



7 January 2025

Gregory McConville
National Secretary
United Firefighters' Union of Australia
Sent via email: secretary@ufuact.asn.au
CC: evan@kidmanspartners.com.au

Dear Gregory McConville

**United Firefighters' Union of Australia
Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2024 – (FR2024/23)**

I acknowledge receipt of the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2024 for the United Firefighters' Union of Australia. The documents were lodged with the Fair Work Commission (the Commission) on 18 December 2024.

The financial report has now been filed.

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 the financial report for the year ending 30 June 2025 may be subject to an advanced compliance review.

You are not required to take any further action in respect of the report lodged. I make the following comments to assist you when you next prepare a financial report. The Commission will confirm these concerns have been addressed prior to filing next year's report.

Reference to the Commissioner of the Registered Organisations Commission

The Commission has been the regulator for registered organisations since 6 March 2023. All references to the Registered Organisations Commission and Commissioner of the Registered Organisations Commission must be changed to the Fair Work Commission and General Manager of the Fair Work Commission.

I note that item (e)(v) of the committee of management statement and note 2 refer to the Commissioner instead of the General Manager of the Fair Work Commission.

Please ensure in future years that these items are updated accordingly.

Reporting Requirements

The Commission's website provides a number of factsheets in relation to the financial reporting process and associated timelines. The website also contains the section 253 reporting guidelines and a model set of financial statements.

The Commission recommends that reporting units use these model financial statements to assist in complying with the RO Act, the section 253 reporting guidelines and Australian Accounting Standards. Access to this information is available via [this link](#).

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

Yours sincerely

Fair Work Commission



UNITED FIREFIGHTERS UNION OF AUSTRALIA
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**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

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CERTIFICATE BY PRESCRIBED DESIGNATED OFFICER

Certificate For The Year Ended 30 June 2024

I, Leigh Hills, being the President of the United Firefighters Union of Australia certify:

- that the documents lodged herewith are copies of the full report for the United Firefighters Union of Australia for the period ended referred to in s.268 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*; and
- that the full report was provided to members of the reporting unit on 2 December 2024; and
- that the full report was presented to a meeting of the National Committee of Management of the reporting unit on 18 December 2024; in accordance with s.266 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*.

Signature of designated officer:



Name of designated officer:

Leigh Hills

Title of designated officer:

National President

Dated:

18/12/2024

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EXPENDITURE REPORT - PER SUBSECTION 255(2A)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

The Committee of Management presents the expenditure report as required under subsection 255(2A) on the Reporting Unit for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Categories of expenditures	2024 \$	2023 \$
Remuneration and other employment-related costs and expenses - employees	281,285	310,735
Advertising	-	-
Operating costs	263,835	503,800
Donations to political parties	-	-
Legal costs	251,378	48,446

Signature of designated officer: _____



Name and title of designated officer:

Leigh Hills - UFW of A National President

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OPERATING REPORT

In accordance with section 254 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (the Act), your Committee of Management present their report on the Union for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the United Firefighters' Union of Australian include but are not limited to the following:

- Providing an industrial advocacy and representation service with regard to national matters, and relationships with industry, employers and other parties.
- Acting as a national spokesperson on national issues and major matters.
- Providing assistance and advice to the members with regards to industrial matters, disputes, industrial relations, legislation, health and safety, bargaining and other issues of national significance.
- Representation on the ACTU.
- Representation on Australian Standards, International Standards Organisation.
- Representation of the skills and training needs of members through participation on Public Safety Industry Training committees.
- Advocating members' interests through political lobbying at Federal and State levels.
- Advocating members' interests at a workplace, branch, state and national level. This has included meeting with employers and industry representatives, lobbying and representing members' interests in Industrial Tribunals, courts and other jurisdictions as necessary. This is across the spectrum of common national issues, fire agency specific issues and cases impacting on an individual member.
- Identification of issues at state and national level and coordinating an approach for desired outcomes for members' interests.
- Assisting Branches with branch specific issues including bargaining terms and conditions.
- Campaigning on issues affecting members' interests or to promote members' interests.
- Organising and hosting conferences examining specific interests of members.
- Regulatory compliance including the maintenance of the membership eligibility rule.
- Undertaking due diligence including legal and expert advice.
- Submissions to Federal and State Parliamentary and other inquiries, appearing before committees as necessary and participating in the legislative process of Bills and other legislative instruments being considered.
- Promotion of firefighter health, safety and wellness issues to improve workplace practices, policies and programmes for the benefit of firefighters.
- Maintaining the Union's national and international affiliations including drawing on the experience of international industry experts to further the interest of members.
- Undertaking and commissioning research on issues affecting members' interest

Operating Result

The Union continued its principal activities during the year being the representation of professional fire fighters and their safety. The results of those activities are the continued successful provision of services to members.

The operating deficit of the Union for the financial year amounted to \$130,259 (2023: surplus \$1,888).

No provision for tax was necessary as the reporting unit is exempt from income tax.

Significant Changes in Financial Affairs

NSW State Branch

The dispute with the NSW state branch, as reported in previous financial reports, remains unresolved. Legal proceeding ceased during the 2012 financial year and no further action has been undertaken by the Union during the 2024 financial year regarding this matter.

Due to the resignation of the NSW BCOM in December 2022, the National Office was informed by the Fair Work Commission that given there are no office bearers in the NSW Branch, the obligations under the RO Act to provide financial returns and statements for 2021/22 and 2022/23 fall to the UFU of A. This has had a financial impost to the National Office with invoices owing to Daley's Auditors for previous work still owing in addition to costs for continued auditing work. The future of the NSW Branch position is not yet resolved.

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Significant Changes in Financial Affairs (Continued)

Queensland State Branch

Application to amend the UFUA Rules was made by the Queensland Branch Administrator and subsequently approved by the Fair Work Commission's General Manager on 08/09/2022. UFUQ and FBEU have made an application to the Fair Work Commission ('FWC') to have their entity names removed from the Rules in order to reflect that no relationship exists between their entities and the UFUA. This matter remained ongoing throughout the reporting period and will continue to have financial impost on the National Office due to costs relating to representation at the FWC and auditing expenses. This matter is not yet resolved.

Outstanding dues owing from the branch continue to be fully provided for.

No other significant changes in the Union's state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

After Balance Date Events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Union, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Union in future financial years.

Rights of members to resign

Subject to the rules of the organisation and Sec 174 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009, members have the right to resign from membership of the organisation by written notice addressed to and delivered to the secretary of the organisation.

Superannuation officeholders

The following members of the committee of management are directors of a company that is a trustee of a superannuation entity:

Name	Branch	Company
Max Adlam	South Australia	SAMFS Superannuation Fund Pty Ltd

No members of the committee of management are an individual trustee of a superannuation entity.

