



Fair Work
Commission

20 June 2024

Mark Diamond
Secretary
Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Industry Union - Tasmanian Branch

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Dear Mark Diamond

**Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Industry Union - Tasmanian Branch
Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2023 – FR2023/234**

I acknowledge receipt of the financial report for the year ended 31 December 2023 for the Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Industry Union - Tasmanian Branch (the reporting unit). The documents were lodged with the Fair Work Commission (the Commission) on 14 June 2024.

The financial report has now been filed. You are not required to take any further action in respect of the report lodged.

The financial report was filed based on a primary review. This involved confirming that the financial reporting timelines required under sections 253, 265, 266 and 268 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (RO Act)* have been satisfied, all documents required under section 268 of the RO Act were lodged and that various disclosure requirements under the Australian Accounting Standards, RO Act and reporting guidelines have been complied with. A primary review does not examine all disclosure requirements.

Please note that next year's financial report may be subject to an advanced compliance review.

If you have any queries regarding this letter, please call 1300 341 665 or email regorgs@fwc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Fair Work Commission

AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRAM AND BUS UNION
s.268 Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009

Certificate by Prescribed Designated Officer

For the year ended 31 December 2023

I, Mark Diamond, being the National Secretary of the Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Industry Union certify:

- That the documents lodged herewith are copies of the full report for the Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Industry Union Tasmanian Branch for the period ended 31st of December 2023 referred to in section 268 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*; and
- That the full report was provided to members of the reporting unit on 15th of May 2024 and
- That the full report was then confirmed and passed at a meeting of the committee of management of the reporting unit in accordance with section 266 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* on the 13rd of June 2024.

Signature of prescribed designated officer:



Name of prescribed designated officer: Mark Diamond

Title of prescribed designated officer: National Secretary

19 June 2024

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**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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**OPERATING REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Union Tasmanian Branch during the year were to provide representation and support to the members. There were no significant changes to the principal activities during the year.

Review of results

The net result of operations for the year was a loss of \$88,312 (2022: loss of \$32,601). The organisation continued to represent its members in industrial and other matters, focusing particularly on training and educational projects to advance the industry. During the year, it continued to pay particular attention to corporate governance, ensuring that it complies with legislative requirements. As at reporting date, it had accumulated net assets of \$9,359 (2022: \$97,671).

The RTBU (Tasmanian Branch) is a branch of the federally registered RTBU representing members whose usual place of work is located within the state of Tasmania. The Tasmanian Branch has members employed in Rail and Bus sectors who are employed by the public and private sectors. The reporting unit's activities are directed by the Tasmanian Branch Executive and Branch council. The principle activities and results of these activities fell into the following categories.

Making agreements with employers	2 Agreements – TasRail Cement Team EA & West Coast Wilderness Railway EA
Implementation of Branch Council's membership agenda, including providing assistance and strategic advice to individual members in relation to workplace issues.	Received applications for admittance for 57 new members. Several members provided with extensive assistance with impending dismissals and high-level incidences and Workers Compensation Claims. Multiple cases of lower-level advice and assistance also provided across both divisions.
Attended meetings called by peak union bodies in Tasmania.	Attended 12 meetings called by Unions Tasmania
Training delegates and representatives.	6 delegates received Delegate Training

Significant Changes in the State of Affairs

On 22 December 2023, the Fair Work Commission approved the amalgamation of operations, assets and liabilities of the Union into the National Branch as one operating unit (to be known as the National Office Reporting Unit (NORU)) from 1 January 2024. As a result, members of the Tasmania Branch will be serviced from the National Office from 1 January 2024 onwards. The net assets and liabilities of \$9,359 have been transferred to the new reporting unit as at 1 January 2024 for \$nil consideration.

The reporting unit known as Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Union, Tasmanian Branch, ceased to exist on 1 January 2024.

Resignation of Members

A member of an organisation may resign from membership by written notice addressed and delivered to a person designated for the purpose in the rules of the organisation or a branch of the organisation.

All members of the RTBU (Tasmanian Branch) have the right to resign from the union in accordance with Rule 14, Resignation from Membership, of the rules of the Rail Tram & Bus Industry Union.

Number of Members

As at 31 December 2023, the number of members of the organisation recorded in the register of members was 267 (2022: 303).

Number of Employees

As at 31 December 2023, the branch employed 1 part time and 4 casual employees (2022: 1 part time, 4 casual).

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Committee of Management

The Committee of Management members were as follows: -

R Bean	1.1.23 to 31.12.23
R Luxmoore	1.1.23 to 31.12.23
C Hewitt	1.1.23 to 31.12.23
M Dunsby	1.1.23 to 31.12.23
J Matthews	1.1.23 to 31.12.23
N Shackleton	1.1.23 to 11.8.23
R Sweetman	1.1.23 to 14.5.23
J Lee	1.1.23 to 24.4.23

Future Developments

Refer to the amalgamation noted previously in this report.

Subsequent Events

Refer to the amalgamation noted previously in this report.

Superannuation Trustees/Directors

No officer or member of the reporting unit holds a position as a trustee or director of a superannuation entity or exempt public sector superannuation scheme where the criterion for holding such a position is that they are an officer or member of an organisation.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee of Management.



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Mark Diamond – National Secretary
Designated Officer

Dated this 15 day of May 2024

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CERTIFICATE OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The Committee of Management of the Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Union Tasmanian Branch passed the following resolution on Wednesday 15 May 2024 in relation to the general purpose financial report of the reporting unit for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

The Committee of Management declares in relation to the general purpose financial report that in its opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes comply with Australian Accounting Standards and the Reporting Guidelines of the General Manager - Fair Work Commission including any other requirements imposed by Part 3 of Chapter 8 of the Fair Work (Reporting Organisations) Act;
- (b) the financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the financial performance, financial position and cash flows of the reporting unit for the financial year to which they relate;
- (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the reporting unit will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable;
- (d) during the financial year to which the general purpose financial report relates and since the end of that year:
 - i. meetings of the Committee of Management were held in accordance with the rules of the organisation including the rules of a branch concerned;
 - ii. the financial affairs of the reporting unit have been managed in accordance with the rules of the organisation including the rules of a branch concerned;
 - iii. the financial records of the reporting unit have been kept and maintained in accordance with the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 and the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009;
 - iv. the information sought in any request of a member of the reporting unit or the General Manager - Fair Work Commission duly made under section 272 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 has been furnished to the member or the General Manager - Fair Work Commission;
 - v. there have been no orders for inspection of financial records made by the Fair Work Commission under section 273 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 during the period; and
 - vi. where the Union comprises of 2 or more reporting units, the financial records of the reporting unit have been kept, as far as practicable in a manner consistent with each of the other reporting units of the organisation.

