



2 February 2018

Mr Chris Read
Secretary, New South Wales Branch
United Firefighters' Union of Australia

Sent via email:

Dear Mr Read

Re: – United Firefighters' Union of Australia, New South Wales Branch - financial report for year ending 30 June 2017 (FR2017/197)

I refer to the financial report of the New South Wales Branch of the United Firefighters of Australia. The documents were lodged with the Registered Organisations Commission ('the ROC') on 2 January 2018.

The financial report has been filed. The financial report was filed based on a primary review. This involved confirming whether 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.

You are not required to take any further action in respect of the report lodged. However I make the following comment to assist you when preparing the next report. Please note the financial report for the period ending 30 June 2018 may be subject to an advanced compliance review.

Operating report – mis-reference

The reference at Item 9 to "*Section 37 of Reporting Guidelines*" is a mis-reference to a superseded paragraph in the 3rd edition of the Reporting Guidelines. As it was pointed out in last year's correspondence, the current 4th edition does not include this paragraph. This mis-reference should be removed from next year's operating report. In any case, the information appearing below duplicates the information about superannuation trustee directorship located at item 4.

I attach a copy of the current Reporting Guidelines for your reference.

Reporting Requirements

On the ROC website is a number of factsheets in relation to the financial reporting process and associated timelines. The most recent copy of the Reporting Guidelines and a model set of financial statements can also be found. The ROC 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](#).

Please note that new Reporting Guidelines will apply to organisations and branches with financial years *commencing* on or after 1 July 2017. Updates and information on the new guidelines will be provided through the ROC website and the [subscription service](#).

Yours faithfully

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Stephen Kellett
Financial Reporting
Registered Organisations Commission



2 January 2018

Chris Enright
Executive Director
Registered Organisations Commission

By email: regorgs@roc.gov.au

**Re: Designated Officer's Certificate
Financial report for year ended 30 June 2017
Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 – (RO Act)**

I, Chris Read, being the Branch Secretary of United Firefighters Union of Australia, New South Wales Branch certify:

- that the document lodged herewith is a copy of the full report referred to in s268(a) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009, being the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2017; and
- that the full report was provided to members of the Branch on 30 November 2017 in accordance with s265(5)(a) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009; and
- that the full report was presented to a general meeting of the members of the Branch on 28 December 2017 in accordance with s266(1) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Chris Read'.

Chris Read
Branch Secretary

UNITED FIREFIGHTERS UNION OF AUSTRALIA
NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

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OPERATING REPORT

The Branch Committee of Management presents its operating report of the United Firefighters Union of Australia NSW Branch for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

1. The principal activity of the NSW Branch during 2016/2017 financial year was to remain registered under the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009. There was no significant change to the nature of this activity from the previous financial year.
2. A financial dispute in relation to capitation fees and ACTU affiliation fees payable by the NSW Branch to the National Office was the subject of Federal Court proceedings initiated by the National Office in December 2009. These proceedings were discontinued by the National Office prior to hearing in August 2012.
3. The rights of members to resign from the NSW Branch by written notice addressed and delivered to the Branch Secretary are set out within Rule 8 of the Union's Registered Rules and section 174(1) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009. In accordance with section 174(1) of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 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. There was known to be one officer of the NSW Branch, C. Read who during the financial year was a director of NSW Fire Brigades Superannuation Pty Ltd, being a company that is a trustee of a superannuation entity.
5. There were 3 members of the Branch as at 30 June 2017.
6. The number of staff employed by the Branch on a full time equivalent basis at 30 June 2017 was Nil.
7. In 2012 the Branch Rules were amended to require members to pay Branch subscriptions commencing 1 April 2012. Section 127 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 requires members who have not paid membership subscriptions for 2 or more years to be removed from the membership register.
8. The names of each person who were members of the Branch Committee of Management, at any time, during the financial year are as follows;-

P Harmon	1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017
G Matthews	1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017
C Read	1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017
9. Officers and Employees Who are Directors of a Company or a Member of a Board Pursuant to section 37 of Reporting Guidelines apply for the purpose of section 253 of the RO Act 2009, the following officers and employees who are directors of a company or a member of a board. There is no compensation received for these services.

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Name of officer/employee	Name of company/board	Principal activities	Nominated by UFUA
C Read	NSW Fire Brigades Superannuation Pty Ltd	Trustee	No

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



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CHRIS READ



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GREG MATTHEWS

28 November 2017

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COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT'S STATEMENT

On 28 November 2017 the Committee of Management of the United Firefighters Union of Australia, New South Wales Branch, passed the following resolution in relation to the general purpose financial report (GPFR) of the Branch for the year ended 30 June 2017.