Officers or members who are superannuation fund trustees

No officer or member of the reporting unit:

(a) is a trustee of a superannuation entity or an exempt public sector superannuation scheme; or

(b) is a director of a company that is trustee of a superannuation entity or an exempt public sector superannuation scheme.

Other prescribed information

In accordance with Regulation 159 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009:

Number of members

(a) the number of persons that were at the end of the financial year recorded in the register of members for section 230 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 and who are taken to be members of the registered organisation under section 244 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 was 8,894 (2023: 8,904). This includes the number of members (1,318) of the reconstituted Queensland Branch.

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Number of employees

- (b) the number of persons who were at the end of the financial year employees of the organisation including both full and part time employees measured on a full time equivalent basis was 3.0 (2023: 2). Additional of Elijah Smith from February 2024.

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

- (c) the name of each person who has been a member of the Committee of Management of the organisation at any time during the financial year, and the periods for which they held such a position were:

Branch	Names	Period
National Office	Greg McConville	01 July 2023 - 30 June 2024
	Leigh Hills	01 July 2023 - 30 June 2024
Representing New South Wales	<i>No representative</i>	
Representing Victoria	David Hamilton	01 July 2023 - 30 June 2024
	Peter Marshall	01 July 2023 - 30 June 2024
	Danny Ward	01 July 2023 - 12 June 2024
	David Pitcher	12 June 2024 - 30 June 2024
	Nasi Georgostathis	01 July 2023 - 12 June 2024
	David Black	12 June 2024 - 30 June 2024
	Doug Lukic	12 June 2024 - 30 June 2024
Representing Queensland	Peter Shroder	01 July 2023 - 30 June 2024
	Don Luther	01 July 2023 - 30 June 2024
Representing South Australia	Gerard Williams	01 July 2023 - 24 April 2024
	Max Adlam	01 July 2023 - 30 June 2024
Representing Western Australia	Clement Chan	01 July 2023 - 16 February 2024
	Katherine O'Hara	01 July 2023 - 16 February 2024
	John Marsh	17 February 2024 - 30 June 2024
	Tom Nolan	21 February 2024 - 12 June 2024
	Alan Crossman	13 June 2024 - 30 June 2024
Representing Aviation	Rory McCabe	01 July 2023 - 30 June 2024
	Wes Garrett	01 July 2023 - 30 June 2024
Representing Australian Capital Territory	Greg McConville	01 July 2023 - 30 June 2024
Representing Tasmania	Leigh Hills	01 July 2023 - 30 June 2024

Other relevant information

Nil

Signed for and on behalf of the Committee of Management:

GREG MCCONVILLE
NATIONAL SECRETARY



Dated 13th November 2024

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COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE

On the 27th day of November 2024 the Committee of Management of the United Firefighters' Union of Australia passed the following resolution in relation to the general purpose financial report (GPFR) for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

The Committee of Management declares that in its opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes comply with the Australian Accounting Standards;
- (b) the financial statements and notes comply with any other requirements imposed by the Reporting Guidelines or Part 3 of Chapter 8 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (the RO Act);
- (c) the financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the financial performance, financial position and cash flows of the reporting unit for the financial year to which they relate;
- (d) 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; and
- (e) during the financial year to which the GPFR 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; and
 - (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; and
 - (iii) the financial records of the reporting unit have been kept and maintained in accordance with the Fair Work (Registered Organisations Act) 2009; and
 - (iv) where the organisation consists of two or more reporting units, the financial records of the reporting unit have been kept, as far as practicable, in a consistent manner with each of the other reporting units of the organisation; and
 - (v) where information has been sought in any request by a member of the reporting unit or the Commissioner duly made under section 272 of the RO Act, that information has been provided to the member or the Commissioner; and
 - (vi) where any order for inspection of financial records has been made by the Fair Work Commission under section 273 of the RO Act, there has been compliance.

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

LEIGH HILLS
PRESIDENT



Dated this 27 day of November 2024

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS
OF UNITED FIREFIGHTERS UNION OF AUSTRALIA**

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of United Firefighters' Union Of Australia (the Reporting Unit), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2024, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, expenditure statement per subsection 255(2A); and the Committee of Management Certificate.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of United Firefighters' Union Of Australia as at 30 June 2024, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended on that date in accordance with:

- (a) the Australian Accounting Standards; and
- (b) any other requirements imposed by the Reporting Guidelines of Part 3 of Chapter 8 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the RO Act).

I declare that management's use of the going concern basis in the preparation of the financial statements of the Reporting Unit is appropriate.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of my report. I am independent of the Reporting Unit in accordance with 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 my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my 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 auditor's report is in the Operating Report accompanying the financial report.

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

In connection with my audit of the financial report, my 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 I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Committee of Management for the Financial Report

The Committee of Management of the Reporting Unit is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the RO Act, and for such internal control as the Committee of Management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Committee of Management is responsible for assessing the Reporting Unit'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 intend to liquidate the Reporting Unit or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Kidmans Partners Audit Pty Ltd

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT (Continued)

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

My objective is 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 my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- a 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 my 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.
- b 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 Reporting Unit's internal control.
- c Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee of Management.
- d 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 Reporting Unit's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Reporting Unit to cease to continue as a going concern.
- e 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.
- f Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Reporting Unit to express an opinion on the financial report. I am responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Reporting Unit audit. I remain solely responsible for my audit opinion.

I 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 I identify during my audit.

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

Kidmans Partners Audit Pty Ltd

Evan Mudie
Director

Date 27 / 11 / 2024

Registration number (as registered by the RO Commissioner under the RO Act): AA2022/14
Melbourne

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
REVENUE			
Revenue from contracts with customers			
Membership subscriptions		-	-
Capitation Fees	3 (a)(i)	614,533	799,990
Affiliation levies	3 (a)(ii)	49,087	63,727
Total revenue from contracts with customers		663,620	863,717
Income for furthering objectives			
Grants and donations		-	-
Campaign and legal cost recoveries		-	-
Revenue from recovery of wages activity		-	-
Health & Safety committee		1,760	1,100
Sponsorships		-	-
Total income for furthering objectives	3 (b)	1,760	1,100
Other income			
Income distributions		-	52
Interest received		-	-
Other income		859	-
Total other income	3 (c)	859	52
Total revenue		666,239	864,869
EXPENSES			
Accounting fees	1	4,750	7,950
Administration expenses		-	4,329
Affiliation fees and levies	4 (c)	53,421	50,412
Amortisation	10	3,282	3,280
Audit fees	5	14,900	16,027
Bank charges		471	181
Campaign, dispute and awareness costs	4 (i)	-	1,499
Computer expenses		4,678	16,158
Conference and meetings	4 (f)	92,846	113,343
Consultancy		52,093	64,690
Depreciation	9 (a)	2,194	785
Doubtful debts		-	191,427
Employment costs	4 (a)	281,285	310,735
General expenses		206	1,477
Grants or donations	4 (d)(e)	-	-
Interest expense		90	-
Legal fees	4 (h)	251,378	48,446
Office occupancy expenses		21,780	21,145
Printing, postage and stationery		37	-
Storage		4,311	3,998
Subscriptions		8,776	7,099
Total expenses		796,498	862,981
OPERATING SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		(130,259)	1,888
Other comprehensive income		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR		(130,259)	1,888

