

16 February 2016

Graeme Kelly Branch Secretary New South Wales Local Government Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines & Utilities Branch Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union <u>united@usu.org.au</u>

CC: Graeme Kent, MGI, info@mgisq.com.au

Dear Mr Kelly,

Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union - New South Wales Local Government Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines & Utilities Branch Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2015 - [FR2015/271]

I acknowledge receipt of the financial report of the Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union - New South Wales Local Government Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines & Utilities Branch. The documents were lodged with the Fair Work Commission on 14 January 2016.

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 s.253, s.265, s.266 and s.268 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (RO Act) have been satisfied, all documents required under s.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 2016 may be subject to an advanced compliance review.

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

Timescale requirements

As you are aware, an organisation is required under the RO Act to undertake certain steps in accordance with specified timelines. Information about these timeline requirements can be found on the FWC website. In particular, I draw your attention to Financial reporting process and timelines which explains the timeline requirements, and Diagrammatic summary of financial reporting timelines which sets out the timeline requirements in diagrammatical form.

I note that the following timescale requirements were not met:

Documents must be lodged with the FWC within 14 days of General Meeting

Section 268 of the RO Act requires that the full report and the designated officer's certificate are required to be lodged with the FWC within 14 days of the committee of management meeting. The Designated Officer's Certificate indicates that this meeting occurred on 16 September 2015. If this is correct the full report should have been lodged with the FWC by 30 September 2015.

11 Exhibition Street Melbourne VIC 3000 GPO Box 1994 Melbourne VIC 3001 Email : <u>orgs@fwc.gov.au</u> Internet : www.fwc.gov.au The full report was lodged on 14 January 2016 and the Designated Officers Certificate was not lodged until 11 February 2016.

If these dates are correct, the branch should have applied for an extension of time to lodge the required reports and the Designated Officer's Certificate in accordance with section 268 of the RO Act.

I note that this is the third time there has been a reminder to lodge within 14 days in the branch's filing letter. A failure to lodge the report within 14 days of the meeting next year will result in the matter being discussed with the compliance team.

Please note that in future financial years if the branch cannot lodge on time, a written request for an extension of time, signed by a relevant officer, including any reason for the delay, must be made prior to the required date of lodgement.

Reports must be provided to Members within 5 months of end of financial year where report is presented before committee of management meeting

The Designated Officer's Certificate states that the financial report was provided to members on 10 August 2015, however this is prior to the report being audited on 14 September 2015. Under section 265(5)(b) of the RO Act, where the report is presented to a Committee of Management meeting, the full report must be provided to members within 5 months of the end of the financial year.

A full report includes the statement of the auditor.

Please note that in future financial years the FULL report must be provided to members, including the statement of the auditor, and if an extension of time is required, a written request, signed by a relevant officer, including any reason for the delay, must be made prior to required date for the provision of the reports to members.

Disclosure of grants or donations

Reporting Guideline 16(e) requires that where grants or donations have been paid, the total amount paid is to be disclosed as follows:

- (i) grants that were \$1,000 or less;
- (ii) grants that exceeded \$1,000;
- (iii) donations that were less than \$1,000; and
- (iv) donations that exceeded \$1,000

Please ensure that next year's report includes these line items; I note that reporting guideline 17 requires that these line items appear in the financial report even if the figure is NIL.

Disclosure of payables in respect of legal costs

Reporting Guideline 20(b) requires a payable in relation to legal costs to be disclosed by litigation and by other legal matters. Reporting Guideline 21 states that if the activities identified in item 20 have not occurred in the reporting period, a statement to this effect must be included in the GPFR. I note that for litigation and other legal matters no such disclosure has been made.

Please ensure that these items appear in next year's financial report even if the figure is NIL.

Documents dated the day they are signed

I note that the Designated Officer's Certificate was dated with a date that occurred after it was lodged. Please ensure that all documents are dated on the date they are signed.

Outdated references

I note that the report refers to Fair Work Australia in several places. Please ensure that all references are updated to the Fair Work Commission.