The Committee of Management declares in relation to the GPFR that in its opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes comply with the Australian Accounting Standards;
- (b) the financial statements and notes comply with the reporting guidelines of the General Manager of the Fair Work Commission;
- (c) the financial statements 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 2017;
- (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 2017 and since the end of the financial year:
 - (i) meetings of the Branch Committee of Management 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 RO Act; 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 of the organisation; and
 - (v) no information has been sought in any request by a member of the branch or General Manager duly made under section 272 of the RO Act, that information has been provided to the member or General Manager; and
 - (vi) no order for inspection of the financial records has been made by the Fair Work Commission under section 273 of the RO Act.
- (f) no revenue has been derived from undertaking recovery of wages activities during the reporting period.

For the Branch Committee of Management



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CHRIS READ



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GREG MATTHEWS

28 November 2017

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**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

	Note	2017	2016
		\$	\$
REVENUE			
Interest	3	1	16
Sundry income		9	-
Membership Dues	3	<u>1,207</u>	<u>1,155</u>
TOTAL REVENUE		<u>1,217</u>	<u>1,171</u>
EXPENSES			
Audit Fees	4	900	(752)
Donations	4	-	-
Capitation Fees - UFUA National Office	4	<u>39</u>	<u>38</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>939</u>	<u>(714)</u>
SURPLUS FOR YEAR		<u>278</u>	<u>1,885</u>
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE FOR THE YEAR		<u>278</u>	<u>1,885</u>

The statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT
30 JUNE 2017**

	Note	2017	2016
		\$	\$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at Bank		16,393	16,013
Receivables	8	<u>76,946</u>	<u>76,946</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>93,339</u></u>	<u><u>92,959</u></u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	9	<u>122,378</u>	<u>122,276</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u><u>122,378</u></u>	<u><u>122,276</u></u>
NET LIABILITIES		<u><u>(29,039)</u></u>	<u><u>(29,317)</u></u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated deficit		(29,039)	(29,317)
TOTAL EQUITY		<u><u>(29,039)</u></u>	<u><u>(29,317)</u></u>

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

	Accumulated Deficit \$
Balance at 30 June 2015	<u>(31,202)</u>
Net Surplus for the Year	1,885
Balance at 30 June 2016	<u>(29,317)</u>
Net Surplus for the Year	278
Balance at 30 June 2017	<u>(29,039)</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Membership Dues		1,328	1,271
Interest Received		1	16
Sundry income		9	
Payments to Suppliers		<u>(958)</u>	<u>(952)</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	11(b)	<u>380</u>	<u>335</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH		380	335
Cash at Beginning of Year		<u>16,013</u>	<u>15,678</u>
CASH AT END OF YEAR	11(a)	<u>16,393</u>	<u>16,013</u>

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is for the New South Wales Branch of the United Firefighters Union of Australia, and in accordance with the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 the Branch is a reporting unit. The United Firefighters Union of Australia is an organisation registered under the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009. The New South Wales Branch is a Branch of the registered organisation. 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 New South Wales Branch are not subject to the Corporations Act 2001. The Branch is a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing General Purpose financial statements under Australian Accounting Standards.

Going Concern

The United Firefighters Union of Australia New South Wales Branch has a surplus of \$278 (2016: \$1,885 surplus) for the year ended 30 June 2017 and had net liabilities of \$29,039 as at 30 June 2017 (2016: \$29,317). The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis due to the factors referred to in Note 15. The Branch Committee of Management has assessed and considered it appropriate for the accounts to be prepared on this basis.

Basis of Preparation

The financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009.

The reporting guidelines made under section 255 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 (the RO Act) require all reporting units to apply the Tier 1 reporting requirements as per Australian Accounting Standard AASB 1053 Application for Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards. As such the Branch Committee of Management have prepared a full set of General Purpose financial statements with all disclosure requirements.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Branch in the preparation of the financial report.

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(a) Revenue

Revenue from Membership contributions is accounted for on an accrual basis, and recorded in the year to which it relates, and to the extent that the amounts due are considered receivable.

Interest income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

(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) Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian 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.

(d) Financial instruments

Recognition, initial measurement and derecognition

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Branch becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument, and are measured initially at fair value adjusted by transactions costs, except for those carried at fair value through profit or loss, which are measured initially at fair value. Subsequent measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities are described below.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or when the financial asset and all substantial risks and rewards are transferred. A financial liability is derecognised when it is extinguished, discharged, cancelled or expires.

Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets

For the purpose of subsequent measurement, financial assets other than those designated and effective as hedging instruments are classified into the following categories upon initial recognition:

- loans and receivables
- financial assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss ('FVTPL')
- Held-To-Maturity ('HTM') investments
- Available-For-Sale ('AFS') financial assets

All financial assets except for those at FVTPL are subject to review for impairment at least at each reporting date to identify whether there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired. Different criteria to determine impairment are applied for each category of financial assets, which are described below.

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All income and expenses relating to financial assets that are recognised in profit or loss are presented within finance costs or finance income, except for impairment of trade receivables which is presented within other expenses.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. After initial recognition, these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. Discounting is omitted where the effect of discounting is immaterial. The Branch's trade and most other receivables fall into this category of financial instruments.

Individually significant receivables are considered for impairment when they are past due or when other objective evidence is received that a specific counterparty will default. Receivables that are not considered to be individually impaired are reviewed for impairment in groups, which are determined by reference to the industry and region of a counterparty and other shared credit risk characteristics. The impairment loss estimate is then based on recent historical counterparty default rates for each identified group.

(e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits, together with other short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

(f) Employee Benefits

No provision for employee benefits is necessary as there were no Branch employees to balance date.

(g) Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Union during the reporting period, which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

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(h) Comparative Figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year. Where errors are identified relating to comparative figures the comparative figures are restated and the nature of the error discussed.

(i) Amalgamations and Restructures

The Branch has not acquired any asset or liability during the financial year as a result of an Amalgamation or restructure; or a determination by the General Manager under subsection 245(1) of the RO Act; or a revocation by the General Manager under subsection 249(1) of the RO Act of a certificate issued to an organisation under subsection 245(1).

(j) Financial Support

The branch has not provided financial support to another reporting unit to continue as a going concern.

(k) Administration by another entity

The Branch financial affairs are not administered by another entity. No payments were made during the reporting period to a former related party of the Branch.

(l) Accounting Standards Adopted During the Period

There are no new accounting standards which were adopted during the financial year.

(m) New Australian Accounting Standards

There has been no accounting standard that has been adopted earlier than the application date stated in the standard.

Standard Name	Effective date	Nature of Change	Impact
AASB 9 <i>Financial Instruments</i>	1 January 2018	AASB 9 introduces new requirements for the classification and measurement of financial assets and liabilities and includes a forward-looking 'expected loss' impairment model and a substantially-changed approach to hedge accounting. These requirements improve and simplify the approach for classification and measurement of financial assets compared with the requirements of AASB 139. AASB 9 requirements regarding hedge accounting represent a substantial overhaul of hedge accounting that enable entities to better reflect their risk management activities in the financial statements.	There will be no impact

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AASB 15 <i>Revenue from Contracts with Customers</i>	1 January 2019 (not-for-profit entities)	AASB 15 replaces AASB 118 <i>Revenue</i> , AASB 111 <i>Construction Contracts</i> and some revenue-related Interpretations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- establishes a new revenue recognition model- changes the basis for deciding whether revenue is to be recognised over time or at a point in time- provides new and more detailed guidance on specific topics- expands and improves disclosures about revenue	There will be no impact
AASB 16 <i>Leases</i>	1 January 2019	AASB 16: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- replaces AASB 117 <i>Leases</i> and some lease-related Interpretations- requires all leases to be accounted for 'on-balance sheet' by lessees, other than short-term and low value asset leases- provides new guidance on the application of the definition of lease and on sale and lease back accounting- largely retains the existing lessor accounting requirements in AASB 117- requires new and different disclosures about leases	There will be no impact
AASB 2014-5 <i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 15</i>	1 January 2018	AASB 2014-5 incorporates the consequential amendments arising from the issuance of AASB 15.	There will be no impact
AASB 2014-7 <i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9</i>	1 January 2018	AASB 2014-7 incorporates the consequential amendments arising from the issuance of AASB 9.	There will be no impact
AASB 2014-10 <i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture</i>	1 January 2018	The amendments address a current inconsistency between AASB 10 <i>Consolidated Financial Statements</i> and AASB 128 <i>Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures</i> . The amendments clarify that, on a sale or contribution of assets to a joint venture or associate or on a loss of control when joint control or	There will be no impact

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significant influence is retained in a transaction involving an associate or a joint venture, any gain or loss recognised will depend on whether the assets or subsidiary constitute a business, as defined in AASB 3 *Business Combinations*. Full gain or loss is recognised when the assets or subsidiary constitute a business, whereas gain or loss attributable to other investors' interests is recognised when the assets or subsidiary do not constitute a business.