Resolved for the Committee of Management:



Mark Diamond – National Secretary
Designated Officer

Dated this 15 day of May 2024

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**CERTIFICATE BY PRESCRIBED DESIGNATED OFFICER
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

I, Mark Diamond, being the National Secretary of Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Union Tasmanian Branch certify:

- (i) That the documents lodged herewith are copies of the full report for the Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Union Tasmanian Branch for the period ended 31 December 2023 referred to in Section 268 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*; and
- (ii) That the full report was provided to members of the reporting unit on XX June, 2024; and
- (iii) That the full report was presented to a meeting of the Committee of Management of the reporting unit on XX June, 2024 in accordance with Section 266 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*.

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Mark Diamond – National Secretary
Designated Officer

Dated this day of 2024

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OFFICER DECLARATION STATEMENT

I, Mark Diamond, being the National Secretary of the Branch, declare that all activities (including \$nil activities) required to be disclosed during the reporting period ended 31 December 2023 have been disclosed in the financial report.



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Mark Diamond – National Secretary
Designated Officer

Dated: 15 May 2024

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**TO THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF AUSTRALIAN RAIL, TRAM AND BUS UNION
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I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2023 there have been: -

- (iv) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements in relation to the audit; and
- (v) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Stannards Accountants and Advisors P/L

Stannards Accountants and Advisors



Michael Snuiman
Registered Company Auditor (163888)
Holder of Current Public Practice Certificate
Approved Auditor (FWC Act and Regulations – AA2017/45)

Dated this *15th* day of *May* 2024

**AUSTRALIAN RAIL, TRAM AND BUS UNION
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**EXPENDITURE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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

	2023 \$	2022 \$
CATEGORIES OF EXPENDITURE		
Remuneration and other employment-related costs and Expenses – employees	52,719	39,670
Advertising	-	-
Operating Costs	157,714	132,957
Donations to Political Parties	-	-
Legal Costs	-	3,484
Total	210,433	176,111



Mark Diamond - National Secretary
Designated Officer

Dated this 15 day of May 2024

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**INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Revenue			
Membership Subscriptions		118,539	139,041
Capitation Fees		-	-
Levies		-	-
Revenue from Recovery of Wages Activity		-	-
Financial Support – Other Branches		-	-
Grants/Donations		2,000	-
Other Sale of Goods		186	132
Other Revenue		1,396	4,337
Total Revenue	3	122,121	143,510
Expenses			
Employee Expenses	11	52,719	39,670
Depreciation and Amortisation	6	857	735
Affiliation Fees	14	5,566	6,624
Capitation Fees – RTBU National Office	14	16,262	20,055
Grants	14	-	-
Legal Expenses	14	-	3,484
Restructuring Expenses	14	35,360	-
Donations	14	-	4,756
Other Expenses		99,670	100,787
Total Expenses		210,433	176,111
(Deficit) for the year		(88,312)	(32,601)

The accompanying notes form part of this Financial Report

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**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
(Deficit) for the period	(88,312)	(32,601)
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	(88,312)	(32,601)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to: Members of the organisation	(88,312)	(32,601)

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	25,936	74,191
Trade and Other Receivables	5	-	2,718
Total Current Assets		25,936	76,909
Non Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	6	31,015	31,872
Total Non Current Assets		31,015	31,872
Total Assets		56,951	108,781
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	7	653	4,804
Other Liabilities	8	2,055	2,672
Employee Provisions	9	9,524	3,634
Other Provisions	10	35,360	-
Total Current Liabilities		47,592	11,110
Total Liabilities		47,592	11,110
Net Assets		9,359	97,671
Equity			
Accumulated Surplus		9,359	97,671
Total Equity		9,359	97,671

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Accumulated Surplus / (Deficit) – Beginning of Year	97,671	130,272
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	(88,312)	(32,601)
Total Accumulated Surplus / (Deficit) – End of the Year	9,359	97,671

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	2023 Inflows/ (Outflows) \$	2022 Inflows/ (Outflows) \$
Cash flows from Operating Activities			
Membership Subscriptions		118,539	136,015
Interest Received		136	-
Other Income		6,164	4,469
Payments to Suppliers		(156,832)	(156,278)
Payments to Other Reporting Reports		(16,262)	(20,055)
Net Cash (Used In) Operating Activities	12	(48,255)	(35,849)
Cash flows from Investing Activities			
Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment and Investment Properties		-	-
Net Cash Provided By / (Used In) Investing Activities		-	-
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(48,255)	(35,849)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year		74,191	110,040
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	12	25,936	74,191

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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (cont'd)**

Note 1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

This financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009. The Union is a 'not for profit' entity.

The financial statements except for cashflow information have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, except as explained otherwise. Historical costs are based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The report is presented in Australian dollars. Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified to comply with current year presentation of the report.

The following is a summary of the material policies adopted by the Union in the preparation of the financial statements.

a) Statement of Compliance

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in a financial report containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards.

b) Going Concern

The financial report has been prepared on a 'recoverable value' basis which contemplates the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities within the next reporting period. This approach was adopted given the amalgamation of the Union and reflects all assets and liabilities at fair value.

No further adjustments are required in the financial report relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset values or to the amounts and classification of liabilities. The Union has not been reliant on the financial support of any other reporting unit to continue as a going concern, nor has it provided financial support to any other reporting unit to enable them to continue as a going concern.

c) Impairment of Assets

Assets that are subject to depreciation 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.