Reporting Requirements

On the FWC website a number of factsheets in relation to the financial reporting process and associated timelines are available. The most recent copy of the Reporting Guidelines and a model set of financial statements can also be found. The FWC recommends reporting units use this model as it will assist in ensuring compliance with the RO Act, the s.253 Reporting Guidelines and the Australian Accounting Standards. Access to this information may be obtained via this link.

If you have any queries regarding this letter, please contact me on (03) 8656 4698 or via email at <u>catherine.bebbington@fwc.gov.au</u>.

Kind regards

CATHERINE BEBBINGTON Regulatory Compliance Branch

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New South Wales Local Government, Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines & Utilities Branch

s.268Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009

CERTIFICATE BY PRESCRIBED DESIGNATED OFFICER¹

Certificate for the period ended 30 June 2015

I *Graeme Kelly* being the *Branch Secretary* of New South Wales Local Government, Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines & Utilities Branch:

- that the documents lodged herewith are copies of the full report for the New South Wales Local Government, Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines & Utilities Branch for the period ended 30 June 2015 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 *10 August 2015*; and
- that the full report was presented to a meeting of the committee of management of the reporting unit on New South Wales Local Government, Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines & Utilities Branch on 16 September 2015 in accordance with s.266 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009.

Signature of prescribed designated officer: (

Name of prescribed designated officer: Graeme Kelly

Title of prescribed designated officer: Branch Secretary

Dated: 16 February 2016

Regulation 162 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009 defines a 'prescribed designated officer' of a reporting unit for the purposes of s.268(c) as:

⁽a) the secretary; or

⁽b) an officer of the organisation other than the secretary who is authorised by the organisation or by the rules of the organisation to sign the certificate mentioned in that paragraph.

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ABN 77 278 017 470

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

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OPERATING REPORT

The Branch Executive, being the Management Committee for the purposes of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Act 2012, presents its operating report of the Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union, New South Wales Local Government, Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines & Utilities Branch for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

1. Review of principal activities during the year: The principal operating activities of the Branch continued to be those of industrial activities that are normally carried out by the Trade Union; there are no significant changes in the principal operating activities.

The branch as part of the Union continued to promote workers' rights and campaigned for community support, the introduction of Fair Work, and the recruitment of members to support the Union movement. Despite tough economic times, the branch was able to sustain membership.

- 2. Financial affairs: During the year there were no significant changes to the financial affairs of the Union.
- 3. All members have a right to resign from the branch in accordance with Rule 32 and Section 174(1) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Act 2012. In accordance with Section 174(1) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Act 2012, 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.
- 4. Members holding positions on Superannuation Boards:
 - Member Ian Tarrant continues to hold position as Director on the Board of Energy Industry Superannuation Scheme.
 - Member John Beacroft is now replaced by Jim Montague as Director of Local Government Superannuation Scheme (LGSS) from October 2013;
 - Member Craig Peate holds the other position of Director of LGSS since October 2012;
 - Member Emma Maiden and John Christopher Joyce hold positions as Directors of Legal Super.
 - Employee Monica Clavijo continues to hold position as Director of CARE Super.

5. At the end of the financial year the total number of registered members was 30,946 (2014: 31,769).

6. The Branch does not employ any staff members.

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OPERATING REPORT (Cont'd)