This amendment effectively introduces an exception to the general requirement in AASB 10 to recognise full gain or loss on the loss of control over a subsidiary. The exception only applies to the loss of control over a subsidiary that does not contain a business, if the loss of control is the result of a transaction involving an associate or a joint venture that is accounted for using the equity method. Corresponding amendments have also been made to AASB 128.

There will be no impact

AASB 2016-3
*Amendments to
Australian Accounting
Standards –
Clarifications to
AASB 15*

1 January
2018

The amendments clarify the application of AASB 15 in three specific areas to reduce the extent of diversity in practice that might otherwise result from differing views on how to implement the requirements of the new standard. They will help companies:

There will be no impact

1. Identify performance obligations (by clarifying how to apply the concept of 'distinct');
2. Determine whether a company is a principal or an agent in a transaction (by clarifying how to apply the control principle);
3. Determine whether a licence transfers to a customer at a point in time or over time (by clarifying when a company's activities significantly affect the intellectual property to which the customer has rights).

The amendments also create two additional practical expedients available for use when implementing AASB 15:

1. For contracts that have been modified before the beginning of the earliest period presented, the amendments allow companies to use

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hindsight when identifying the performance obligations, determining the transaction price, and allocating the transaction price to the satisfied and unsatisfied performance obligations.

2. Companies applying the full retrospective method are permitted to ignore contracts already complete at the beginning of the earliest period presented.

AASB 2016-5 <i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions</i>	1 January 2018	This Standard amends AASB 2 <i>Share-based Payment</i> to address: <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. The accounting for the effects of vesting and non-vesting conditions on the measurement of cash-settled share-based payments;b. The classification of share-based payment transactions with a net settlement feature for withholding tax obligations; andc. The accounting for a modification to the terms and conditions of a share-based payment that changes the classification of the transaction from cash-settled to equity-settled.	There will be no impact
AASB 2016-6 <i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Applying AASB 9 Financial Instruments with AASB 4 Insurance Contracts</i>	1 January 2018	This Standard amends AASB 4 <i>Insurance Contracts</i> to permit issuers of insurance contracts to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Choose to apply the 'overlay approach' that involves applying AASB 9 <i>Financial Instruments</i> and also applying AASB 139 <i>Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement</i> to eligible financial assets to calculate a single line item adjustment to profit or loss so that the overall impact on profit or loss is the same as if AASB 139 had been applied; orb. Choose to be temporarily exempt from AASB 9 when those issuers' activities are predominantly connected with insurance, provided they make additional disclosures to enable users to make comparisons with issuers applying AASB 9.	There will be no impact

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AASB 1058 <i>Income of Not-for-Profit Entities</i>	1 January 2019	<p>AASB 1058 clarifies and simplifies the income recognition requirements that apply to not-to-profit (NFP) entities, in conjunction with AASB 15 <i>Revenue from Contracts with Customers</i>. These Standards supersede all the income recognition requirements relating to private sector NFP entities, and the majority of income recognition requirements relating to public sector NFP entities, previously in AASB 1004 <i>Contributions</i>.</p> <p>Under AASB 1058, the timing of income recognition depends on whether a NFP transaction gives rise to a liability or other performance obligation (a promise to transfer a good or service), or a contribution by owners, related to an asset (such as cash or another asset) received by an entity.</p> <p>This standard applies when a NFP entity enters into transactions where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset principally to enable the entity to further its objectives. In the latter case, the entity will recognise and measure the asset at fair value in accordance with the applicable Australian Accounting Standard (e.g. AASB 116 <i>Property, Plant and Equipment</i>).</p> <p>Upon initial recognition of the asset, AASB 1058 requires the entity to consider whether any other financial statement elements (called 'related amounts') should be recognised, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Contributions by owners;b. Revenue, or a contract liability arising from a contract with a customer;c. A lease liability;d. A financial instrument; ore. A provision. <p>These related amounts will be accounted for in accordance with the applicable Australian Accounting Standard.</p>	There will be no impact
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<p>AASB 2016-8 <i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Australian Implementation Guidance for Not-for- Profit Entities</i></p>	<p>1 January 2019</p>	<p>AASB 2016-8 inserts Australian requirements and authoritative implementation guidance for not-for-profit (NFP) entities into AASB 9 <i>Financial Instruments</i> (2014) and AASB 15 <i>Revenue from Contracts with Customers</i>. This guidance will assist not-for-profit entities in applying those Standards. NFP entities will generally apply AASB 15 where an agreement creates enforceable rights and obligations and includes sufficiently specific promises to transfer goods or services to the customer or third party beneficiaries.</p>	<p>There will be no impact</p>
<p>AASB 2017-1 <i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Transfers of Investment Property, Annual Improvements 2014-2016 Cycle and Other Amendments</i></p>	<p>1 January 2019 (not- for-profit entities)</p>	<p>AASB 2017-1 amends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AASB 1 <i>First-time Adoption of Australian Accounting Standards</i> to delete some short-term exemptions for first-time adopters that were available only for reporting periods that have passed and to add exemptions arising from AASB Interpretation 22 <i>Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration</i>;• AASB 128 <i>Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures</i> to clarify that:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- a venture capital organisation, or a mutual fund, unit trust and similar entities may elect, at initial recognition, to measure investments in an associate or joint venture at fair value through profit or loss separately for each associate or joint venture; and- an entity that is not an investment entity may elect to retain the fair value measurement applied by its associates and joint ventures that are investment entities when applying the equity method. This choice is available separately for each investment entity associate or joint venture; and	<p>There will be no impact</p>