The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

d) Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are brought to account at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation or amortisation.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of asset are:

	2023	2022
Buildings	0-2.5%	0-2.5%
Fixtures and Fittings	13-20%	13-20%

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e) Income Tax

No provision for income tax is necessary as "Trade Unions" are exempt from income tax under Section 50-1 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. An obligation for fringe benefits tax and goods and services tax still exists and has been accounted for by the Union.

f) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the Union's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits expected to be settled in full within one year together with entitlements arising from wages and salaries, have been measured at the nominal amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled plus relates on-costs. Other employee benefits payable have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

Contributions made by the Union to employee superannuation funds are charged as expenses when incurred.

The number of employees at the end of the year was 5.

g) Revenue

The Union enters into various arrangements where it receives consideration from another party. These arrangements include consideration in the form of membership subscriptions, capitation fees, levies, grants, and donations.

The timing of recognition of these amounts as either revenue or income depends on the rights and obligations in those arrangements.

Revenue from contracts with customers

Where the Union has a contract with a customer, the Union recognises revenue when or as it transfers control of goods or services to the customer. The Union accounts for an arrangement as a contract with a customer if the following criteria are met:

- the arrangement is enforceable; and
- the arrangement contains promises (that are also known as performance obligations) to transfer goods or services to the customer (or to other parties on behalf of the customer) that are sufficiently specific so that it can be determined when the performance obligation has been satisfied.

Membership subscriptions

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

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

For member subscriptions paid annually in advance, the Union has elected to apply the practical expedient to not adjust the transaction price for the effects of a significant financing component because the period from when the customer pays and the good or services will transfer to the customer will be one year or less.

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

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(g) Revenue (cont'd)

Levies

Levies paid by a member (or other party) in an arrangement that meets the criteria to be a contract with a customer is recognised as revenue when or as the Union transfer the services.

In circumstances where the criteria for a contract with a customer are not met, the Union will recognise levies as income upon receipt.

Income of the Union as a Not-for-Profit Entity

Consideration is received by the Union to enable the entity to further its objectives. The Union recognises each of these amounts of consideration as income when the consideration is received (which is when the Union obtains control of the cash) because, based on the rights and obligations in each arrangement:

- the arrangements do not meet the criteria to be contracts with customers because either the arrangement is unenforceable or lacks sufficiently specific promises to transfer goods or services to the customer; and
- the Union's recognition of the cash contribution does not give to any related liabilities.

During the year, the Union received cash consideration from the following arrangements whereby that consideration will be recognised as income upon receipt:

- donations and voluntary contribution from members (including whip arounds); and
- certain government grants.

Volunteer services

During the year, the Union received no volunteer services. In those circumstances where it does receive volunteer services and the fair value of the volunteer services can be measured reliably, the Union recognises the fair value of volunteer services received as income together with a corresponding expense where the economic benefits of the volunteer services are consumed as the services are acquired. Where the volunteer services will contribute to the development of an asset, the fair value is included in the carrying amount of that asset.

Income recognised from transfers

Where, as part of an enforceable agreement, the Union receives consideration to acquire or construct a non-financial asset such as property, plant and equipment to an identified specification and for the Union's own use, a liability is recognised for the obligation to acquire or construct the asset. Income is recognised as the obligation to acquire or construct the asset is satisfied, which is typically over time. The asset that is being acquired or constructed is recognised in accordance with the policy on property, plant and equipment.

Gains from sale of assets

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal (which is at the date the recipient obtains control) or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in the statement of profit or loss when the asset is derecognised.

Interest income

Interest revenue is recognised on an accrual basis using the effective interest method.

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h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and cash in banks at highly liquid investments with a maturity of 3 months or less. It is recognised at its nominal amount.

i) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at fair value and generally due for settlement within 30 days.

For trade receivables that do not have a significant financing component, the Union applies a simplified approach in calculating expected credit losses (ECLs) which requires lifetime expected credit losses to be recognised from initial recognition of the receivables.

Therefore, the Union does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. The Union has established a provision matrix that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

j) Debt instruments other than trade receivables

For all debt instruments other than trade receivables and debt instruments not held at fair value through profit or loss, the Union recognises an allowance for expected credit losses using the general approach. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Union expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate.

ECLs are recognised in two stages:

- Where there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECLs are provided for credit losses from possible default events within the next 12-months (a 12-month ECL).
- Where there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the debt, irrespective of the timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

The Union considers a financial asset in default when contractual payments are 90 days past due. However, in certain cases, the Union may also consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the Union is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full. A financial asset is written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows.

k) Trade and other payables

Trade payables and other accounts payable are recognised when the Union becomes obliged to make future payments resulting from the purchase of goods and services. Trade accounts payable are normally settled within 30 days.

l) Fair Value Measurements

The Union measures some of its assets and liabilities at fair value on either a recurring or non-recurring basis, depending on the requirements of the applicable Accounting Standard.

Fair value is the price the Union would receive to sell an asset or would have to pay to transfer a liability in an orderly (ie. unforced) transaction between independent, knowledgeable and willing market participants at the measurement date.

As fair value is a market-based measure, the closest equivalent observable market pricing information is used to determine fair value. Adjustments to market value may be made having regard to the characteristics of the specific asset or liability. The fair values of assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market are determined using one or more valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise, to the extent possible, the use of observable market data.

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l) Fair Value Measurements (cont'd)

To the extent possible, market information is extracted from either the principal market for the asset or liability (ie. the market with the greatest volume and level of activity for the asset or liability) or, in the absence of such a market, the most advantageous market available to the entity at the end of the reporting period (ie. the market that maximises the receipts from the sale of the asset or minimises the payments made to transfer the liability, after taking into account transaction costs).