7. The names of the Branch Executive members during the year ended 30 June 2015 were:

| Name | Period of Appointment |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Stephen Birney | 01/07/2014 - 30/06/2015 |
| Phil Bowering | 01/07/2014 - 09/04/2015 |
| Sharon Sewell | 01/07/2014 - 30/06/2015 |
| Tony Dean | 01/07/2014 - 30/06/2015 |
| Mark Gill | 01/07/2014 - 09/04/2015 |
| Graeme Kelly | 01/07/2014 - 30/06/2015 |
| John Mackay | 01/07/2014 - 01/12/2014 |
| Russell Woods | 01/07/2014 - 30/06/2015 |
| Brian Cameron | 01/07/2014 - 15/09/2014 |
| Beverley Spearpoint | 01/07/2014 - 30/06/2015 |
| Ross Crawford | 01/07/2014 - 30/06/2015 |
| Shane Clapham | 01/07/2014 - 30/06/2015 |
| Shayne Baird | 01/07/2014 - 09/04/2015 |
| Chris Zorzo | 01/07/2014 - 09/04/2015 |
| Steven Gillespie | 01/07/2014 - 09/04/2015 |
| Stephen Mulholland | 01/07/2014 - 30/06/2015 |
| Glen McAtear | 01/07/2014 - 30/06/2015 |
| Frank Holobowski | 01/07/2014 - 09/04/2015 |
| Shane Lummis | 01/07/2014 - 30/06/2015 |
| Katerina Tahija | 01/07/2014 - 30/06/2015 |
| Larry Freeman | 16/09/2014 - 30/06/2015 |
| Ray Mifsud | 01/07/2014 - 27/02/2015 |
| Brendan Scott | 10/04/2015 - 30/06/2015 |
| Annamaria Saglimbeni | 10/04/2015 - 30/06/2015 |
| Amanda Pearce | 10/04/2015 - 30/06/2015 |
| David Walsh | 10/04/2015 - 30/06/2015 |
| Christopher Wellington | 10/04/2015 - 30/06/2015 |
| Jeff Wearing | 10/04/2015 - 30/06/2015 |
| Katie Gillen | 10/04/2015 - 30/06/2015 |

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Branch Executive.

GRAEME KELLY Branch Secretary

STEPHEN BIRNEY Branch President

14 September 2015

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BRANCH EXECUTIVE'S STATEMENT

On 14 September 2015 the Branch Executive of the Australian Services Union passed the following resolution in relation to the general purpose financial report (GPFR) of the Branch for the year ended 30 June 2015.

The Branch Executive declares in relation to the GPFR that in its opinion:

- (a) the financial report and notes comply with the Australian Accounting Standards;
- (b) the financial report and notes comply with the reporting guidelines of the General Manager of Fair Work Australia;
- (c) the financial report and notes give a true and fair view of the financial performance, financial position and cash flows of the Branch for the financial year ended 30 June 2015;
- (d) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Branch will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (e) during the financial year ended 30 June 2015 and since the end of the financial year:
 - (i) meetings of the Branch Executive were held in accordance with the rules of the organisation and the rules of the branch; and
 - (ii) the financial affairs of the branch have been managed in accordance with the rules of the organisation and the rules of the Branch; and
 - (iii) the financial records of the Branch have been kept and maintained in accordance with the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Act 2012 and the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Regulations 2009; and
 - (iv) the financial records of the Branch have been kept, as far as practicable, in a consistent manner to each of the other branches and national office of the organisation; and
 - (v) no information has been sought in any request of a member of the Branch or the General Manager of Fair Work Australia under section 272 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Act 2012; and
 - (vi) no order for inspection of the financial records has been made by Fair Work Australia under section 273 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Act 2012.
- f) during the financial year ended 30 June 2015 the Branch did not participate in any recovery of wages activity.

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

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GRAEME KELLY Branch Secretary 14 September 2015

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

| | Note | 2015 | 2014 |
|--|------|---|---|
| NAONE | | \$ | \$ |
| INCOME Contributions Interest Income Rent Received TUCAR Donations Contributions received for funding of the Branch | | 47,882 61 54,247 698 1,029,667 | 56,688 23 63,331 - 856,508 |
| TOTAL INCOME | | 1,132,555 | 976,550 |
| EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Depreciation | | | |
| Property, Plant & Equipment | | 5,733 | 5,733 |
| Other Expenses United Services Union - Service Fee ASU National Office – Capitation Fees Bank Charges ACT Property Costs Auditors' Remuneration | 7 | 47,882 833,652 64 17,529 5,000 904,127 | 56,688 872,260 67 21,696 5,000 955,711 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | | 909,860 | 961,444 |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR | | 222,695 | 15,106 |
| Other Comprehensive Income TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) | | - | - |
| FOR THE YEAR | | 222,695 | 15,106 |
| | | | |