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- AASB 140 *Investment Property* to reflect the principle that an entity transfers a property to, or from, investment property when, and only when, there is a change in use of the property supported by evidence that a change in use has occurred

Interpretation 22 <i>Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration</i>	1 January 2018	Interpretation 22 looks at what exchange rate to use for translation when payments are made or received in advance of the related asset, expense or income. Although AASB 121 <i>The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates</i> sets out requirements about which exchange rate to use when recording a foreign currency transaction on initial recognition in an entity's functional currency, the IFRS Interpretations Committee had observed diversity in practice in circumstances in which an entity recognises a non-monetary liability arising from advance consideration. The diversity resulted from the fact that some entities were recognising revenue using the spot exchange rate at the date of the receipt of the advance consideration while others were using the spot exchange rate at the date that revenue was recognised. Interpretation 22 addresses this issue by clarifying that the date of the transaction for the purpose of determining the exchange rate to use on initial recognition of the related asset, expense or income (or part of it) is the date on which an entity initially recognises the nonmonetary asset or non-monetary liability arising from the payment or receipt of advance consideration. If there are multiple payments or receipts in advance, the entity shall determine a date of the transaction for each payment or receipt of advance consideration.	There will be no 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.

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(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.

(c) Critical judgements and assumptions made in determining whether there is control over another entity

There are no critical judgements and assumptions made in determining whether there is control over another entity.

- a. The Branch does not control another entity as they don't hold any voting rights of another entity
- b. The Branch is not an agent or a principal

3. INCOME

(a) Membership fees

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Membership Fees	1,207	1,155

(b) Other income

The following income items as prescribed under the reporting guidelines of the Fair Work Commission, have not occurred in the reporting period:

- a. Capitation/Sustentation fees
- b. Compulsory levies/Voluntary contributions
- c. Donations or grants
- d. Other financial support from other reporting units

4. EXPENSE

(a) Fees and periodic subscriptions are paid in respect of its affiliation to any political party, any federation, congress, council or group of organisations, or any international body having an interest in industrial matters

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Capitation Fees – UFUA National Office	39	38
	<u>39</u>	<u>38</u>

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(b) Employee expenses

Employee expenses related to holders of office:

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Wages and Salaries	-	-
Superannuation	-	-
Leave and other entitlements	-	-
Separation and redundancies	-	-
Other employee expenses	-	-
Total	<hr/> - <hr/>	<hr/> - <hr/>

Employee expenses related to employees (other than holders of offices):

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Wages and Salaries	-	-
Superannuation	-	-
Leave and other entitlements	-	-
Separation and redundancies	-	-
Other employee expenses	-	-
Total	<hr/> - <hr/>	<hr/> - <hr/>

Legal costs and other expenses related to:

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Litigation	-	-
Other legal matters	-	-
Total	<hr/> - <hr/>	<hr/> - <hr/>

(c) Other expense

The following expense items as prescribed under the reporting guidelines of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act, 2009, have not occurred in the reporting period:

- a. Employee expenses related to employees (other than holders of office)
- b. Legal costs or other expenses related to litigation or other legal matters
- c. Compulsory levies
- d. Payments to employers for payroll deduction activity
- e. Fees or allowances to persons in respect of their attendances as representatives of the Union at conferences or other meetings.
- f. Expenses incurred in connection with holding meetings of members of the reporting unit and any conferences or meetings of councils, committees, panels or other bodies for the holding of which the reporting unit was wholly or partly responsible
- g. Penalties imposed under the RO Act.
- h. Fees and periodic subscriptions paid in respect of its affiliation to any political party.