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the notes.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2024**

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	241,614	257,365
Trade and other receivables	7	10,216	90,607
Other assets	8	226	29,060
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		252,056	377,032
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and equipment	9	1,866	3,155
Intangible assets	10	9,839	13,121
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		11,705	16,276
TOTAL ASSETS		263,761	393,308
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade payables	11	13,973	2,995
Other payables	11	36,179	48,865
Employee provisions	12	13,975	12,374
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		64,127	64,234
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee provisions	12	819	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		819	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		64,946	64,234
NET ASSETS		198,815	329,074
MEMBERS' EQUITY			
Members funds		198,815	329,074
TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY		198,815	329,074

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the notes.

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	Members funds \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2022	327,186	327,186
Surplus/(deficit) attributable to members	1,888	1,888
Balance at 30 June 2023	329,074	329,074
Surplus/(deficit) attributable to members	(130,259)	(130,259)
Balance at 30 June 2024	198,815	198,815

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the notes.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers (including members and related activities)		821,293	775,353
Payments to suppliers and employees		(836,049)	(825,669)
Interest received		-	-
Finance costs		(90)	-
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	13 (b)	<u>(14,846)</u>	<u>(50,316)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment			
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(905)	(3,906)
Payment for intangibles		-	(1)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>(905)</u>	<u>(3,907)</u>
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		(15,751)	(54,223)
Cash at beginning of financial year		<u>257,365</u>	<u>311,588</u>
Cash at end of financial year	6	<u><u>241,614</u></u>	<u><u>257,365</u></u>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the notes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Statement of compliance

These Financial Statements are of the national body of the United Firefighters Union of Australia (the Union). They do not include the accounts of each of the Branches of the Union. The financial statements are general purpose financial statements and have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that apply for the reporting period, and the Fair Work (Registered Organisation) Act 2009. For the purpose of preparing the general purpose financial statements, the Union is a not-for-profit entity.

Basis of preparation

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

The following significant accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation and presentation of the financial report:

(a) 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.

If 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.

If there is more than one distinct good or service promised in the membership subscription, the Union allocates the transaction price to each performance obligation based on the relative standalone selling prices of each promised good or service. In performing this allocation, standalone selling prices are estimated if there is no observable evidence of the price that the Union charges for that good or service in a standalone sale. When a performance obligation is satisfied, which is either when the customer obtains control of the good (for example, books or clothing) or as the service transfers to the customer (for example, member services or training course), the Union recognises revenue at the amount of the transaction price that was allocated to that performance obligation.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

NOTE 1: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(a) Revenue (continued)

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 subsequently 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.

Capitation fees

Where the Union's arrangement with a branch or another reporting unit meets the criteria to be a contract with a customer, the Union recognises the capitation fees promised under that arrangement when or as it transfers the services to the Branches.

In circumstances where the criteria for a contract with a customer are not met, the Union will recognise capitation fees as income upon receipt (as specified in the income recognition policy below).

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 transfers the services to the Branches.

In circumstances where the criteria for a contract with a customer are not met, the Union will recognise levies as income upon receipt (as specified in the income recognition policy below).

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
- government grants.

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.

(b) Cash

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

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NOTE 1: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(c) Land, Buildings, Plant and Equipment

Asset Recognition Threshold

Purchases of land, buildings, plant and equipment are recognised initially at cost in the Statement of Financial Position. The initial cost of an asset includes an estimate of the cost of dismantling and removing the item and restoring the site on which it is located.

Revaluations—Land and Buildings

Following initial recognition at cost, land and buildings are carried at fair value less subsequent accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Revaluations are performed with sufficient frequency such that the carrying amount of assets do not differ materially from those that would be determined using fair values as at the reporting date.

Revaluation adjustments are made on a class basis. Any revaluation increment is credited to equity under the heading of asset revaluation reserve except to the extent that it reversed a previous revaluation decrement of the same asset class that was previously recognised in the surplus/deficit. Revaluation decrements for a class of assets are recognised directly in the profit or loss except to the extent that they reverse a previous revaluation increment for that class. Any accumulated depreciation as at the revaluation date is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the asset is restated to the revalued amount.

Depreciation

Depreciable property, plant and equipment assets are written-off to their estimated residual values over their estimated useful life using, in all cases, the straight line method of depreciation. Depreciation rates (useful lives), residual values and methods are reviewed at each reporting date and necessary adjustments are recognised in the current, or current and future reporting periods, as appropriate.

Depreciation rates applying to each class of depreciable asset are based on the following useful lives:

<i>Class of Fixed Asset</i>	<i>Depreciation Rate</i>
- Leasehold Improvements	2.50% Prime Cost
- Furniture, fixtures & fittings	15% Diminishing Value
- Office equipment	15% - 67% Diminishing Value

Derecognition

An intangible asset is derecognised on disposal, or when no future economic benefits are expected from use or disposal. Gains or losses arising from derecognition of an intangible asset, measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset are recognised in profit and loss when the asset is derecognised.

(d) Intangibles

Intangible assets with finite lives that are acquired separately are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Amortisation is recognised on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful life. The estimated useful lives and amortisation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate being accounted for on a prospective basis. Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives that are acquired separately are carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. The useful life of Union intangible assets are:

<i>Class of Intangible Asset</i>	<i>Depreciation Rate</i>
- Computer Software	20% Prime Cost

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(e) Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Union becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

(f) Financial assets

Financial assets are classified into the following specified categories: financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, held-to-maturity investments, available-for-sale financial assets and loans and receivables. The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the financial assets and is determined at the time of initial recognition. All regular way purchases or sales of financial assets are recognised and derecognised upon trade date basis. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the marketplace.

Fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets are classified as at fair value through profit or loss when the financial asset is either held for trading or it is designated as at fair value through profit or loss.

Held-to-maturity investments

Financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity dates that the reporting unit has the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity are classified as held-to-maturity investments. Held-to-maturity investments are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less any impairment.

Loan and receivables

Trade receivables, loans and other receivables that have fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as 'loans and receivables'. Loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less impairment. Interest is recognised by applying the effective interest rate, except for short-term receivables when the recognition of interest would be immaterial.