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2015

| | Note | 2015 | 2014 |
|--|--------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | \$ | \$ |
| ASSETS Current Assets | | | |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents Trade & Other Receivables | 4 5 | 76,524 46,142 | 40,796 72,820 |
| Total Current Assets | | 122,666 | 113,616 |
| Non-Current Assets Property, Plant and Equipment | 6 | 139,035_ | 144,768 |
| Total Non-Current Assets | | 139,035 | 144,768 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 261,701 | 258,384 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Current Liabilities Trade & Other Payables | 8 | 12,145_ | 231,523 |
| Total Current Liabilities | | 12,145 | 231,523 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | 12,145 | 231,523 |
| NET ASSETS | | 249,556 | 26,861 |
| EQUITY | | | |
| EQUITY Accumulated Surplus TOTAL EQUITY | | 249,556 249,556 | <u> 26,861 </u> 26,861 |

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

| | Accumulated Surplus | Total |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance at 30 June 2013 | 11,755 | 11,755 |
| Surplus for the year Balance at 30 June 2014 | <u> </u> | 15,106 26,861 |
| Surplus for the year Balance at 30 June 2015 | 222,695 249,5 <u>56</u> | 222,695 249,556 |

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

| | Note | 2015 | 2014 |
|---|-------|--|--|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | \$ | \$ |
| Receipts from Members Payment of ASU National Office Capitation Fees Payments to Suppliers Interest Received Rent Received Other Receipts NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES | 12(b) | 52,227 (1,139,237) (64,204) 61 54,247 <u>1,132,634</u> <u>35,728</u> | 62,084 (955,778) (83,705) 23 63,331 942,158 28,113 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| NET CASH USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | *** | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES NET CASH USED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| NET INCREASE IN CASH | | 35,728 | 28,113 |
| CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR | | 40,796 | 12,683 |
| CASH AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR | 12(a) | 76,524 | 40,796 |

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RECOVERY OF WAGES ACTIVITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

| | 2015 | 2014 |
|--|------|------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Cash assets in respect of recovered money at beginning of year | | - |
| Receipts | | |
| Amounts recovered from employers in respect of wages etc. | - | - |
| Interest received on recovered money | - | - |
| Total receipts | - | - |
| Payments | | |
| Deductions of amounts due in respect of membership for: | | |
| 12 months or less | - | - |
| Greater than 12 months | - | - |
| Deductions of donations or other contributions to accounts or funds of: | | |
| The reporting unit: | | |
| name of account | - | - |
| name of fund | - | - |
| Name of other reporting unit of the organisation: | | |
| name of account | - | - |
| name of fund | - | - |
| Name of other entity: | | |
| name of account | - | - |
| name of fund | - | - |
| Deductions of fees or reimbursement of expenses | - | - |
| Payments to workers in respect of recovered money | - | - |
| Total payments | | |
| Cash asset's in respect of recovered money at end of year | - | - |

(As required by the Reporting Guidelines. Item to remain even if 'nil'.)

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is for the Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union, New South Wales Local Government, Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines & Utilities Branch and is in accordance with the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Act 2012. The Branch is a reporting unit of The Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union and is an organisation registered under the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Act 2012. In accordance with the Act the Union is a body corporate and has perpetual succession. By virtue of this method of incorporation, the Union and the Branch are not subject to the Corporations Act 2001.

GOING CONCERN AND FINANCIAL DEPENDENCE ON "THE STATE UNION"

The Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union, New South Wales Local Government, Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines & Utilities Branch generated a surplus of \$222,695 for the year ended 30 June 2015 (2014: \$15,106) and had net assets of \$249,556 as at 30 June 2015 (2014: \$26,861).

The Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union, New South Wales Local Government, Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines & Utilities Branch is dependent upon the ongoing financial support of the New South Wales Local Government, Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines & Utilities Union ("The State Union") in order to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

In this regard the Branch entered into a deed with the State Union on the 13 January 2003 which states that "The State Union will pay to the Branch of the Union such sums of money which will enable the Branch of the Union to meet its obligations to pay capitation or other amounts to the Union pursuant to the Rules of the Union. Such capitation or other amounts do not include or create any obligation for the State Union to pay any subscription fee for or on behalf of any member of the Branch of the Union".

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Branch Executives have formed a view that the State Union has the financial capacity to provide such support.