For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement also takes into account a market participant's ability to use the asset in its highest and best use or to sell it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The fair value of liabilities and the entity's own equity instruments (excluding those related to share-based payment arrangements) may be valued, where there is no observable market price in relation to the transfer of such financial instruments, by reference to observable market information where such instruments are held as assets. Where this information is not available, other valuation techniques are adopted and, where significant, are detailed in the respective note to the financial statement.

m) Financial Instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Union becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is the date that the Union commits itself to either the purchase or sale of the asset (ie 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 as "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 or if the practical expedient was applied as specified in AASB 15: *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at:

- amortised cost; or
- fair value through profit or loss.

A financial liability is measured at fair value through profit or loss if the financial liability is:

- a contingent consideration of an acquirer in a business combination to which AASB 3: Business Combinations applies;
- held for trading; or
- initially designated as fair value through profit or loss.

All other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest expense in the profit or loss over the relevant period.

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m) Financial Instruments (cont'd)

The effective interest rate is the internal rate of return of the financial asset or liability. That is, it is the rate that discounts the estimated future cash flows through the expected life of the instrument to the net carrying amount at initial recognition.

A financial liability is held for trading if it is:

- incurred for the purpose of repurchasing or repaying in the near term;
- part of a portfolio where there is an actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- a derivative financial instrument (except for a derivative that is in a financial guarantee contract or a derivative that is in effective hedging relationships).

Any gains or losses arising on changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss to the extent that they are not part of a designated hedging relationship.

The change in fair value of the financial liability attributable to changes in the issuer's credit risk is taken to other comprehensive income and is not subsequently reclassified to profit or loss. Instead, it is transferred to retained earnings upon derecognition of the financial liability.

If taking the change in credit risk in other comprehensive income enlarges or creates an accounting mismatch, then these gains or losses should be taken to profit or loss rather than other comprehensive income.

A financial liability cannot be reclassified.

Financial Assets

Financial assets are subsequently measured at:

- amortised cost;
- fair value through other comprehensive income; or
- fair value through profit or loss.

Measurement is on the basis of two primary criteria:

- the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset; and
- the business model for managing the financial assets.

A financial asset that meets the following conditions is subsequently measured at amortised cost:

- the financial asset is managed solely to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms within the financial asset give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding on specified dates.

A financial asset that meets the following conditions is subsequently measured fair value through other comprehensive income:

- the contractual terms within the financial asset give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding on specified dates; and
- the business model for managing the financial asset comprises both contractual cash flows collection and the selling of the financial asset.

By default, all other financial assets that do not meet the measurement conditions of amortised cost and fair value through other comprehensive income are subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The entity initially designates a financial instrument as measured at fair value through profit or loss if:

- it eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency (often referred to as an "accounting mismatch") that would otherwise arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognising the gains and losses on them on different basis;

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- it is in accordance with the documented risk management or investment strategy and information about the groupings is documented appropriately, so the performance of the financial liability that is part of a group of financial liabilities or financial assets can be managed and evaluated consistently on a fair value basis; and
- it is a hybrid contract that contains an embedded derivative that significantly modifies the cash flows otherwise required by the contract.

The initial designation of financial instruments to measure at fair value through profit or loss is a one-time option on initial classification and is irrevocable until the financial asset is derecognised.

Equity instruments

At initial recognition, as long as the equity instrument is not held for trading or is not a contingent consideration recognised by an acquirer in a business combination to which AASB 3 applies, the entity made an irrevocable election to measure any subsequent changes in fair value of the equity instruments in other comprehensive income, while the dividend revenue received on underlying equity instruments investment will still be recognised in profit or loss.

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised and derecognised at settlement date in accordance with the Union's accounting policy.

Derecognition

Derecognition refers to the removal of a previously recognised financial asset or financial liability from the statement of financial position.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

A liability is derecognised when it is extinguished (ie when the obligation in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires). An exchange of an existing financial liability for a new one with substantially modified terms, or a substantial modification to the terms of a financial liability, is treated as an extinguishment of the existing liability and recognition of a new financial liability.

The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities, is recognised in profit or loss.

Derecognition of financial assets

A financial asset is derecognised when the holder's contractual rights to its cash flows expires, or the asset is transferred in such a way that all the risks and rewards of ownership are substantially transferred.

All the following criteria need to be satisfied for the derecognition of a financial asset:

- the right to receive cash flows from the asset has expired or been transferred;
- all risk and rewards of ownership of the asset have been substantially transferred; and
- the entity no longer controls the asset (ie has no practical ability to make unilateral decision to sell the asset to a third party).

On derecognition of a financial asset measured at amortised cost, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable is recognised in profit or loss.

On derecognition of a debt instrument classified as fair value through other comprehensive income, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the investment revaluation reserve is reclassified to profit or loss.

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m) Financial Instruments (cont'd)

On derecognition of an investment in equity which the entity elected to classify under fair value through comprehensive income, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the investments revaluation reserve is not reclassified to profit or loss, but is transferred to retained earnings.

The entity recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses on:

- financial assets that are measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income;
- lease receivables;
- contract assets;
- loan commitments that are not measured at fair value through profit or loss; and
- financial guarantee contracts that are not measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Loss allowance is not recognised for:

- financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss; or
- equity instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income.

Expected credit losses are the profitability-weighted estimate of credit losses over the expected life of a financial instrument. A credit loss is the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due and all cash flows expected to be received, all discounted at the original effective interest rate of the financial instrument.

The entity used the following approaches to impairment, as applicable under AASB9:

- the general approach;
- the simplified approach;
- the purchased or originated credit-impaired approach; and
- low credit risk operational simplification.

General approach

Under the general approach, at each reporting period, the entity assesses whether the financial instruments are credit-impaired, and:

- If the credit risk of the financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the entity measures the loss allowance of the financial instruments at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses; and
- If there is no significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, the entity measures the loss allowance for the financial instrument at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses.

Simplified approach

The simplified approach does not require tracking of changes in credit risk at every reporting period, but instead requires the recognition of lifetime expected credit loss at all times.

This approach is applicable to:

- trade receivables; and
- lease receivables.