Effective interest method

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset, or, when appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

Income is recognised on an effective interest rate basis except for debt instruments other than those financial assets that are recognised at fair value through profit or loss.

Impairment of financial assets

(i) Trade receivables

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.

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NOTE 1: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(f) Financial assets (continued)

(ii) 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.

Derecognition of financial assets

The reporting unit derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. The difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable and the cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity is recognised in profit or loss.

(g) Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified as either financial liabilities 'at fair value through profit or loss' or other financial liabilities. Financial liabilities are recognised and derecognised upon 'trade date'.

Fair value through profit or loss

Financial liabilities are classified as at fair value through profit or loss when the financial liability is either held for trading or it is designated as at fair value through profit or loss.

Other financial liabilities

Other financial liabilities, including borrowings and trade and other payables, are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs.

Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, with interest expense recognised on an effective yield basis.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

The reporting unit derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the reporting units obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire. The difference between the carrying amounts of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable is recognised in profit or loss.

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NOTE 1: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(h) Leases

The Union 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 Union as a lessee

The Union applies a single recognition and measurement approach for all leases, except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. The Union recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Union's short-term leases are those that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement. Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(i) Employee benefits

A liability is recognised for benefits accruing to employees in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave, long service leave and termination benefits when it is probable that settlement will be required and they are capable of being measured reliably.

Liabilities for short-term employee benefits (as defined in AASB 119 Employee Benefits) and termination benefits which are expected to be settled within twelve months of the end of reporting period are measured at their nominal amounts. The nominal amount is calculated with regard to the rates expected to be paid on settlement of the liability.

Other long-term employee benefits which are expected to be settled beyond twelve months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made by the reporting unit in respect of services provided by employees up to reporting date.

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit plans are recognised as an expense when employees have rendered service entitling them to the contributions.

Provision is made for separation and redundancy benefit payments. The reporting unit recognises a provision for termination as part of a broader restructuring when it has developed a detailed formal plan for the terminations and has informed those employees affected that it will carry out the terminations. A provision for voluntary termination is recognised when the employee has accepted the offer of termination.

(j) 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.

Derecognition

An item of land, buildings, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in the profit and loss.

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NOTE 1: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(k) Taxation

United Firefighters' Union of Australia is exempt from income tax under section 50.1 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 however still has obligation for Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) and the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of GST except:

- where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office; and
- for receivables and payables.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables.

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis. The GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the Australian Taxation Office is classified within operating cash flows.

(l) Fair value measurement

The Union measures financial instruments, such as, financial assets as at fair value through the profit and loss, financial assets at fair value through OCI, and non-financial assets such as land and buildings and investment properties, at fair value at each balance sheet date. Also, fair values of financial instruments measured at amortised cost are disclosed in Note 13.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- In the principal market for the asset or liability, or
- In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible by the Union. The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The Union uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- Level 1 - Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 - Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable
- Level 3 - Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable

For assets and liabilities that are recognised in the financial statements on a recurring basis, the Union determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

External valuers are involved for valuation of significant assets, such as land and buildings and investment properties. Selection criteria include market knowledge, reputation, independence and whether professional standards are maintained. For the purpose of fair value disclosures, the Union has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability.

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NOTE 1: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(m) Going concern

United Firefighters' Union of Australia is not reliant on the agreed financial support of another reporting unit to continue on a going concern basis.

United Firefighters' Union of Australia has not agreed to provide financial support to another reporting unit to ensure they can continue on a going concern basis.

(n) Comparative amounts

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(o) Current versus non-current classification

The Union presents assets and liabilities in the statement of financial position based on current/non-current classification.

An asset is current when it is:

- Expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the normal operating cycle;
- Held primarily for the purpose of trading;
- Expected to be realised within twelve months after the reporting period; or
- Cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period

All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is current when:

- It is expected to be settled in the normal operating cycle;
- It is held primarily for the purpose of trading;
- It is due to be settled within twelve months after the reporting period; or
- There is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period

The terms of the liability that could, at the option of the counterparty, result in its settlement by the issue of equity instruments do not affect its classification.

The Union classifies all other liabilities as non-current.

(p) Significant accounting judgements and estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires the management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amount of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and 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.

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NOTE 1: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(q) New Australian Accounting Standards

Adoption of New Australian Accounting Standards and amendments

The consolidated entity has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

NOTE 2: NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER THE FAIR WORK (REGISTERED ORGANISATIONS) ACT 2009

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

Information to be provided to members or the Commissioner:

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

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	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$

NOTE 3: REVENUE AND INCOME

(a). Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers

A disaggregation of the Union's revenue by type of arrangement is provided on the face of the Statement of Comprehensive Income. The table below also sets out a disaggregation of revenue by type of customer:

Type of customer

Member Branches		663,620	863,717
Total revenue from contracts with customers		663,620	863,717

(i). Capitation fees

Capitation fees are receivable from State Branches based on membership numbers and paid quarterly in arrears .

Capitation fees rendered for the period are made up as follows:

United Firefighters' Union - Queensland Branch	a.	-	188,620
United Firefighters' Union - South Australian Branch		35,869	38,616
United Firefighters' Union - Tasmanian Branch		30,698	32,914
United Firefighters' Union - Victorian Branch		351,138	345,885
United Firefighters' Union - Western Australian Branch		99,727	98,496
United Firefighters' Union - New South Wales Branch		-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Australian Capital Territory		34,474	33,324
United Firefighters' Union - Aviation Branch		62,627	62,135
Total capitation fees		614,533	799,990

(ii) Levies

ACTU affiliation levies rendered for the period are made up as follows:

United Firefighters' Union - Queensland Branch	a.	-	15,062
United Firefighters' Union - South Australian Branch		3,128	3,372
United Firefighters' Union - Tasmanian Branch		2,501	2,655
United Firefighters' Union - Victorian Branch		27,553	27,109
United Firefighters' Union - Western Australian Branch		7,959	7,844
United Firefighters' Union - New South Wales Branch		-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Australian Capital Territory		2,781	2,687
United Firefighters' Union - Aviation Branch		5,165	4,998
Total levies		49,087	63,727

- a. The capitation fees and the affiliation levies of the Queensland Branch in 2023 are for the 2023 financial year. The Union has provided a doubtful debts provision for the full amount as at 30 June 2023.