BASIS OF PREPARATION

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) Amendment Act 2012.* For the purpose of preparing the general purpose financial statements, the Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union, New South Wales Local Government, Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines & Utilities Branch is a not-for-profit entity.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015 (Cont'd)

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONT')

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and in accordance with the historical cost, except for the cash flow information and 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 is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Branch in the preparation of the financial report.

(a) Revenue

Revenue from contributions are accounted for on a cash basis and is recorded as revenue in the year to which it relates.

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

Rental revenue from operating leases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST).

(b) Income tax

No provision for Income Tax is necessary as Industrial Trade Unions are exempt from Income Tax under Section 50-15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(c) **Property, 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.

Cost - Land and Buildings

Each class of property is carried at cost or fair value, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Where the cost model is used, the asset is carried at its cost less any accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. Costs include purchase price, other directly attributable costs and the initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and restoring the asset, where applicable.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015 (Cont'd)

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(c) Property, Plant and Equipment (Cont'd)

Property is measured using the cost method

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 assets are as follows:

Buildings 2%

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.

(d) Impairment

The carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's fair value less cost to sell and value in use. For the purpose of assessing value in use of assets not held primarily to generate cash, this represents depreciated current replacement cost, as the Branch is a not-for-profit organisation.

(e) Trade Receivables

Receivables are recognised at original invoice amounts. Collectability of receivables is assessed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off.

(f) Goods and Services Tax

Revenues and expenses are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax 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 the expense. Receivables and payables on the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015 (Cont'd)

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(g) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

(h) Financial Assets

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.

Loans 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.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those at fair value through profit or loss, are assessed for impairment at the end of each reporting period. Financial assets are considered to be impaired when there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows of the investment have been affected.

For certain categories of financial asset, such as trade receivables, assets that are assessed not to be impaired individually are, in addition, assessed for impairment on a collective basis. Objective evidence of impairment for a portfolio of receivables could include the reporting units past experience of collecting payments, an increase in the number of delayed payments in the portfolio past the average credit period of 60 days, as well as observable changes in national or local economic conditions that correlate with default on receivables.

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the amount of the impairment loss recognised is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate.

For financial assets carried at cost, the amount of the impairment loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the current market rate of return for a similar financial asset. Such impairment loss will not be reversed in subsequent periods.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015 (Cont'd)

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(h) Financial Assets (Cont'd)

The carrying amount of the financial asset is reduced by the impairment loss directly for all financial assets with the exception of trade receivables, where the carrying amount is reduced through the use of an allowance account. When a trade receivable is considered uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against the allowance account are recognised in profit or loss.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, if, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss to the extent that the carrying amount of the investment at the date the impairment is reversed does not exceed what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised.

(i) Financial Liability

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'.

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.

(j) Comparative Figures

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

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015 (Cont'd)

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(k) 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.

(I) Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

| Standard Name | Impact |
|--|---|
| AASB 1055 - Budgetary Reporting AASB 2013-1 Amendments to AASB 1049 - Relocation of Budgetary Reporting | There has been no impact to the entity. |
| Requirements AASB 2012-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities [AASB 132] | There will be no impact to the entity as there are no offsetting arrangements currently in place. |

(m) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations

The AASB has issued new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods. The Branch has decided against early adoption of these Standards. The Branch's assessment of the new and amended pronouncements that are relevant to the Branch but applicable in future reporting periods is set out below:

• AASB 9: Financial Instruments and associated Amending Standards (applicable to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018).

The Standard will be applicable retrospectively (subject to the provisions on hedge accounting outlined below) and includes revised requirements for the classification and measurement of financial instruments, revised recognition and derecognition requirements for financial instruments and simplified requirements for hedge accounting.

The key changes that may affect the Branch on initial application include certain simplifications to the classification of financial assets, simplifications to the accounting of embedded derivatives, upfront accounting for expected credit loss, and the irrevocable election to recognise gains and losses on investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading in other comprehensive income. AASB 9 also introduces a new model for hedge accounting that will allow greater flexibility in the ability to hedge risk, particularly with respect to hedges of non-financial items. Should the entity elect to change its hedge policies in line with the new hedge accounting requirements of the Standard, the application of such accounting would be largely prospective.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(m) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations (Cont'd)

Although, the Branch Executive anticipate that the adoption of AASB 9 may have an impact on the Branch's financial instruments, including hedging activity, it is impracticable at this stage to provide a reasonable estimate of such impact.