In measuring the expected credit loss, a provision matrix for trade receivables is used taking into consideration various data to get to an expected credit loss (ie delivery of its customer base, appropriate groupings of its historical loss experience, etc).

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For financial assets that are considered to be credit-impaired (not on acquisition or originations), the Union measures any change in lifetime expected credit loss as the difference between the asset's gross carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. Any adjustment is recognised in profit or loss as an impairment gain or loss.

Evidence of credit impairment includes:

- significant financial difficulty of the issuer or borrower;
- a breach of contract (eg default or past due event);
- a lender has granted to the borrower a concession, due to the borrower's financial difficulty, that the lender would not otherwise consider;
- the likelihood that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; and
- the disappearance of an active market for the financial asset because of financial difficulties.

Low credit risk operational simplification approach

If a financial asset is determined to have low credit risk at the initial reporting date, the entity assumes that the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition and, accordingly, can continue to recognise a loss allowance of 12-month expected credit loss.

In order to make such a determination that the financial asset has low credit risk, the entity applies its internal credit risk ratings or other methodologies using a globally comparable definition of low credit risk.

A financial asset is considered to have low credit risk if:

- there is a low risk of default by the borrower;
- the borrower has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term; and
- adverse changes in economic and business conditions in the longer term, may, but not necessarily, reduce the ability of the borrower to fulfil its contractual cash flow obligations.

Recognition of expected credit losses in financial statements.

At each reporting date, the Union recognises the movement in the loss allowance as an impairment gain or loss in the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income.

The carrying amount of financial assets measured at amortised cost includes the loss allowance relating to that asset.

Assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income are recognised at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income. The amount in relation to change in credit risk is transferred from other comprehensive income to profit or loss at every reporting period.

For financial assets that are unrecognised (eg loan commitments yet to be drawn, financial guarantees), a provision for loss allowance is created in the statement of financial position to recognise the loss allowance.

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost on trade date, which includes the transaction costs, when the related contractual rights or obligations exist.

Subsequent to the initial recognition, the Committee of Management assess whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. A prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to determine whether an impairment has arisen, impairment losses are recognised in the Income Statement.

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n) Taxation (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables in the Statement of Financial Position are shown inclusive of GST.

o) Capitation Fees

These fees are recognised on an accruals basis, and recorded as an expense in the year to which they relate.

p) Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

Contingent liabilities and contingent assets are not recognised in the statement of financial position but are reported in the relevant notes. They may arise from uncertainty as to the existence of a liability or asset or represent an existing liability or asset in respect of which the amount cannot be reliably measured. Contingent assets are disclosed when settlement is probable but not virtually certain, and contingent liabilities are disclosed when settlement is greater than remote.

q) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

The Committee of Management evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Union.

Key Estimates – Impairment

The Union assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to it that may lead to impairment of assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined and reflected in the Financial Report.

r) Comparative Information

Where necessary comparative amounts have been reclassified to facilitate preparation of the current year accounts.

s) Acquisition of assets and or liabilities that do not constitute a business combination

The Union did not acquire an asset or liability due to an amalgamation under Part 2 of Chapter 3 of the RO Act, or a restructure of the branches of the organisation, or a determination or revocation by the General Manager - Fair Work Commission under subsections 245(1) or 249(1) of the RO Act.

t) New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods

There are no new Accounting Standards issued by the AASB that are not yet mandatorily applicable to the Union, that are expected to have a significant impact on the Union's financial report.

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2 Information to be provided to Members or Commissioner, Registered Organisations Commission

In accordance with the requirements of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009, the attention of members is drawn to the provisions of sub-section (1), (2) and (3) of Section 272 which reads as follows:-

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

3 Revenue

Disaggregation of revenue

A disaggregation of the Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Union Tasmanian Branch's revenue by type of arrangement is provided below.

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Revenue from contracts with customers		
Membership subscriptions	118,539	139,041
Capitation fees	-	-
Other sales of goods or services to members	186	132
Revenue from recovery of wages	-	-
Total revenue from contracts with customers	118,725	139,173
Income for furthering objectives		
Grants and/or donations	2,000	-
Income recognised from volunteer services	-	-
Income recognised from transfers	-	-
Total income for furthering objectives	2,000	-
Other income		
Levies	-	-
Other income	1,396	4,337
Total other income	1,396	4,337
Total revenue	122,121	143,510

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3 Revenue

Disaggregation of revenue – contracts with customers

The table below also sets out a disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers by type of customer and funding source.

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Revenue by type of customer / funding source		
- Members	118,725	139,041
- Other reporting units	-	-
- Government	-	-
- Other persons	3,396	4,469
Total revenue by type of customer / funding source	122,121	143,510

All revenue is sourced in Australia. There are no unsatisfied performance obligations included in revenue.

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4. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	\$	\$
Cash at Bank	400	400
Cash on Hand	25,536	73,791
	<u>25,936</u>	<u>74,191</u>

5. Receivables

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	\$	\$
Trade Receivables (net of credit loss provision)	-	2,718
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,718</u>

The credit loss provision was \$nil (2022: \$887).

No receivables were recognised for contracts with customers (2022: \$nil). There are no unsatisfied performance obligations included in receivables.

Receivables (net of credit loss provisions) are aged as follows: -

Days	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	\$	\$
0 – 30	-	2,718
No set terms*	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,718</u>

* No specific repayment terms set but classified based on expected repayment date.

No significant credit risk exists with any single counterparty, nor is there any collateral over receivables except as stated.

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6. Property, Plant and Equipment

	<u>2023</u> \$	<u>2022</u> \$
Freehold Land and Buildings:-		
Land At Cost - Suite 5, 113 Main Road Moonah	25,000	25,000
Buildings At Cost – Suite 5, 113 Main Road Moonah	15,000	15,000
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(15,000)	(15,000)
	25,000	25,000
Fixtures and Fittings:-		
At Cost	33,020	33,020
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(27,005)	(26,148)
	6,015	6,872
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	31,015	31,872

Property acquired is measured at cost. The Committee of Management believe the current written down value of land and buildings reflects its fair value at reporting date.