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	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
NOTE 3: REVENUE AND INCOME (CONTINUED)			
(b). Disaggregation of income for furthering activities			
A disaggregation of the Union's income by type of arrangement is provided on the face of the Statement of Comprehensive Income. The table below also sets out a disaggregation of income by funding source:			
Income funding sources			
Government		-	-
Member Branches		1,760	1,100
Other parties		-	-
Total income for furthering activities		1,760	1,100
Grants, Subsidies and Cost Recoveries:			
Reimbursement of legal fees		-	-
Government COVID-19 subsidies		-	-
Campaign cost recoveries		-	-
Health & Safety committee		1,760	1,100
Sponsorships		-	-
Grants		-	-
Donations		-	-
		1,760	1,100
(c) Other Income			
Interest received		-	-
Trust distribution ACTU		-	52
Miscellaneous income		859	-
Total other income		859	52

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	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
NOTE 4: EXPENSES			
(a) Employee expense			
Holders of office:			
Wages and salaries		80,631	72,656
Superannuation		13,237	11,600
Honorariums		39,713	37,820
Contract services (i)		-	14,142
Movement in leave and other entitlements		1,893	2,270
Separation and redundancies		-	-
Other employee expenses		-	-
Subtotal employee expenses – holders of office		135,474	138,488
Employees other than office holders:			
Wages and salaries		125,571	139,024
Superannuation		18,184	19,941
Movement (increase)/decrease in leave and other entitlements		527	9,893
Separation and redundancies		-	-
Other employee expenses		671	1,819
Subtotal employee expenses - employees other than holders of office		144,953	170,677
Other employee expenses - work cover insurance		858	1,570
Total employee expenses		281,285	310,735
 (i) Reimbursement of wages paid to National Secretary by the United Firefighters Union - Victorian Branch. The total amount paid to the Victorian Branch from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 included in the above holders of office amounts:			
- Contract services		-	14,142
- Superannuation		-	-
- Movement in leave and other entitlements		-	-
		-	14,142
 (b) Capitation fees			
Capitation fees		-	-
Total capitation fees		-	-
 (c) Affiliation fees			
	Type		
Australian Council of Trade Unions	Affiliation fees	50,196	49,068
APHEDA	Affiliation fees	3,225	1,344
Total affiliation fees		53,421	50,412
 (d) Donations			
Total paid that were \$1,000 or less		-	-
Total paid that exceeded \$1,000		-	-
Total donations		-	-

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	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
NOTE 4: EXPENSES (CONTINUED)			
(e) Grants			
Total paid that were \$1,000 or less		-	-
Total paid that exceeded \$1,000		-	-
Total grants		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
(f) Conference and meeting costs			
Conference and meeting travel expenses		82,798	77,151
Conference and meeting fees/allowances		4,851	7,200
Venue, speakers and catering costs		-	28,801
Teleconferencing		191	191
Other conference and meeting expenses		5,006	-
		<u>92,846</u>	<u>113,343</u>
(g) Administration and other operating expenses			
Rent and Services		21,700	24,932
Other expense		80	542
Compulsory Levies		-	-
Total paid to employers for payroll deductions of membership subscriptions		-	-
		<u>21,780</u>	<u>25,474</u>
(h) Legal costs			
Litigation		-	-
Other legal matters		251,378	48,446
Total legal costs		<u>251,378</u>	<u>48,446</u>
(i) Campaign costs			
Consultants		-	1,499
Travel		-	-
Total campaign costs		<u>-</u>	<u>1,499</u>
(j) Other expenses			
Penalties - via RO Act or the Fair Work Act 2009		-	-
Total other expenses		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NOTE 5: AUDITORS' REMUNERATION			
Remuneration of the auditor of the Union for			
- Auditing or reviewing the financial report		13,400	12,000
- Auditing the UFUA QLD Branch financial report		1,500	3,600
- Other services		3,750	4,150
- Other services provided to UFUA QLD Branch		1,000	3,000
Total Auditor's remuneration		<u>19,650</u>	<u>22,750</u>

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	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
NOTE 6: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Cash on hand		-	-
Cash at bank		241,614	257,356
Short-term deposits		-	9
Total cash and cash equivalents		241,614	257,365
NOTE 7: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES			
Receivables from other reporting units			
United Firefighters' Union - Aviation		-	-
United Firefighters' Union - New South Wales		288,959	288,959
United Firefighters' Union - Queensland		940,796	940,796
United Firefighters' Union - South Australia		-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Victoria		-	80,391
United Firefighters' Union - Western Australia		-	-
Total receivables from other reporting units		1,229,755	1,310,146
Less allowance for expected credit losses			
United Firefighters' Union - New South Wales		(288,959)	(288,959)
United Firefighters' Union - Queensland		(940,796)	(940,796)
United Firefighters' Union - South Australia		-	-
		(1,229,755)	(1,229,755)
Net receivables from other reporting units		-	80,391
Other trade receivables		-	-
Less allowance for expected credit losses		-	-
		-	-
Sundry receivables:			
- Amounts owing from former office bearers		-	-
- Insurance refunds		-	-
- Reimbursement		10,216	10,216
- Legal fees re-charged		-	-
		10,216	10,216
Total trade and other receivables		10,216	90,607

A provision for doubtful debts has been booked in the accounts representing disputed amounts payable by State Branches.

New South Wales State Branch

The only known bank account for the NSW Branch, Firefighters Mutual Bank BSB 802-825 A/C 610024789 had a balance as at June 2023 of zero.

Queensland State Branch

The only bank account for the QLD Branch Commonwealth BSB 06 4007 A/C 10013634 had a balance as at 31 May 2024 of \$15.20.

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	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
NOTE 8: OTHER ASSETS			
Prepayments		<u>226</u>	<u>29,060</u>
		<u>226</u>	<u>29,060</u>
NOTE 9: PLANT AND EQUIPMENT			
Office furniture and equipment			
At cost		4,812	3,907
Accumulated depreciation		<u>(2,946)</u>	<u>(752)</u>
		<u>1,866</u>	<u>3,155</u>
Leasehold improvements			
At cost		-	-
Accumulated depreciation		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total property, plant and equipment		<u><u>1,866</u></u>	<u><u>3,155</u></u>

a. Movements in Carrying Amounts

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

	Office furniture and equipment \$	Leasehold improvements \$	Total \$
Cost or valuation			
Balance at 1 July 2022	4,101	-	4,101
Additions	3,907	-	3,907
Disposals	<u>(4,101)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,101)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2023	3,907	-	3,907
Additions	905	-	905
Disposals			-
Balance at 30 June 2024	<u><u>4,812</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>4,812</u></u>
Accumulated depreciation			
Balance at 1 July 2022	(4,068)	-	(4,068)
Depreciation expense	(785)	-	(785)
Disposals	4,101	-	4,101
Balance at 30 June 2023	<u>(752)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(752)</u>
Depreciation expense	(2,194)	-	(2,194)
Disposals	-	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2024	<u><u>(2,946)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(2,946)</u></u>

