from employees' services provided up to reporting date and are calculated at undiscounted amounts based on remuneration wage and salary rates that Health Network NT expects to pay as at reporting date including related on-costs, such as workers' compensation insurance. Contributions are made by Health Network NT to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

Goods and Services Tax

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 taxation authority. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as a current asset or liability in the balance sheet.

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

Reserves

Health Network NT maintains strategic initiative reserves that are funded by cash and investments. This reserve is used to record funds set aside for the sponsorship and business development program that will be undertaken by Health Network NT in the future.

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Provisions

A provision is recognised if, as a result of a past event, Health Network NT has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as finance cost.

Lease Liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease where the Company is the lessee, the Company recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. Lease payments may include fixed payments (including in substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable and payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the entity exercising the option to terminate.

The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. If that rate cannot be readily determined, which is generally the case for the Company's leases, the weighted average incremental borrowing rate is used as the incremental borrowing rate.

After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the lease payments (such as changes to future payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine such lease payments) or a change in the assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset.

Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as Health Network NT is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

Payroll Tax

No provision for payroll tax has been raised as Health Network NT is exempt from payroll tax under the *Payroll Tax Act* effective from 1 July 2012.

Fringe Benefits Tax

Health Network NT is a partially exempt employer for fringe benefits provided up to a specified amount per employee under Section 57A of the *Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986*. No provision for fringe benefits tax has been raised as any tax incurred is required to be immediately paid by the employee for whom the fringe benefits tax debt is incurred.

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Prohibition upon distribution of income, profits and assets

Upon winding up of Health Network NT and after paying of all liabilities, the surplus assets:

- (i) Shall not be divided amongst Members; but
- (ii) Shall, upon special resolution of the members, be paid or transferred to another incorporated or unincorporated organisation, having similar objects to Health Network NT. If the Members are unable to pass a resolution, then the surplus assets are to be paid or transferred on the direction of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory, on application of Health Network NT or any Member.

Determination of fair values

Trade and other receivables

The fair value of trade and other receivables is estimated as the present value of future cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest at the reporting date. This fair value is determined for disclosure purposes.

Non-derivative financial liabilities

Fair value, is calculated based on the present value of future principal and interest cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest at the reporting date.

Financial risk management

Health Network NT has minimal exposure to the following risks from their use of financial instruments:

- Credit risk
- Liquidity risk
- Market risk

This note presents information about Health Network NT's exposure to each of the above risks, their objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk.

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the risk management framework. Risk management policies and systems are set to identify and analyse the risks faced by Health Network NT, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits.

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Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to Health Network NT if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations and arises principally from the Company's receivables from customers.

Trade and other receivables

Health Network NT's exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each customer. Majority of Health Network NT's revenue is attributable to Government Grants and hence credit risk is low and trade receivables are deemed to be recoverable. Health Network NT's other receivables relate mainly to non-governmental organisations which are also funded by both the State and Commonwealth Government and hence the credit risk is low and other trade receivables are deemed to be recoverables are deemed to be receivables and other trade receivables are deemed to be receivables are deemed to be receivables.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that Health Network NT will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Directors' approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to Health Network NT's reputation. Health Network NT Board are of the view that sufficient funds have been arranged, via member contributions, to meet its liabilities when due in the event of Health Network NT winding up its operations.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices will affect Health Network NT's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return. Health Network NT does not enter into derivatives and has no exposures to currency risk and neither is anticipated. Management's policy is to review their investment strategy to balance interest returns and liquidity issues.

Comparatives

Comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.