 AASB 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers (applicable to annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2017).

When effective, this Standard will replace the current accounting requirements applicable to revenue with a single, principles-based model. Except for a limited number of exceptions, including leases, the new revenue model in AASB 15 will apply to all contracts with customers as well as non-monetary exchanges between entities in the same line of business to facilitate sales to customers and potential customers.

The core principle of the Standard is that an entity will recognise revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for the goods or services. To achieve this objective, AASB 15 provides the following five-step process:

- identify the contract(s) with a customer;
- o identify the performance obligations in the contract(s);
- o determine the transaction price;
- allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract(s); and
- o recognise revenue when (or as) the performance obligations are satisfied.

This Standard will require retrospective restatement, as well as enhanced disclosures regarding revenue.

Although the Branch Executives anticipate that the adoption of AASB 15 may have an impact on the Branch's financial statements, it is impracticable at this stage to provide a reasonable estimate of such impact.

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2. ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

(a) Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The Branch makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates by definition seldom equal the related actual results. There are no estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities.

(b) Critical judgments in applying the Branch's accounting principles

There are no critical judgements that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of the assets and liabilities.

3. INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OR THE GENERAL MANAGER OF FAIR WORK AUSTRALIA

In accordance with the requirements of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Act 2012 the attention of members is drawn to the provisions of Section 272 of Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Act 2012 which reads as follows:

- 1. A member of a reporting unit or the General Manager of Fair Work Australia may apply to the reporting unit for specified prescribed information relating to the reporting unit to be made available to the person making the application.
- 2. The application must be in writing and 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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| FUI | The TEAR ENDED SU JUNE 2015 (Cont d) | 2015 | 2014 |
|------------------|--|--|--|
| 4. | CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | \$ | \$ |
| | Cash at Bank | 76,524 | 40,796 |
| | | 76,524 | 40,796 |
| 5. | TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES | | |
| | Current | | |
| | ASU National Office Contributions in Arrears | 44,218 1,298 | 49,135 3,456 |
| | Sundry Debtors | 626 | 20,229 |
| | | 46,142 | 72,820 |
| 6. | PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT | | |
| | Land & Buildings | | |
| | Unit 6, ACTU Building, Canberra | 000.005 | 000.005 |
| | At Cost Less Accumulated Depreciation | 286,665 (147,630) | 286,665 (141,897) |
| | TOTAL PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT | 139,035 | 144,768 |
| | | Land and | Total |
| | | Lang ang | i Otai |
| | MOVEMENTS IN CARRYING AMOUNTS | Buildings | |
| | MOVEMENTS IN CARRYING AMOUNTS | Buildings \$ | \$ |
| | MOVEMENTS IN CARRYING AMOUNTS Balance at 1 July 2014 | | \$ 144,768 |
| | Balance at 1 July 2014 Depreciation | \$ | + |
| | Balance at 1 July 2014 | \$ 144,768 | 144,768 |
| | Balance at 1 July 2014 Depreciation | \$ 144,768 (5,733) | 144,768 (5,733) |
| 7 | Balance at 1 July 2014 Depreciation Balance at 30 June 2015 | \$ 144,768 (5,733) 139,035 | 144,768 (5,733) 139,035 |
| 7. | Balance at 1 July 2014 Depreciation | \$ 144,768 (5,733) 139,035 2015 | 144,768 (5,733) 139,035 2014 |
| 7. | Balance at 1 July 2014 Depreciation Balance at 30 June 2015 | \$ 144,768 (5,733) 139,035 2015 | 144,768 (5,733) 139,035 2014 |
| 7. | Balance at 1 July 2014 Depreciation Balance at 30 June 2015 AUDITORS' REMUNERATION | \$ 144,768 (5,733) 139,035 2015 | 144,768 (5,733) 139,035 2014 |
| 7. | Balance at 1 July 2014 Depreciation Balance at 30 June 2015 AUDITORS' REMUNERATION Remuneration of the auditors for: | \$ 144,768 (5,733) 139,035 2015 \$ | 144,768 (5,733) 139,035 2014 \$ |
| | Balance at 1 July 2014 Depreciation Balance at 30 June 2015 AUDITORS' REMUNERATION Remuneration of the auditors for: Audit of the Financial Report | \$ 144,768 (5,733) 139,035 2015 \$ 5,000 | 144,768 (5,733) 139,035 2014 \$ |
| 7. 8 . | Balance at 1 July 2014 Depreciation Balance at 30 June 2015 AUDITORS' REMUNERATION Remuneration of the auditors for: Audit of the Financial Report TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES | \$ 144,768 (5,733) 139,035 2015 \$ 5,000 | 144,768 (5,733) 139,035 2014 \$ 5,000 5,000 |
| | Balance at 1 July 2014 Depreciation Balance at 30 June 2015 AUDITORS' REMUNERATION Remuneration of the auditors for: Audit of the Financial Report TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES ASU National Office - Capitation Fees | \$ 144,768 (5,733) 139,035 2015 \$ 5,000 5,000 | 144,768 (5,733) 139,035 2014 \$ 5,000 5,000 |
| | Balance at 1 July 2014 Depreciation Balance at 30 June 2015 AUDITORS' REMUNERATION Remuneration of the auditors for: Audit of the Financial Report TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES | \$ 144,768 (5,733) 139,035 2015 \$ 5,000 | 144,768 (5,733) 139,035 2014 \$ 5,000 5,000 |
| | Balance at 1 July 2014 Depreciation Balance at 30 June 2015 AUDITORS' REMUNERATION Remuneration of the auditors for: Audit of the Financial Report TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES ASU National Office - Capitation Fees Contributions in Advance | \$ 144,768 (5,733) 139,035 2015 \$ 5,000 5,000 2,924 | 144,768 (5,733) 139,035 2014 \$ 5,000 5,000 222,220 741 |