NOTE 10: INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Computer software		
At cost	16,410	16,410
Accumulated amortisation	<u>(6,571)</u>	<u>(3,289)</u>
	<u><u>9,839</u></u>	<u><u>13,121</u></u>

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	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
NOTE 11: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES			
Payables to other reporting units			
United Firefighters' Union - Victorian Branch		12,187	2,555
		12,187	2,555
<i>Settlement is usually made within 30 days</i>			
External Trade payables, consisting of:			
Legal costs		-	-
Other		1,786	440
Total Trade payables		13,973	2,995
Wages, salaries and superannuation - accrued		3,815	4,489
Consideration payable to employers for making payroll deductions of membership subscriptions		-	-
Legal costs			
Litigation		-	-
Other legal matters		-	-
GST Payable		4,127	19,379
PAYG Withholding		7,142	8,047
Superannuation		-	-
Accrued expenses		21,095	16,950
Other		-	-
		36,179	48,865
		50,152	51,860
NOTE 12: EMPLOYEE PROVISIONS			
Employee provisions			
Office holders:			
Annual leave		3,745	2,270
Long service leave		418	-
Separation and redundancies		-	-
Other		-	-
Subtotal employee provisions – office holders		4,163	2,270
Employees other than office holders:			
Annual leave		10,230	10,104
Long service leave		401	-
Separation and redundancies		-	-
Other		-	-
Subtotal employee provisions – employees other than office holders		10,631	10,104
Total employee provisions		14,794	12,374
Current		13,975	12,374
Non Current		819	-
Total employee provisions		14,794	12,374

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	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
NOTE 13: CASH FLOW INFORMATION			
a. Reconciliation of cash			
For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand, cash at bank and deposits. Cash at the beginning and end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:			
Cash at Bank - Commonwealth Bank		241,614	257,356
Cash at Bank - Firefighters Mutual Bank		-	9
		241,614	257,365
b. Reconciliation of cash flow from operating activities			
Net surplus/(deficit) for the period		(130,259)	1,888
Adjustments for non-cash income and expense items:			
Amortisation and depreciation		5,476	4,065
Doubtful debt expense		-	191,427
Asset write off		-	-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities			
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables		80,391	(177,405)
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments		28,834	(28,770)
Increase/(decrease) in trade payables and accruals		(1,708)	(46,190)
Increase/(decrease) in provisions		2,420	4,669
		(14,846)	(50,316)

c. Cash flows with related parties

The following amounts relate to cash inflows/outflows from related party entities. The cash flows presented are on a gross basis including GST.

Receipts from members and related activities include the following amounts received from related parties:

	2024			Total
	Capitation \$	Levies \$	Reimburse't \$	
Cash inflows from operating activities				
United Firefighters' Union - Queensland Branch	-	-	-	-
United Firefighters' Union - South Australian Branch	39,456	3,441	-	42,897
United Firefighters' Union - Tasmanian Branch	33,768	2,751	-	36,519
United Firefighters' Union - Victorian Branch	386,252	30,308	-	416,560
United Firefighters' Union - Western Australian Branch	109,700	8,755	-	118,455
United Firefighters' Union - New South Wales Branch	-	-	-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Australian Capital Territory	37,921	3,059	-	40,981
United Firefighters' Union - Aviation Branch	68,890	5,682	-	74,571
	675,986	53,996	-	729,982

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	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
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c. Cash flows with related parties (continued)

Payments to suppliers and employees include the following amounts paid to related parties:

	2024			
	Rent and other services \$	Contract services \$	Other services \$	Total \$
Cash outflows from operating activities				
United Firefighters' Union - Queensland Branch	-	-	-	-
United Firefighters' Union - South Australian Branch	-	-	-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Tasmanian Branch	-	-	-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Victorian Branch	-	-	-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Western Australian Branch	-	-	-	-
United Firefighters' Union - New South Wales Branch	-	-	-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Australian Capital Territory	23,870	-	-	23,870
United Firefighters' Union - Aviation Branch	-	-	-	-
	23,870	-	-	23,870

	2023			
	Capitation \$	Levies \$	Reimburse't \$	Total \$
Cash inflows from operating activities				
United Firefighters' Union - Queensland Branch	-	-	-	-
United Firefighters' Union - South Australian Branch	42,477	3,709	-	46,186
United Firefighters' Union - Tasmanian Branch	36,205	2,920	-	39,125
United Firefighters' Union - Victorian Branch	300,083	29,820	-	329,903
United Firefighters' Union - Western Australian Branch	135,771	10,814	-	146,585
United Firefighters' Union - New South Wales Branch	-	-	-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Australian Capital Territory	36,657	2,956	2,186	41,799
United Firefighters' Union - Aviation Branch	107,714	8,452	-	116,165
	658,906	58,671	2,186	719,763

Payments to suppliers and employees include the following amounts paid to related parties:

	2023			
	Rent and other services \$	Contract services \$	Other services \$	Total \$
Cash outflows from operating activities				
United Firefighters' Union - Queensland Branch	-	-	-	-
United Firefighters' Union - South Australian Branch	-	-	-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Tasmanian Branch	-	-	-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Victorian Branch	1,951	-	-	1,951
United Firefighters' Union - Western Australian Branch	-	-	-	-
United Firefighters' Union - New South Wales Branch	-	-	-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Australian Capital Territory	23,593	-	-	23,593
United Firefighters' Union - Aviation Branch	-	-	-	-
	25,543	-	-	25,542

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	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
NOTE 14: EQUITY			
a). General Funds			
The Union has had no General Funds or Reserves either during or since the financial year or comparative year.			
b). Other specific disclosures - funds			
The Union has had no compulsory levy or voluntary contribution funds or other funds invested in assets either during or since the financial year or comparative year.			
NOTE 15: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT			
The Union's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, local money market instruments, short-term investments, accounts receivable and accounts payable.			
The totals for each category of financial instrument are as follows:			
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		<u>241,614</u>	<u>257,365</u>
<i>Loans and receivables</i>			
Trade and other receivables		<u>10,216</u>	<u>90,607</u>
Carrying amount of financial assets		<u><u>251,830</u></u>	<u><u>347,972</u></u>
Financial liabilities			
Trade and other payables		<u>50,152</u>	<u>51,860</u>
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		<u><u>50,152</u></u>	<u><u>51,860</u></u>
Specific financial risk exposures and management			
The main risks the Union is exposed to through its financial instruments are liquidity risk and market risk through interest rate risk.			
(a) Net income and expense from financial assets and financial liabilities			
<i>Cash and cash on hand</i>			
Interest revenue		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net gain/(loss) on cash and cash on hand		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net gain/(loss) from financial assets		<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
<i>Other financial liabilities</i>			
Interest expense		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net gain/(loss) financial liabilities at amortised cost		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net gain/(loss) from financial liabilities		<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

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NOTE 15: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

(b) Fair value of financial instruments

	2024		2023	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
<i>Financial assets</i>				
Cash and cash equivalents	241,614	241,614	257,365	257,365
Loans and receivables	10,216	10,216	90,607	90,607
Investments	-	-	-	-
Total	251,830	251,830	347,972	347,972
<i>Financial liabilities</i>				
Trade and other payables	50,152	50,152	51,860	51,860
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-
Total	50,152	50,152	51,860	51,860

(c) Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk of any default on any type of debt owing to the Branch. The Branch is exposed to credit risk on its member subscriptions, trade debtors, and other debtors.