4. Grant Income

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Current year grants		
Department of Health	78,242,163	72,664,373
NT Department of Health	2,254,217	325,395
Other Grants	5,890,813	100,406
Total Grant Income	86,387,192	73,090,174
Non-grant income		
Insurance recoveries	27,889	-
Other program income	1,541,450	88,585
Other income	417,220	144,071
	1,986,558	232,655
Interest income on bank deposits	1,052,475	121,736
Total Income	89,426,225	73,465,200



5. Employee Expenses

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Salaries and wages	10,629,485	8,883,802
Superannuation	1,081,277	863,077
Recruitment expenses	97,786	161,920
Training & conference expenses	504,670	186,462
Temporary agency employment and other expenses	431,847	447,111
	12,745,065	10,542,372

6. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash at bank	12,088,488	6,999,965
Term Deposits	23,246,081	26,185,881
Deposits & Bonds Paid	5,237	5,237
Bank Guarantee Deposit - Albatross Street	86,260	86,260
Bank Guarantee Deposit - Credit Card Limit	100,000	100,000
-	35,526,066	33,377,343

7. Trade and Other Receivables

Trade and other receivables	538,985	502,751
Less: Expected credit losses provision	(130,813)	(72,000)
	408,172	430,751

All trade and other receivables balance are currently within accepted trading terms. Analysis of the ageing of Health Network NT's receivables are disclosed in Note 16.

Movement in expected credit losses is as follows:

Balance at beginning of the year	(72,000)	(7,998)
Recovery during the year	-	7,998
Expected credit losses provision during the year	(58,813)	(72,000)
Balance at end of the year	(130,813)	(72,000)

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8. Other Current Assets

Net GST Paid	-	980
Accrued income	1,663,958	110,338
Other prepayments	240,919	29,593
	1,904,877	140,911

9. Property, Plant & Equipment

	Computer Equipment	Furniture and Office Equipment	Right-of-Use Assets	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cost				
Balance at 1 July 2021	-	-	1,652,949	1,652,949
Additions	-	-	1,923,695	1,923,695
Disposed/remeasurement leases		=	(1,652,949)	(1,652,949)
Balance at 30 June 2022	-		1,923,695	1,923,695
Balance at 1 July 2022	-	• •	1,923,695	1,923,695
Additions	-	-	-	-
Remeasurement of leases	-	-	58,739	58,739
Balance at 30 June 2023			1,982,434	1,982,434
Accumulated Depreciation				
Balance at 1 July 2021	-	-	(777,807)	(777,807)
Depreciation charge for the year	-	-	(348,531)	(348,531)
Disposals/remeasurement of leases	-	-	777,807	777,807
Balance at 30 June 2022		······	(348,531)	(348,531)
Balance at 1 July 2022	-	-	(348,531)	(348,531)
Depreciation charge for the year	-	-	(403,607)	(403,607)
Remeasurement of leases	-	-	-	· _
Balance at 30 June 2023			(752,138)	(752,138)

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Carrying amounts				
At 30 June 2022	· –	-	1,575,164	1,575,164
At 30 June 2023	-	-	1,230,296	1,230,296

Remeasurement of leases included changes in total area lease and monthly lease payments and new lease term due to lease extensions.

10. Trade and Other Payables

	2023	2022	
	\$	\$	
Current			
Trade payables	2,007,867	879,550	
Other current payables	2,960,889	1,942,669	
Workforce candidate grants payable	850,644	1,077,789	
Employee accruals	161,185	110,638	
	5,980,585	4,010,646	

11. Employee Benefits

Current		
Liability for annual leave	843,816	780,823
Liability for long service leave - current	301,118	287,747
	1,144,934	1,068,570
- Non-current		<u> </u>
Liability for long service leave - non-current	144,578	48,806
	144,578	48,806

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12. Unearned Grants

Unearned grant income – current*	25,645,616	25,706,507
Unearned grant income – non-Current	1,816,071	257,675
	27,461,687	25,964,183

Unearned grant income are monies received where the associated performance obligation to provide goods or services is yet to be satisfied. Unexpended grant income that is intended to be used beyond one year is recognised as non-current.