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9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The main risks the Branch is exposed to, through its financial instruments, are credit risk and liquidity risk.

The Branch's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, accounts receivable and payable.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

| Financial Assets | | |
|--|---------|----------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | 76,524 | 40,796 |
| Trade and other receivables | 46,142 | 72,820 |
| Total financial assets | 122,666 | <u>113,616</u> |
| Financial Liabilities Financial liabilities at amortised cost | | |
| Trade and other payables | 12,145 | 231,523 |
| Total financial liabilities | 12,145 | 231,523 |

(a) Credit risk

Exposure to credit risk relating to financial assets arises from the potential non-performance by counterparties of contract obligations that could lead to a financial loss to Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union, New South Wales Local Government, Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines & Utilities Branch and arises principally from Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union, New South Wales Local Government, Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines & Utilities Branch's receivables.

It is Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union, New South Wales Local Government, Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines & Utilities Branch's policy that all customers who wish to trade on credit terms undergo a credit assessment process which takes into account the customer's financial position, past experience and other factors. Credit limits are then set based on ratings in accordance with the limits set by the branch executive, and these limits are reviewed on a regular basis.

Goods are sold subject to retention of title clauses, so that in the event of non-payment the Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union, New South Wales Local Government, Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines & Utilities Branch may have a secured claim.

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9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Cont'd)

(b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises from the possibility that Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union, New South Wales Local Government, Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines & Utilities Branch might encounter difficulty in settling its debts or otherwise meeting its obligations related to financial liabilities. The Branch manages this risk through the following mechanisms:

- preparing forward-looking cash flow analysis in relation to its operational, investing and financial activities which are monitored on a monthly basis;
- using derivatives that are only traded in highly liquid markets;
- monitoring undrawn credit facilities;
- obtaining funding from a variety of sources;
- maintaining a reputable credit profile;
- managing credit risk related to financial assets;
- only investing surplus cash with major financial institutions; and
- comparing the maturity profile of financial liabilities with the realisation profile of financial assets.