The following table illustrates the Branches gross exposure to credit risk, excluding any collateral or credit enhancements:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Financial assets		
Trade and other receivables	10,216	90,607
Total	10,216	90,607

Credit quality of financial instruments not past due or individually determined as impaired

	2024		2023	
	Not past due nor impaired	Past due or impaired	Not past due nor impaired	Past due or impaired
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Trade and other receivables	-	1,229,755	80,391	1,229,755
	-	1,229,755	80,391	1,229,755

Ageing of financial assets that were past due but not impaired for 2024

	0 to 30 days	31 to 60 days	61 to 90 days	90+ days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Trade and other receivables	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-

Ageing of financial assets that were past due but not impaired for 2023

	0 to 30 days	31 to 60 days	61 to 90 days	90+ days	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Trade and other receivables	-	-	80,391	-	80,391
	-	-	80,391	-	80,391

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NOTE 15: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

(d) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises from the possibility that the Union might encounter difficulty in settling its debts or otherwise meeting its obligations related to financial liabilities.

The Union manages risk through the following mechanisms:

1. Comparing the maturity profile of financial liabilities with the realisation profile of financial assets;
2. Managing credit risk related to financial assets;
3. Maintaining a reputable credit risk profile; and
4. Monitoring undrawn credit facilities.

Financial liability and financial asset maturity analysis

	2024			Total \$
	On demand \$	< 1 year \$	1-5 years \$	
Financial assets – cash flow realisable				
Cash and cash equivalents	241,614	-	-	241,614
Trade and other receivables	10,216	-	-	10,216
Total anticipated inflows	<u>251,830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>251,830</u>
Financial liabilities due for payment				
Trade and other payables	-	50,152	-	50,152
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-
Total contractual outflows	<u>-</u>	<u>50,152</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,152</u>
Net inflow/(outflow) on financial instruments	<u>251,830</u>	<u>(50,152)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>201,678</u>
	2023			Total \$
	On demand \$	< 1 year \$	1-5 years \$	
Financial assets – cash flow realisable				
Cash and cash equivalents	257,365	-	-	257,365
Trade and other receivables	90,607	-	-	90,607
Total anticipated inflows	<u>347,972</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>347,972</u>
Financial liabilities due for payment				
Trade and other payables	-	51,860	-	51,860
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-
Total contractual outflows	<u>-</u>	<u>51,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,860</u>
Net inflow/(outflow) on financial instruments	<u>347,972</u>	<u>(51,860)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>296,112</u>

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NOTE 15: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

(e) Financial and non-financial assets and liabilities fair value hierarchy

The following tables provide an analysis of financial and non-financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value, by fair value hierarchy.

Fair value hierarchy – 30 June 2024

	Date of Valuation	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<i>Assets measured at fair value</i>				
Land and buildings	NIL - N/A	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-
<i>Liabilities measured at fair value</i>				
Financial liabilities	NIL - N/A	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-

Fair value hierarchy – 30 June 2023

	Date of Valuation	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<i>Assets measured at fair value</i>				
Land and buildings	NIL - N/A	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-
<i>Liabilities measured at fair value</i>				
Financial liabilities	NIL - N/A	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-

There have been no transfers into or out of each level during the year ended 30 June 2024 or the prior year.

The Union has a number of assets and liabilities which are not measured at fair value, but for which fair values are disclosed in Note 15(b).

Cash and cash equivalents as well as receivables from other financial institutions are short-term liquid assets which approximate fair value.

The carrying value less impairment provision of receivables and payables is a reasonable approximation of their fair values due to their short-term nature.

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	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
NOTE 16: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS			
Revenue transactions in relation to capitation fees GST exclusive:			
United Firefighters' Union - Queensland Branch		-	188,620
United Firefighters' Union - South Australian Branch		35,869	38,616
United Firefighters' Union - Tasmanian Branch		30,698	32,914
United Firefighters' Union - Victorian Branch		351,138	345,885
United Firefighters' Union - Western Australian Branch		99,727	98,496
United Firefighters' Union - New South Wales Branch		-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Australian Capital Territory		34,474	33,324
United Firefighters' Union - Aviation Branch		62,627	62,135
		614,533	799,990
Revenue transactions in relation to levies GST exclusive:			
United Firefighters' Union - Queensland Branch		-	15,062
United Firefighters' Union - South Australian Branch		3,128	3,372
United Firefighters' Union - Tasmanian Branch		2,501	2,655
United Firefighters' Union - Victorian Branch		27,553	27,109
United Firefighters' Union - Western Australian Branch		7,959	7,844
United Firefighters' Union - New South Wales Branch		-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Australian Capital Territory		2,781	2,687
United Firefighters' Union - Aviation Branch		5,165	4,998
		49,087	63,727
The above levies are collected by the National Office and paid to the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) on behalf of the branches.			
Revenue transactions in relation to other charges GST exclusive:			
United Firefighters' Union - Queensland Branch		-	-
United Firefighters' Union - South Australian Branch		-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Tasmanian Branch		-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Victorian Branch		-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Western Australian Branch		-	-
United Firefighters' Union - New South Wales Branch		-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Australian Capital Territory		-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Aviation Branch		-	92,546
		-	92,546
Total revenue transactions with related parties		663,620	956,263

