

Rail, Tram and Bus Union of NSW

STATE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2023

Prepared: May 2024

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The members of the Committee of Management during the year ending **31 December 2023** were:

EXECUTIVE	
President (Honorary)	Craig Turner
Secretary	Alex Claassens
Assistant Secretary Rail (Honorary)	Robert Hayden
Assistant Secretary Road (Honorary)	Peter Grech
Locomotive Divisional President	Daniel Leece
Locomotive Divisional Secretary	Farren Campbell
Tram & Bus Divisional President	Peter Grech
Tram & Bus Divisional Secretary	David Babineau
Infrastructure Divisional President	Michael Sullivan
Infrastructure Divisional Secretary	Jonathan Parker
Administrative, Supervisory Technical and	Stephen Priestley
Professional Divisional President	
Administrative, Supervisory Technical and	Anthony Chase
Professional Divisional Secretary	
Fleet Manufacture, Overhaul, Maintenance and	Bronwyn Kelly
Service Divisional President	
Fleet Manufacture, Overhaul, Maintenance and	Nyssa Parsons
Service Divisional Secretary	
Rail Operations Divisional President	Craig Turner
Rail Operations Divisional Secretary	David Weblin

THE REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE RAIL, TRAM AND BUS UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES IS:

LEVEL 4, 321 PITT STREET SYDNEY NSW 2000

CERTIFICATE BY COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

We, the undersigned members of the committee of management of the RAIL, TRAM AND BUS UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES, hereby certify in respect of the financial year ended **31 December 2023** that:

- (a) In the opinion of the committee of management the accounts prepared show a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the organization as at the end of the financial year to which they related; and
- (b) In the opinion of the committee of management, during the financial year to which the accounts relate, meetings of the committee of management were, in the opinion of the committee, held in accordance with the rules of the organization; and
- (c) To the knowledge of an member of the committee, there have not been, during the financial year to which the accounts relate, instances where records of the organization of other documents (not being documents containing information made available to a member of the organization under section 512 (2) of the 1991 Act, as applied by section 282(3) of the Industrial Relations Act 1996, or copies of those records or other documents, or copies of the rules of the organization, have not been furnished or made available, to members of the organization in accordance with the Act, this Regulation or the rules of the organization, as the case maybe; and
- (d) In relation to the report prepared in accordance with section 514 of the 1991 Act, as applied by section 282(3) of the Industrial Relations Act 1996, by the auditor of the organization in respect of the financial year immediately preceding the financial year to which the accounts relate [i.e. the second most recently concluded financial year] and in relation to any accounts and statements prepared in accordance with section 510 (1) of the 1991 Act to which that report relates, the organization has complied with section 517 (1) of the 1991 Act and whichever of subsections (5) and (6) of that section of that Act is applicable.

This certificate is in accordance with a resolution passed by the committee of management of the organization in relation to the matters to be stated in the certificate and is signed on behalf of the committee of management by at least 2 members of the committee.

Name

Name

Signature

Signature

Date

Date

ACCOUNTING OFFICER STATEMENT

I, Alexander Claassens, the accounting officer of the RAIL, TRAM AND BUS UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief that there were **14,006** persons who were members of the organisation as at the end of the financial year ended **31 December 2023**, and in my opinion:

- (a) the accounts show a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the organisation as at the end of the financial year; and
- (b) a record has been kept of all money paid by, or collected from, members of the organisation, and all money so paid or collected has been credited to the bank account or accounts to which the money is to be credited, in accordance with the rules of the organisation; and
- (c) before any expenditure was incurred by the organisation, approval of the incurring of the expenditure was obtained in accordance with the rules of the organisation; and
- (d) No payment was made out of a fund referred to in clause 57(b)(xiii) or (xv) of the Regulation for a purpose other than the purpose for which the fund was operated;
- (e) All loans or other financial benefits granted to persons holding office in the organisation were authorized in accordance with the rules of the organisation; and
- (f) The register of members of the organisation was maintained in accordance with the Act.

ALEXANDER CLAASSENS

SECRETARY

Signed at Sydney on the 31st of May 2024



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF RAIL TRAM AND BUS UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Rail Tram and Bus Union of New South Wales ("the Union"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31st December 2023, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in members' equity, statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policies, and the Certificate by Committee of Management.

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the Industrial Relations Act 1996, and applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia, the financial position of the Union as at 31st December 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended.

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 financial report is appropriate.