10. ADMINISTRATION OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS BY A THIRD PARTY

| Name of entity providing service: | United Services Union |
|---|------------------------------|
| Terms and conditions: | Under a Deed of Agreement on |
| | 13 January 2003 |
| Nature of expenses/consultancy service: | Administration Service |

Detailed breakdown of revenues collected and/or expenses incurred:

| 2015 | 2014 |
|--------|----------------------------------|
| \$ | \$ |
| | |
| 47,882 | 56,688 |
| 47,882 | 56,688 |
| | |
| 47,882 | 56,688 |
| 47,882 | 56,688 |
| | \$ 47,882 47,882 47,882 |

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions with related parties are on normal terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties, unless otherwise stated. The ultimate controlling entity of the Branch is the Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union. A related entity the New South Wales Local Government, Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines and Utilities Union ("United Services Union") or ("The State Union") has the same Management Committee, same members and substantively the same rules as the Branch.

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11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Cont'd)

Transactions with the Ultimate Controlling Entity

- (a) ASU National Office Capitation Fees are disclosed as an expense in the statement of comprehensive income and as a payment in the statement of cash flows.
- (b) ASU National Office Capitation Fees payable are disclosed at Note 8 of the accounts.
- (c) ASU National Office have an informal arrangement with the branch that 50% of all Rental Return that it receives on the property it owns (Note 6) should be shared with the Branch. The 50% share of the Branch's income is disclosed as an income item listed as Rent Received and expense item listed as ACT property costs in the statement of comprehensive income.

Transactions with a Related Entity:

- a) Contributions received for funding the Branch from the United Services Union are disclosed as income in the statement of comprehensive income.
- b) Services Fees paid to the United Services Union are disclosed as an expense in the statement of comprehensive income.
- c) Amounts payable to the United Services Union are disclosed at Note 8 of the accounts.

| 12. | CASH FLOW INFORMATION | 2015 \$ | 2014 \$ |
|-----|---|---------------------|------------------|
| a) | For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash at the end of the year is reconciled to the following items in the statement of financial position: | | |
| | Cash at Bank | 76,524 | 40,796 |
| b) | RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS WITH SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR: | | |
| | Surplus for year | 222,695 | 15,106 |
| | Non-cash flows in Surplus | | |
| | Depreciation | 5,733 | 5,733 |
| | Changes in Assets and Liabilities | | |
| | Increase/(Decrease) in Trade & Other Payables (Increase)/Decrease in Trade & Other Receivables | (219,378) 26,678 | 9,324 (2,050) |
| | NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES | 35,728 | 28,113 |

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13. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The key management personnel of the Branch are Officers of the State Union. They receive no direct remuneration from the Branch. The Officers are paid by "the State Union" from income received from members. The amount of the officers time is incorporated in the Service Fee charged by "the State Union".

14. EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

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

15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

In the opinion of the branch executive, the Branch did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2015 (30 June 2014: None).

16. **REGISTERED OFFICE**

The registered office and principal place of business of the Branch is: Level 8 321 Pitt Street Sydney NSW 2000



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Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union New South Wales Local Government, Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines & Utilities Branch

ABN 77 278 017 470

Independent Audit Report to the Members

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of New South Wales Local Government, Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines & Utilities Branch ('the Branch"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2015, the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the state executive's certificate and accounting officer's certificate.

Branch Executive's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Branch Executive is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and to meet the requirements of the *Industrial Relations Act 1996*. This responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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



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Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies and the Industrial Relations Act 1996.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of New South Wales Local Government, Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines & Utilities Branch is in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Industrial Relations Act 1996, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the branch's financial position as at 30 June 2015 and of its **(a)** performance for the year ended on that date; and
- **(b)** complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Industrial Relations Act 1996.

We have assessed the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the branch as disclosed in Note 1 of the report to be appropriate.

Emphasis of Matter - Going Concern

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which indicated that the branch is dependent upon the ongoing financial support of the New South Wales Local Government, Clerical, Administrative, Energy, Airlines & Utilities Union ("The State Union") in order to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

ROBERT EVETT Director Sydney

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BENTLEYS NSW AUDIT PTY LTD **Chartered Accountants**

Dated: Jakahu 14, 2015