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- i. Grants have been paid
 - i. The total amounts paid in grants were \$1,000 or less
 - ii. The total amounts paid in grants that exceed \$1,000
- j. Donations have been paid
 - i. The total amount paid in Donations that were \$1,000 or less
 - ii. The total amounts paid in Donations that exceed \$1,000
- k. Affiliation fees

(d) Audit Fees

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Audit of accounts	900	(752)
Audit fees other	-	-
	<hr/> 900	<hr/> (752)

5. DISCLOSURES IN RESPECT OF STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(a) Amounts receivable/payable to/from other reporting units of the Union

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Amounts receivable from reporting units		
United Firefighters Union of Australia – National Office	79,526	79,526
Allowance for doubtful debts – UFUA National Office	(7,475)	(7,475)
New South Wales Fire Brigade Employees Union - Adam Bandt Consultancy	2,563	2,563
Amounts payable to reporting units		
United Firefighters Union of Australia – National Office	119,583	119,583

(b) Payables in respect of legal costs and other expenses related to litigation or other legal matters;

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Litigation	-	-
Other legal matters	-	-
Total	<hr/> -	<hr/> -

(c) Employee provisions related to holders of office

Employee Provisions (holders of offices)		
	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Current	-	-
Annual Leave	-	-
Long Service Leave	-	-
Separation of redundancies	-	-

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Other employee provisions	-	-
Non-Current		
Long Service leave	-	-
Total	-	-

Employee Provisions (other than holders of office)

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Current		
Annual Leave	-	-
Long Service Leave	-	-
Separation of redundancies	-	-
Other employee provisions	-	-
Non-Current		
Long Service Leave	-	-
Total	-	-

(d) The following items as prescribed under the reporting guidelines of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act, 2009, have not occurred in the reporting period:

- a. Payables to employers as consideration for the employers making payroll deductions of membership subscriptions;

6. DISCLOSURES IN RESPECT OF STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

The following equity items as prescribed under the reporting guidelines of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act, 2009, have not occurred in the reporting period:

- a. No separate fund or account operated in respect of compulsory levies raised by the Union or voluntary contributions collected from members of the Union.
- b. No monies in respect of compulsory levies raised or voluntary contributions collected from members of the Union have been invested in any assets.
- c. No separate fund or account which is required by the rules of the Union or rules of a Branch of the Union.
- d. No transfer(s) and/or withdrawal(s) to a fund, account or controlled entity, when any of these are kept for a specific purpose(s) by the Union.

7. DISCLOSURES IN RESPECT OF STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Amounts received/paid to/from other reporting units of the Union

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Cash inflows from other reporting units	-	-
Cash outflows to other reporting units	-	-

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8. RECEIVABLES

	2017 \$	2016 \$
United Firefighters Union of Australia – National Office	79,526	79,526
Allowance for doubtful debts – UFUA National Office	(7,475)	(7,475)
New South Wales Fire Brigade Employees Union - Adam Bandt Consultancy	2,563	2,563
GST Accrued	2,361	2,361
GST Collected	(29)	(29)
GST Paid	-	-
	<hr/> 76,946	<hr/> 76,946

An allowance for doubtful debts has been booked in the accounts representing a disputed net receivable amount from the National Office which was subject to legal action. The legal action was in relation to a financial dispute regarding capitation fees and ACTU affiliation fees payable by the NSW Branch to the National Office. The legal action was initiated in December 2009 by the National Office in the Federal Court. These proceedings were subsequently discontinued by the National Office prior to hearing in August 2012. No ACTU affiliation fees have since been received from the United Firefighters Union of Australia - National Office or paid by the United Firefighters Union of Australia NSW Branch.

9. PAYABLES

	2017 \$	2016
United Firefighters Union of Australia – National Office	119,583	119,583
Sundry payable	2,795	2,693
	<hr/> 122,378	<hr/> 122,276

10. Section 272 Fair Work (R.O) 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 Sub-Sections (1), (2) and (3) of Section 272 which read as follows:-

- (1) A member of a reporting unit, or the General manager, 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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11. CASH FLOW INFORMATION

	2017 \$	2016 \$
(a) For the purposes of the cash flow statement cash includes cash on hand and at call deposits with banks and other financial institutions.		
Cash at Bank	<u>16,393</u>	<u>16,013</u>
(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with operating result		
Net Surplus	278	1,885
Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	-	-
Increase/(Decrease) in payables	<u>102</u>	<u>(1,550)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIONS	<u>380</u>	<u>335</u>

12. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

(a) *General objectives, policies and processes*

The Branch is exposed to risks that arise from its use of financial instruments. This note describes the Branch's objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks and the methods used to measure them.