*Unearned grants as at 30 June 2023 are as follows:

Funds Committed to Programs:	Amount
 Executed Agreement in Place 	11,027,247
 Executed Agreement Pending 	7,321,823
Funding received in last 6 months	5,909,133
Funding Received in Advance	257,675
Funding to be returned	1,129,738
Total Current Funding	25,645,616

13. Lease Liabilities

The following table presents liabilities under leases for 2022-23:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Current	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Lease liabilities	426,889	334,958
	426,889	334,958
Non-current		
Lease liabilities	904,628	1,331,517
	904,628	1,331,517

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The following table presents Other Lease transactions under leases for 2022-23:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July	1,666,475	878,266
Additions / Remeasurement	(7,721)	1,048,552
Interest Expenses	53,163	95,544
Payments	(380,401)	(355,887)
Balance at 30 June	1,331,517	1,666,475

14. Related Party Transactions

The related parties of the Company include:

- the key management personnel (KMP) because they have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company directly; and
- spouses, children and dependents who are close family members of the KMP; and
- any entities controlled or jointly controlled by KMPs or controlled or jointly controlled by their close family members.

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel of the Company are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of Company. These include the Directors and Senior Executive Leadership Team as listed below.

Directors

The following Directors were in office during the financial year ended 30 June 2023:

- Mr John Rawnsley Board Chair
- Mr David Blair Deputy Chair
- Dr John Boffa (tenure ended on 29 March 2023)
- Ms Heather D'Antoine
- Dr Samuel Goodwin
- Dr John Paterson
- Ms Liza Houghton
- Dr Marco Briceno (resigned on 30 June 2023)

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- (i) Remuneration of Directors
 During the year ended 30 June 2023 the total fees paid to Directors amounted to \$258,585 (2022: \$266,117).
- (ii) Other Related Party Transactions

During the year, amounts were commissioned to service provider organisations for delivery of health services, on an arm's length basis, under normal terms and conditions. Directors of the Company may hold executive positions and/or Directorships in these organisations.

		Amount (ex. GST)
Related Party	Details	\$
AMSANT	Health Services	1,766,172
Central Australian Aboriginal Congress	Health Services	4,294,341
Red Lily Health Board	Health Services	606,900
Northern Territory General Practice Education Limited	Health Services	2,303
The Trustee for TFCMG Trust t/as Central Clinic Alice Springs	Health Services	137,628
Department of Health NT	Government Agency	6,866,784
Danila Dilba Health Services	Health Services	3,304,090

(iii) Outstanding Amounts

As at 30 June 2023, there are no outstanding amounts receivable from or payable to the Directors.

Senior Executive Leadership Team

Health Network NT's Senior Executive Leadership Team consists of the following positions as at 30 June 2023:

- Chief Executive Officer
- Chief Financial Officer and Executive Manager Corporate Services
- Executive Manager Regional Health Integration
- Executive Manager Health Workforce
- Executive Manager Strategy, Planning and Performance

Total remuneration of \$1,341,810 (2022: \$1,141,342) was paid to the Senior Executive Leadership Team for the year ended 30 June 2023.

- Retirement Benefits
 No retirement benefits have been made by the Company to key management personnel during the reporting year.
- Loans to Responsible Persons
 No loans have been made, guaranteed or secured by the Company to key management
 personnel during the reporting year.

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- (iii) Other Transactions No other transactions have been made by the Company to key management personnel during the reporting year.
- (iv) Outstanding Amounts As at 30 June 2023, there were no outstanding amounts receivable from Key Management Personnel.

15. Reconciliation of Cash Flows from Operating Activities

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net surplus/(deficit) for the period	240,626	11,558
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	403,606	348,531
Expected Credit losses provision	58,813	72,000
Provision for Employee Benefits	172,136	(81,017)
	875,181	351,072
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:		
Change in trade and other receivables	(1,814,478)	1,132,711
Change in trade and other payables	1,970,919	(1,123,183)
Change in unexpended grant liability	1,497,504	3,138,664
Net Cash inflow generated from operating activities	2,529,124	3,499,264

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16. Financial Instruments

Credit risk

Health Network NT does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single receivable or group of receivables under financial instruments entered into by the entity as most of its receivables are due from Australian Government departments.

Impairment losses

The ageing of Health Network NT's receivables at the reporting date was:

	Gross	Expected credit losses	Gross	Expected credit losses
	2023	2023	2022	2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Less than 30 days	274,234	-	415,012	_
31-60 days	133,940	58,813	15,739	-
Greater than 60 days	72,000	72,000	72,000	72,000
	480,172	130,813	502,751	72,000

All receivables, other than those provided with expected credit losses provisions, are collectible as at 30 June 2023.