Reconciliations of the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the current year.

2022	Land and Buildings	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Carrying amount at beginning of year	25,080	7,527	32,607
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation Expense	(80)	(655)	(735)
Carrying amount at end of year	25,000	6,872	31,872

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6. Property, Plant and Equipment (cont'd)

2023	Land and Buildings	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Carrying amount at beginning of year	25,000	6,872	31,872
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation Expense	-	(857)	(857)
Carrying amount at end of year	25,000	6,015	31,015

7. Trade and Other Payables

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Trade Payables	-	1,637
Accrued expenses	-	2,760
Credit Card	653	407
Consideration to employers for payable deductions	-	-
Legal Costs (litigation and other matters)	-	-
	653	4,804

8. Other Liabilities

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
PAYG	1,463	1,401
GST	367	774
Superannuation	226	497
	2,055	2,672

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9. Employee Provisions

	2023 \$	2022 \$
<i>Current</i>		
Annual Leave	794	1,379
Long Service Leave and Retiring Allowances	8,730	2,255
	9,524	3,634

Of the amounts owing above, they are payable as follows:-

	Annual Leave		Long Service Leave and Retirement Allowance		Total	
	2023 \$	2022 \$	2023 \$	2022 \$	2023 \$	2022 \$
Officeholders	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Staff	794	1,379	8,730	2,255	9,524	3,634
Total	794	1,379	8,730	2,255	9,524	3,634

There are no other provisions for separation and redundancy or other provisions for officeholders or other employees except as set out in Note 10 (2022: \$nil)

Provision for Employee Benefits

Provision for employee benefits represents amounts accrued for annual leave and long service leave.

The current portion for this provision includes the total amount accrued for annual leave entitlements and the amounts accrued for long service leave entitlements that have vested due to employees having completed the required period of service. Based on past experience, the Union does not expect the full amount of annual leave or long service leave balances classified as current liabilities to be settled within the next 12 months. However, these amounts must be classified as current liabilities since the Union does not have an unconditional right to defer the settlement of these amounts in the event employees wish to use their leave entitlement.

The non-current portion for this provision includes amounts accrued for long service leave entitlements that have not yet vested in relation to those employees who have not yet completed the required period of service.

10. Restructuring Provision

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Current	35,360	-
	35,360	-

This provision is in relation to redundancy for long standing employees.

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11. Benefits

Employee benefits paid/accrued during the year

	Officeholders		Employees		Total	
	2023 \$	2022 \$	2023 \$	2022 \$	2023 \$	2022 \$
Wages and Salaries	8,547	2,813	34,561	33,696	43,108	36,509
Annual Leave	-	-	(585)	(842)	(585)	(842)
Long Service Leave and Retirement Allowance	-	-	6,475	551	6,475	551
Superannuation	-	228	3,721	3,224	3,721	3,452
Other Employment Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	8,547	3,041	44,172	36,629	52,719	39,670

There was \$35,360 of redundancy costs provided for but not yet paid this year for employees – refer note 10 (2022: \$nil redundancy costs). Redundancy costs incurred in relation to officeholders were \$nil (2022: \$nil).

12. Cash Flow Information

a. Reconciliation of Cash

Cash at the end of the reporting period is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows: -

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash at Bank	400	400
Cash on Hand	25,536	73,791
	25,936	74,191

b. Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Net Profit

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
<u>Net Profit / (Loss)</u>		(88,312)	(32,601)
<u>Non Cash Items</u>			
Depreciation & Amortisation		857	735
Bad debt provision		(887)	887
<u>Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities</u>			
(Increase)/Decrease in Trade & Other Receivables		3,605	(1,725)
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade and Other Payables		(4,151)	(2,924)
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities		(617)	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Provisions		41,250	(221)
Net Cash (Used in) Operating Activities		(48,255)	(35,849)

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13. Related Party Information

a. The names or persons who were on the Committee of Management during the period are: -

President
M Dunsby

Secretary
R Bean

N Shackleton	R Luxmore
R Sweetman	C Hewitt
J Lee	J Matthews

b. Key Management Personnel Remuneration for the Reporting Period

Remuneration for the Reporting Period	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Short-term employee benefits		
Salary	34,561	33,696
Annual leave	(585)	(842)
Performance bonus	-	-
Total short-term employee benefits	33,976	32,854
Post-employment benefits		
Superannuation	3,721	551
Total post-employment benefits	3,721	551
Other long-term benefits		
Long-service leave	6,475	3,224
Total long-term benefits	6,475	3,224
Termination benefits	-	-
Total Remuneration	44,172	39,629

No termination benefit or share based payments or bonuses were received by key personnel or other officeholders.

The officeholders received no 'non cash' benefits not already included in remuneration (2022: \$nil). No officeholder of the Branch during the year and/or in the prior year had any material personal interest in a matter that he/she has or did acquire, or a relative of the officeholder has or did acquire.

Fees and allowances received by the Union in respect of officeholders or officers holding directorship positions are set out in the statement of comprehensive position and amounted to \$nil (2022: \$nil).

No performance bonuses were received by officeholder or staff.

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c. Key Management Personnel Remuneration for the Reporting Period (Cont'd)

No officeholder or officer of the Branch (this year or last year) received any remuneration in their own name because they were a member of, or held position with a Board or other organisation because: -

- i) The officeholder held such a position with the Board or other organisation only because they were an officeholder of the Branch; or
- ii) They were nominated for the position by the Branch; or
- iii) They received remuneration from any third party, in connection with the performance of their duties as an officeholder of the Branch.

Directors fees received by officeholders in their positions as directors of other entities and passed on directly to the Union amounted to \$nil (2022: \$nil).

- d. All transactions between the Committee Members and the Union were conducted on normal commercial terms in respect of subscriptions and the supply of other goods and services.

- e. Transactions with National Office, Branches and Related entities.

Capitation Fees

Amounts paid during the year amounted to \$16,262 (2022: \$20,055).