There have been no substantive changes in the Branch's exposure to financial instrument risk, its objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks or the methods used to measure them from previous periods unless otherwise stated in this note.

The Branch's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks and payables. The main risks the union is exposed to through its financial instruments are interest rate risk (see section (e) below), liquidity risk and credit risk.

The Branch Committee of Management has overall responsibility for the determination of the Branch's risk management objectives and policies and whilst retaining ultimate responsibility for them, the Committee of Management makes investment decisions after considering appropriate advice.

(b) *Credit Risk*

Credit risk is the risk that the other party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge their obligation resulting in the union incurring a financial loss. This usually occurs when debtors fail to settle their obligations owing to the Branch.

There is no concentration of credit risk with respect to current and non-current receivables.

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognised financial assets is the carrying amount of those assets, net of any provision for doubtful debts, as disclosed below:

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	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Cash at Bank	16,393	16,013
	<u>16,393</u>	<u>16,013</u>

The cash and cash equivalents are held in high quality Australian financial institutions.

(c) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Branch may encounter difficulties raising funds to meet commitments associated with financial liabilities.

The Branch is not significantly exposed to this risk, as at 30 June 2017 it had \$16,393 (2016: \$16,013) of cash and cash equivalents to meet these obligations as they fall due. Financial liabilities at 30 June 2017 totalled \$122,378 (2016: \$122,276).

(d) Market Risk

Market risk arises from the use of interest bearing, tradable financial instruments. It is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in interest rates (interest rate risk) or other market factors (other price risk).

(e) Interest Rate Risk

The Branch's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates and the effective weighted average interest rates on those financial assets and liabilities are summarised below:

30 June 2017	Floating interest rate	Non interest bearing	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets			
Cash	16,393	-	16,393
Sundry Debtors	-	76,946	76,946
	<u>16,393</u>	<u>76,946</u>	<u>93,339</u>
Weighted average interest rate	0.01%		
Financial Liabilities			
Payables	-	122,378	122,378
	<u>-</u>	<u>122,378</u>	<u>122,378</u>
Net Financial Assets/(Liabilities)	<u>16,393</u>	<u>(45,432)</u>	<u>(29,039)</u>

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30 June 2016	Floating interest rate \$	Non interest bearing \$	Total \$
Financial Assets			
Cash	16,013	-	16,013
Sundry Debtors	-	76,946	76,946
	<u>16,013</u>	<u>76,946</u>	<u>92,959</u>
Weighted average interest rate	0.01%		
Financial Liabilities			
Payables	-	122,276	122,276
	<u>-</u>	<u>122,276</u>	<u>122,276</u>
Net Financial Assets/(Liabilities)	16,013	(45,330)	(29,317)

(f) *Interest Rate Risk*

Sensitivity Analysis

2017	Carrying Amount \$	+1% (100 Basis Points) Profit \$	-1% (100 Basis Points) Loss \$
Cash and cash equivalents	16,393	163	(163)

2016	Carrying Amount \$	+1% (100 Basis Points) Profit \$	-1% (100 Basis Points) Loss \$
Cash and cash equivalents	16,013	160	(160)

(g) *Other Price Risks*

The Branch does not invest in shares or derivatives therefore it does not expose itself to the fluctuations in price that are inherent in such a market.

(h) *Foreign Exchange Risk*

The Branch is not directly exposed to foreign exchange rate risk.

13. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Branch has not made any payments or set a provision aside for future payments to United Firefighters Union of Australia (UFUA) National Office in relation to the amounts in dispute, as it cannot reliably or practically estimate the amount of the future financial commitment. Refer to Note 16 (Financial Dependence) for further details.

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14. 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.

(a) UFUA National Office capitation fees are disclosed as expenses in the statement of comprehensive income and as a payment in the statement of cash flows.

(b) UFUA National Office capitation fees payable are disclosed at Note 9 of the accounts.

(c) UFUA National Office ACTU affiliation fees receivable are disclosed at Note 5 of the accounts.

15. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

Key management persons are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Branch, directly or indirectly, including any member of the Committee of Management.