Liquidity risk

Health Network NT manages liquidity risk by monitoring bank balances and monitoring grant payments as per grant schedules by ensuring the grant payments are made on time, and there are sufficient funds in the bank.

The following are the contractual maturities of financial liabilities, including estimated interest payments and excluding the impact of netting agreements:

	Contractual Cash			
	Carrying amounts	flow	6 months or less	
30 June 2023	\$	\$	\$	
Trade and other payables	2,007,867	(2,007,867)	2,007,867	
Other current payables	3,972,718	(3,972,718)	3,972,718	
	5,980,585	(5,980,585)	5,980,585	

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	Contractual Cash			
	Carrying amounts	flow	6 months or less	
30 June 2022	\$	\$	\$	
Trade and other payables	879,550	(879,550)	879,550	
Other current payables	3,131,096	(3,131,096)	3,131,096	
	4,010,646	(4,010,646)	4,010,646	

Price risk

Health Network NT is not exposed to any material commodity risk.

Foreign currency risk

Health Network NT is not exposed to any material foreign currency risk.

Fair values

The carrying amount of receivables, cash at bank, and creditors approximate their fair value due to their short-term nature.



17. Members' Guarantee

This organisation operates under the Corporations Act 2001 and is a limited liability entity. In the event of dissolution, the constitution specifies that each member must pay a maximum contribution of \$50 to cover any outstanding liabilities. As of June 30, 2023, the organisation had three members.

18. Auditor's Remuneration

Audit Services	2023 \$	2022 \$
Merit Partners Pty Ltd	10 500	40,500
Audit and review of annual financial statements	42,500 17,500	42,500 17,500
Audit of Special Purpose Reports for Funding Acquittals	60,000	60,000

19. Events Subsequent to Reporting Date

There are no events after the balance sheet date.

20. Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

The Directors are not aware of any contingent assets and contingent liabilities that may become payable.



21. COVID-19 Pandemic Funding

Due to the current pandemic, our company has been granted additional funding from the Commonwealth to aid in our efforts to support primary care COVID response activities. This includes an increasing surge of GP-led respiratory clinics and targeting vulnerable populations. Please refer to the table below for a breakdown of the COVID funding allocation for each purpose.

			COVID Vulnerable		
	GP Led Respiratory Clinics / COVID- 19 Primary Care Support	Workforce Infection Control & Surge Capacity	Population Response		Total
Year	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2019-20	300,000	282,258	· _	-	582,258
2020-21	700,000	182,258		-	882,258
2021-22	721,875	-	615,000	531,690	1,868,565
2022-23	356,250	-	461,250	188,306	1,005,806
2023-24	105,875	_	134,531	-	240,406
Total	2,184,000	464,516	1,210,781	719,996	4,579,293



Directors' Declaration

In the opinion of the directors of Health Network NT:

- (a) the financial statements and notes, set out on pages 13 to 38, are in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of Health Network NT's financial position as at 30 June 2023
 and of its performance, for the financial year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Australian Charities and Not-for*profits Commission Regulations 2013 and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that Health Network NT will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

John Rawnslév

Director and Chair, Health Network Northern Territory Ltd Dated at Darwin this 25th day of October 2023.



Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Health Network Northern Territory Ltd

In relation to our audit of the financial statements of Health Network Northern Territory Ltd for the financial year ended 30 June 2023, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Corporations Act 2001; and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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25 October 2023



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Independent audit report to members of Health Network Northern Territory Ltd

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial report of Health Network Northern Territory Ltd ("the Company"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the financial report of Health Network Northern Territory Ltd is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of Health Network Northern Territory Ltd at 30 June 2023 and of the Company's performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2013* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report.

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012,* the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the *Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the 'Code') that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

The Responsibility of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Management of the Company is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as management determines 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, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with corporate governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

As part of an audit in accordance with 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 Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting
 and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events
 or conditions that may cast significant doubt on Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If
 we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's
 report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to
 modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our
 auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to
 continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with 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.

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25 October 2023