There were no outstanding amount payable to RTBU National Office as at 31 December 2023 (2022: \$nil).

- f. Two member loans at the start of the period amounting to \$150, were repaid in full in 2023.

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14. Expenditure

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Affiliation Fees		
Australian Labour Party – Tasmanian Branch	1,251	1,464
ACTU – Affiliation Fees	1,733	2,140
Unions Tasmania – Affiliation Fees	2,582	3,020
	5,566	6,624
Affiliation Fees > \$1,000	5,566	6,624
Affiliation Fees ≤ \$1,000	-	-
Remuneration of Auditor		
Financial Statements Audit	5,000	5,000
Other Services	-	-
Grants	-	-
Donations		
Political Parties	-	-
Other	-	4,756
Donations > \$1,000	-	4,756
Donations ≤ \$1,000	-	-
Penalties via RO Act or Fair Work Act	-	-
Legal Fees		
Litigation	-	-
Other Matters	-	3,484
Consideration to Employers for Making Payroll Deductions	-	-
Compulsory Levies (other than Per Capita)	-	-
Fees / allowances – meetings and conferences	4,714	9,741
Conference and meeting expenses	2,469	751

15. Commitments

Capital expenditure commitments as at 31 December 2023 are \$nil (2022: \$nil).

16. Contingent Liability

There was no contingent liability at 31 December 2023 (2022: \$nil).

17. Segment Reporting

The Union Provides services to members employed in executing rail, tram and bus transport services in the state of Tasmania.

18. Other Matters

There was no unpaid consideration to Employer payroll deductions at the end of the reporting date (2022: \$nil). The affairs of the Branch were not administered by another reporting unit. No payments were made by the reporting unit to former related parties in 2023 (2022: \$nil).

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19. Union's Details

The principal place of business of the branch is:

Suite 5, 113 Main Road
Moonah TAS 7009

20. Financial Instruments

a. Financial Risk Management

The Union's financial instruments consist of deposits with banks, short-term investments, accounts receivables and payable.

The Union's does not have any derivative instruments at 31 December 2023 (2022: \$nil).

The purpose of the financial instruments is to raise finances for the operations of the entity.

i) Treasury Risk Management

The Committee of Management meets on a regular basis to analyse currency and interest rate exposure and to evaluate treasury management strategies in the context of the most recent economic conditions and forecasts.

ii) Financial Risk

The main risks the Union's is exposed to through its financial instruments are liquidity risk, interest rate risk and credit risk.

Foreign Currency

The Union's is not exposed to fluctuations in foreign currency.

Liquidity Risk

The Union's manages liquidity risk by monitoring forecast cash flows and ensuring that adequate unutilised borrowing facilities are maintained.

Credit Risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognised financial assets, is the carrying amount, net of provisions for impairment of those assets as disclosed in the statement of financial position and notes to the financial statements.

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20. Financial Instruments (cont'd)

iii) Interest Rate Risk

The Union's exposure to interest rate risks and the effective interest rates of financial assets and liabilities both recognised and unrecognised are as follows:

Financial Instruments	Floating Interest Rate		Fixed Interest Rate maturing in: less than 1 year		Fixed Interest Rate maturing in: 1 year or more		Non Interest Bearing		Total Carrying Amount as per Statement of Financial Position		Weighted Average Effecting Interest Rate	
	2023 \$	2022 \$	2023 \$	2022 \$	2023 \$	2022 \$	2023 \$	2022 \$	2023 \$	2022 \$	2023 %	2022 %
Financial Assets												
Cash and Cash Equivalents	25,536	73,791	-	-	-	-	400	400	25,936	74,191	2.00	2.04
Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,718	-	2,718		
Other Financial Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total	25,536	73,791	-	-	-	-	400	3,118	25,936	76,909		
Financial Liabilities												
Interest Bearing Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A
Payables	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,708	7,476	2,708	7,476		
Non Interest Bearing Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,708	7,476	2,708	7,476		
Net Financial Assets/(Liabilities)	25,536	73,791	-	-	-	-	(2,308)	(4,358)	23,228	69,433		

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20. Financial Instruments

b. Net Fair Values

The net fair value of investments in commercial bills/securities at 31 December 2023 is estimated at \$nil (carrying amount \$nil). The net fair value of the Union's other financial assets and financial liabilities are not significantly different from the class of assets and liabilities as disclosed above and recognised in the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023.

c. Sensitivity Analysis

Interest rate risk

The Union has performed a sensitivity analysis relating to its exposure to interest rate risk at balance date. This sensitivity analysis demonstrates the effect on the current year results and equity which could result from a change in this risk.

Interest rate sensitivity analysis

At 31 December 2023, the effect on profit and equity as a result of changes in the interest, with all other variable remaining constant, would be as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Change in loss		
Increase in interest rate by 2%	510	1,475
Decrease in interest rate by 2%	(510)	(1,475)
Change in equity		
Increase in interest rate by 2%	510	1,475
Decrease in interest rate by 2%	(510)	(1,475)

21. Fair Value Measurement

The Union measures and recognises the following assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis after initial recognition:

- financial assets at fair value through profit or loss;
- available-for-sale financial assets; and
- freehold land and buildings.

The Union does not subsequently measure any assets or liabilities at fair value on a non-recurring basis.

a. Fair Value Hierarchy

AASB 13: Fair Value Measurement requires the disclosure of fair value information by level of the fair value hierarchy, which categorises fair value measurements into one of three possible levels based on the lowest level that an input that is significant to the measurement can be categorised into as follows:

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Measurements based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.	Measurements based on inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.	Measurements based on unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

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21. Fair Value Measurement (Cont'd)

a. Fair Value Hierarchy (Cont'd)

The fair values of assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market are determined using one or more valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise, to the extent possible, the use of observable market data. If all significant inputs required to measure fair value are observable, the asset or liability is included in Level 2. If one or more significant inputs are not based on observable market data, the asset or liability is included in Level 3.