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	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Expense transactions with related parties			
United Firefighters' Union - Queensland Branch		-	-
United Firefighters' Union - South Australian Branch		-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Tasmanian Branch		-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Victorian Branch			
Rent and other services		-	-
Contract services (note 4(a))		-	14,142
United Firefighters' Union - Western Australian Branch		-	-
United Firefighters' Union - New South Wales Branch		-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Australian Capital Territory			
Rent and other services		21,700	19,657
Expense reimbursements		-	1,791
United Firefighters' Union - Aviation Branch		-	-
		21,700	35,590
Expense reimbursements to related parties are not included in the above disclosure. Amounts reimbursed to branches are equal to the total amount charged by the third party.			
The following balances were outstanding at the end of the period:			
Trade receivables:			
United Firefighters' Union - Aviation		-	-
United Firefighters' Union - New South Wales		288,959	288,959
United Firefighters' Union - Queensland		940,796	940,796
United Firefighters' Union - South Australian Branch		-	-
United Firefighters' Union - Victorian Branch		-	80,391
United Firefighters' Union - Western Australia Branch		-	-
Total receivables from other reporting units		1,229,755	1,310,146
Less provision for doubtful debts			
United Firefighters' Union - New South Wales		(288,959)	(288,959)
United Firefighters' Union - Queensland		(940,796)	(940,796)
United Firefighters' Union - South Australian Branch		-	-
		(1,229,755)	(1,229,755)
Total amounts owed by related parties		-	80,391
Trade and other payables:			
United Firefighters' Union - Victorian Branch		12,187	2,555
Total amounts owed to related parties		12,187	2,555

Terms and conditions of transactions with related parties

The sales to and purchases from related parties are made on terms equivalent to those that prevail in arm's length transactions. Outstanding balances for sales and purchases at the year end are unsecured and interest free and settlement occurs in cash. There have been no guarantees provided or received for any related party receivables or payables.

The branch did not acquire an asset or liability due to an amalgamation under Part 2 of the RO Act, a restructure of the branches of an organisation, a determination or revocation by the General Manager, Fair Work Commission; and the branch did not make a payment to a former related party of the branch.

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	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
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NOTE 17: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Commitments:

United Firefighters Union of Australia rented office space from the United Firefighters Union - Victorian Branch up until 31 August 2022. Under the former arrangement the space was leased to the National Branch on a month by month basis with rent payable one month in advance. On the basis the arrangement may have been ended at any stage it has not been treated as an on-going commitment for disclosure purposes.

No office space is rented from UFU VIC in this period. Storage is still in place for UFUA property in Victoria through a storage facility until the property can be sorted through.

Contingencies:

Branch Dispute - New South Wales Branch:

The dispute between the National Office and the NSW State Branch remains unresolved at the date of signing the committee report despite cessation of legal proceedings during the 2012 financial year. Membership dues owing from that Branch are in dispute and remain unpaid at year end. These amounts were fully provided for as at 30 June 2024 and will continue to be provided for until the dispute is resolved.

Due to the resignation of the NSW BCOM in December 2022, the National Office was informed by the Fair Work Commission that given there are no office bearers in the NSW Branch, the obligations under the RO Act to provide financial returns and statements for 2021/22 and 2022/23 fall to the UFU of A. This has had a financial impost to the National Office with invoices owing to Daley's Auditors for previous work still owing in addition to costs for continued auditing work:

NSW Audit 2020 - \$1,320
 NSW Audit 2022 - \$8,000
 NSW Audit 2023 - \$4,000

Branch Dispute - Queensland Branch:

The Queensland Branch officers and delegates all collectively resigned between the 12th and 22nd of August 2019. The United Firefighters of Australia - National Office successfully lodged an application to appoint an administrator to the Union with a view to restart operations and manage the Union. As of 24th of February 2022, Mr. Gavin Marshall was appointed as an administrator per the terms of the Federal Court Order which enabled the Queensland Branch of the United Firefighters' Union Branch to function effectively. The Union through the Administrator subsequently prepared Financial Reports for the Queensland Branch for the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22. As per the Court Order, the Union has an obligation to indemnify the UFU Queensland in respect of the administration of the Queensland Branch. Otherwise, the Union has no further obligations in regards to the Queensland Branch

Queensland Branch elections were held on 15 December 2022 finalised and declared on 23 December 2022 by the AEC. The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and three executive members were filled. Branch activities did not resume after this time. The State President of UFUQ, Wayne McLean sent through resignations to Secretary Don Luther, removing close to 800 members before the end of the 2023 reporting period. 1,318 members remained at 30/06/2024. These members receive newsletters from the National Office.

QLD elections were required to be held in March 2024. Matter E2023/193. The process did not proceed due to the election notice and nomination form not being posted or distributed when received on March 13 2024. No nominations were received. This was not known by the UFUA national office until the Post Declaration Reminder correspondence from the FWC on 23/04/2024.

Vice President Rick Salisbury resigned 9/08/2023. President Gordon Finlayson resigned on 24/04/2024 and Gerard Williams Exec Member/NCOM Delegate resigned on 24/04/2024.

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	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
NOTE 17: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)			
<p>The UFUA remains in discussions with the Fair Work Commission to agree upon a resolution to the ongoing operations of the Queensland Branch, and in relation to financial reporting requirements.</p> <p>Application to amend the UFUA Rules was made by the Queensland Branch Administrator and subsequently approved by the Fair Work Commission's General Manager on 08/09/2022. UFUQ and FBEU have made an application to the Fair Work Commission ('FWC') to have their entity names removed from the Rules in order to reflect that no relationship exists between their entities and the UFUA. This matter remained ongoing throughout the reporting period and will continue to have financial impost on the National Office due to costs relating to representation at the FWC. This matter was settled on 6 July 2023 by Murray Furlong FWC – R2022/65 – alteration of rules – permission not granted. Leave for appeal was sought, however not granted, with the ruling C2023/4351 & C2023/4353 by a Full Bench of the FWC (Deputy President Saunders/Deputy President Slevin/Deputy President Grayson) refusing permission to appeal on the 19th of December 2023.</p> <p>There were no other contingent liabilities or contingent assets as at balance sheet date.</p>			
NOTE 18: EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE DATE			
Branch Disputes			
<p>The ongoing disputes with the state branches, as disclosed in Note 17, remain unchanged after balance date up to the date of signing of this report.</p> <p>Apart from the above, no other matters of circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Union, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Union in future financial years.</p>			
NOTE 19: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL			
The total remuneration paid to elected officials of the Branch during the period are as follows:			
Short-term employee benefits:			
Salary and wages		80,631	72,656
Contract services (i)		-	14,142
Allowances		-	-
Honorarium		39,713	37,820
Total short-term employee benefits		120,344	124,618
Post-employment benefits			
Superannuation		13,237	11,600
Total post-employment benefits		13,237	11,600
Total employee benefits		133,581	136,218

(i) From 1 April 2014 to 31 August 2022 the former National Secretary was solely employed by the United Firefighters Union - Victorian Branch. The services of the National Secretary were contracted out from the Victorian Branch. The United Firefighters Union of Australia reimbursed the Victorian Branch for all payroll expenses for the former National Secretary during the transition period between 01/07/22 and 31/08/2022.

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	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$

NOTE 20: UNION DETAILS

Registered office & Principal place of business

The registered office and principal place of business of the Union is:

United Firefighters' Union of Australia - National Branch
Level 2, 2 Badham Street
Dickson ACT 2602