(a) Employee expenses related to Key Management Personnel

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Number of KMP	-	-
Wages and Salaries	-	-
Superannuation	-	-
Payroll Tax	-	-
Leave and other entitlements (movement)	-	-
Separation and redundancies	-	-
Fringe benefit expenses	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The following items as prescribed under the reporting guidelines of the Fair Work (Registered Organisation) Act, 2009 are not applicable;

- a. Outstanding balances at the end of the financial year
- b. Doubtful debt provisions raised against any related party balances
- c. No interest bearing loans

16. FINANCIAL DEPENDENCE

The going concern of the Branch is supported due to the following factors:

The net amount payable to United Firefighters Union of Australia (UFUA) National Office is \$40,057 (payable of \$119,583 less receivable of \$79,526). This amount has been in dispute with UFUA National Office for at least the past seven years and not resolved at the date of signing these financial statements. The Branch Committee of Management is of the opinion that the liability will not be called upon within 12 months of signing these financial statements due to the disputed capitation amounts

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due and the inability of the National office to recommence the legal proceedings against the NSW Branch that it discontinued in 2012. Excluding this net liability, the Branch will be in a net asset position of \$11,018. The cash reserve of the Branch is sufficient to pay its debts, including future capitation payments as and when they become due and payable.

In 2015, the State Committee of Management of the Fire Brigade Employees' Union of New South Wales resolved further to amend the Union's 2010 policy regarding financial support for the UFUA and/or the NSW Branch by setting two separate conditions which, if triggered or satisfied, would result in the resumption of FBEU funding for the NSW Branch. This resolution was adopted at the FBEU's Annual General Meeting held on 28 October 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis by the Branch Committee of Management on the basis of the matters referred to in Notes 1 and above. While the conditions of the financial support have not as yet been triggered or satisfied, the Branch Committee of Management believes the day to day administration of the Branch (including all forward payments due to the Union's National Office) is able to be managed within the current operational cash flows.

The Branch Committee of Management is satisfied that current operational cash flows will meet the estimated obligations of the Branch and, given the recent commitment of the FBEU to underwrite any Branch liability that is ordered by a competent court to be paid, that all legitimate liabilities of the Branch will be met.

17. POST-REPORTING DATE EVENTS

No adjusting or significant non-adjusting events have occurred between the reporting date and the date of authorisation.

18. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Management controls the capital of the Branch to ensure that adequate cash flows are generated to fund its programs and that returns from investments are maximised. The Committee of Management ensure that the overall risk management strategy is in line with this objective.

The Branch's capital consists of financial liabilities, supported by financial assets. Management effectively manages the Branch's capital by assessing the Branch's financial risk and responding to changes in these risks and in the market. These responses may include the consideration of debt levels. There have been no changes to the strategy adopted by management to control capital of the Branch since the previous year.

19. REGISTERED OFFICE

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Independent Audit Report to the Members of United Firefighters Union of Australia New South Wales Branch

Report on the audit of the financial report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of United Firefighters Union of Australia New South Wales Branch (the “Branch”), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2017, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies; and the Committee of Management Statement.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of United Firefighters Union of Australia New South Wales Branch as at 30 June 2017, 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 or Part 3 of Chapter 8 of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (the RO Act)
- c as part of the audit of the financial statements, we have concluded that management’s use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the Branch’s financial statements is appropriate.

We declare that management’s use of the going concern basis in the preparation of the financial statements of the Branch is appropriate.

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Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Branch 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 our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern

Without qualification, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which indicates The United Firefighters Union of Australia New South Wales Branch incurred a net surplus of \$278 during the year ended 30 June 2017, and as of that date, the Branch's current liabilities exceeded its total assets by \$29,039. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis due to the factors referred to in Note 1 and Note 16. The Branch Committee of Management have assessed and considered it appropriate for the accounts to be prepared on this basis.

Information other than the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report

The Branch Committee of Management are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Branch's Operating Report for the year ended 30 June 2017, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Branch Committee of Management for the Financial Report

The Branch Committee of Management of the Branch 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 Branch 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 Branch Committee of Management is responsible for assessing the Branch's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Branch

Committee of Management either intend to liquidate the Branch or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our 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 our 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, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

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

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

We declare that Angela Spowart is an approved auditor, a member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand and holds a current Public Practice Certificate.

Other matter

The Branch Committee of Management Statement reflects that the Branch has not undertaken any recovery of wages activity during the reporting period ended 30 June 2017. As such no opinion is provided in relation to recovery of wages activities.



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A L Spowart
Partner - Audit & Assurance

Sydney, 28 November 2017

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