Valuation Techniques

The Union selects a valuation technique that is appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data is available to measure fair value. The availability of sufficient and relevant data primarily depends on the specific characteristics of the asset or liability being measured. The valuation techniques selected are consistent with one or more of the following valuation approaches:-

- Market approach: valuation techniques that use prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions for identical or similar assets or liabilities.
- Income approach: valuation techniques that convert estimated future cash flows or income and expenses into a single discounted present value.
- Cost approach: valuation techniques that reflect the current replacement cost of an asset at its current service capacity.

Each valuation technique requires inputs that reflect the assumptions that buyers and sellers would use when pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risks. When selecting a valuation technique, the Union gives priority to those techniques that maximise the use of observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. Inputs that are developed using market data (such as publicly available information on actual transactions) and reflect the assumptions that buyers and sellers would generally use when pricing the asset or liability are considered observable, whereas inputs for which market data is not available and therefore are developed using the best information available about such assumptions are considered unobservable.

The following tables provide the fair values of the Union's assets and liabilities measured and recognised on a recurring basis after initial recognition and their categorisation with the fair value hierarchy.

	Note	31 December 2023			Total
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Recurring fair value measurements					
<i>Financial assets</i>					
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		-	-	-	-
Available-for-sale financial assets:		-	-	-	-
Total financial assets recognised at fair value		-	-	-	-
<i>Non-financial assets</i>					
Freehold land & buildings		-	25,000	-	25,000
Total non-financial assets recognised at fair value		-	25,000	-	25,000

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21. Fair Value Measurement (Cont'd)

a. Fair Value Hierarchy (Cont'd)

Note	31 December 2022			Total \$
	Level 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	
Recurring fair value measurements				
<i>Financial assets</i>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:	-	-	-	-
Available-for-sale financial assets:	-	-	-	-
Total financial assets recognised at fair value	-	-	-	-
<i>Non-financial assets</i>				
Freehold land & buildings	-	25,000	-	25,000
Total non-financial assets recognised at fair value	-	25,000	-	25,000

b. Valuation Techniques and Inputs Used to Measure Level 2 Fair Values

Description	Fair Value at 31 December 2023 \$	Fair Value at 31 December 2022 \$	Valuation Technique(s)	Inputs Used
<i>Non-financial assets</i>				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:	25,000	25,000	Market approach using recent observable market data or income approach using discounted cash flows	Price per square metre, market borrowing rate
Available-for-sale financial assets:	-	-	Market approach using recent observable market data or discounted cashflows	Price per share, market borrowing rate
	25,000	25,000	-	-

c. Disclosed Fair Value Measurements

The following assets and liabilities are not measured at fair value in the statement of financial position, but their fair values approximate book value as disclosed in the notes:-

- accounts receivable and other debtors;
- accounts payable and other payables; and
- hire purchase liabilities.

The following table provides the level of the fair value hierarchy within which the disclosed fair value measurements are categorised in their entirety and a description of the valuation techniques(s) and inputs used:

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21. Fair Value Measurement (Cont'd)

c. Disclosed Fair Value Measurements (cont'd)

Description	Fair Value at Hierarchy Level	Valuation Technique(s)	Inputs Used
<i>Assets</i>			
Accounts receivable and other debtors	3	Income approach using discounted cash flow methodology	Market interest rates for similar assets

Description	Fair Value at Hierarchy Level	Valuation Technique(s)	Inputs Used
<i>Liabilities</i>			
Accounts payable and other payables	3	Income approach using discounted cash flow methodology	Market interest rates for similar assets

22. Events Subsequent to Reporting Date

On 22 December 2023, the Fair Work Commission approved the amalgamation of operations, assets and liabilities of the Union into the National Branch as one operating unit (to be known as the National Office Reporting Unit (NORU)) from 1 January 2024. As a result, members of the Tasmania Branch will be serviced from the National Office from 1 January 2024 onwards. The net assets and liabilities of \$9,359 were transferred for \$nil consideration at 1 January 2024. The reporting unit, known as Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Union, Tasmanian Branch, ceased to exist as a reporting unit on 1 January 2024.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the Members of Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Union Tasmanian Branch

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Auditor's Opinion

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial report of the Branch, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December, 2023, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of cash flows, statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes, the Committee of Management Statement, the subsection 255(2A) and the Officer Declaration Statement.

In our opinion under the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (RO Act), the general purpose financial report is presented fairly in accordance with any of the following that apply in relation to the reporting unit:

- a) Australian Accounting Standards, and Australian Accounting Interpretations; and
- b) Any other requirements imposed by these Reporting Guidelines or Part 3 of Chapter 8 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009.

In our opinion, there were kept by the organisation satisfactory accounting records detailing the source and nature of all income and the nature of all expenditure.

As part of our audit of the organisation for the year ended 31 December 2023, we are of the opinion that the Committee of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of its financial statements is appropriate, notwithstanding the amalgamation on 1 January 2024 which resulted in its assets and liabilities being transferred to a new reporting unit known as RTBU National Office Reporting Unit at that date (ie. the Branch will no longer report separately under the RO Act).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibility under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Branch in accordance with the independence requirements of Corporations Act 2001 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration, which has been given to the Committee of Management, would be in the same terms if given to the Committee as at the time of this auditor's report.

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

Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The Committee of Management is responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this report is in the Operating Report accompanying the financial report.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Committee of Management Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Branch Committee of Management are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the RO Act. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making estimates that are responsible in the circumstances.

In preparing the financial report, the Committee of Management are responsible for assessing the Branch's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee of Management either intends to liquidate the Branch or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the auditing in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Branch's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee of Management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Committee of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Branch's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Branch to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the business activities within the Branch to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Branch audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

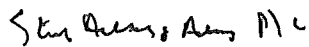
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We communicate with the Committee of Management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Committee of Management with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>.

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



Stannards Accountants and Advisors



Michael Shulman
Registered Company Auditor (163888)
Holder of Current Public Practice Certificate
Approved Auditor (FWC Act and Regulations – AA2017/45)

Dated: 15 May 2024