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 Union in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Report on other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

With respect to Section 514 of Industrial Relations Act 1991 (NSW), we report that;

- (i) satisfactory accounting records were kept in respect of the year ended 31 December 2023 including records of the sources and nature of income (including income from members) and the records of the nature and purposes of expenditure; and
- (ii) the attached financial statement including the Certificate by Committee of Management and Accounting Officer Statement are prepared in accordance with Section 510 of the Industrial Relations Act 1991 (NSW), as applied by Section 283 (3) of the Industrial Relations Act 1996 and has been properly prepared from accounting records of the Union.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF RAIL TRAM AND BUS UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Committee of Managements' Responsibilities for the financial report

The Committee of Management of the Union (the "Committee") is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretation) and the Industrial Relations Act 1996 and for such internal control as the Committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error that 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 this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism 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 Union's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Union'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 Union to cease to continue as a going concern.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF RAIL TRAM AND BUS UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

- 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 Union to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Union audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Committee 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 we are an auditor registered under the RO Act.

Dated at Sydney on the 31st May 2024

ESV Business Advice and Accounting

Travas Burns Partner

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Registration number: AA2020/9

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RAIL, TRAM AND BUS UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the Year Ended 31st December 2023

		2023	2022
	Notes	\$	\$
INCOME			
Rent – Caravans		140,993	134,100
Rent – Units		316,381	294,008
Rent – House		2,400	2,400
Interest Received			
TOTAL INCOME		459,774	430,508
EXPENSES			
Administration Expenses	2	337,010	333,397
Depreciation Expenses		233,982	202,089
Fair Value Decrease- Investment Property		200,000	-
Other Expenses	3	15,595	11,052
TOTAL EXPENSES		786,587	544,532
NET DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		(326,813)	(114,024)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
Gain on Revaluation of Land & Buildings		2,822,500	1,962,500
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR		2,495,687	1,848,476

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBER'S EQUITY As at 31 December 2023

	Accumulated	Asset	Total
	Surpluses	Revaluation	
		\$	\$
Balance as at 1 January 2022	1,670,145	5,645,854	7,315,999
Net Deficit for the year	(114,024)	-	(114,024)
Other Comprehensive Income for the Year	-	1,962,500	1,962,500
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	(114,024)	1,962,500	1,848,476
Balance as at 31 December 2022	1,556,121	7,608,354	9,164,475
Net deficit for the year	(326,813)	-	(326,813)
Other Comprehensive Income for the Year	-	2,822,500	2,822,500
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	(326,813)	2,822,500	2,495,687
Balance as at 31 December 2023	1,229,308	10,430,854	11,660,162

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 31st December 2023

		2023	2022
	Notes	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	248,538	230,535
Receivables		10,105	10,545
Prepayment		84	84
GST Receivable		5,498	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		264,225	241,164
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Investment Property – Jervis Bay	5	828,548	1,000,000
Property, Plant & Equipment	6	11,605,930	8,975,073
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		12,434,478	9,975,073
TOTAL ASSETS		12,693,204	10,216,237
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	7	34,995	48,216
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		34,995	48,216
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	7	1,003,546	1,003,546
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,003,546	1,003,546
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,038,541	1,051,762
NET ASSETS		11,660,162	9,164,475
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Reserves	8	10,430,854	7,608,354
Accumulated Surpluses	9	1,229,308	1,556,120
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		11,660,162	9,164,475

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the Year Ended 31st December 2023

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	Notes	2023	2022
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		\$	\$
Rent Received Receipt from members Receipt from RTBU – NSW Branch		505,787 404 -	469,184 - -
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(417,301)	(362,135)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	В	88,890	107,049
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACITIVITIES Payment for Assets		(70,887)	(4,659)
Net Cash Provided Used in Investing Activities		(70,887)	(4,659)
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash Held		18,003	102,390
Cash at beginning of the Year		230,535	128,145
Cash at the End of Year	Α	248,538	230,535
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW			
Note A - Reconciliation of Cash			
Cash at the end of the financial year as show in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:			
Cash at Bank and on Deposit		248,538	230,535
Note B – Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with (Loss) from Ordinary Activities			
Loss from Ordinary Activities		(326,813)	(114,024)
Depreciation Net loss on fair value of investment property		233,981 200,000	202,083
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended 31st December 2023

NOTE 1 – MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

The financial statement is a general purpose financial statement that has been prepared in accordance with Australia Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB), other mandatory professional reporting requirements and the Industrial Relations Act 1996.

The financial report is prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this report:

(a) Related Party and Financial Support

These financial statements relate to Rail, Tram and Bus Union of New South Wales ("State Union"), which is an industrial organisation for the purposes of the Industrial Relations Act 1996 (NSW) and is a separate legal entity to the Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Industry Union, New South Wales Branch which is a reporting unit for the purposes of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009 ("Branch").

Members of the Branch are also members of the State Union. The Branch accounts for the whole of the members' income and is responsible for all expenditure other than income and expenditure which related specifically to the assets of the State Union.

The Branch financially supports the State Union by assisting, as required with the maintenance of State Union assets in exchange for use of such assets.

(b) Property, Plant & Equipment.

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or at fair value less, where applicable any accumulated depreciation.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are included at cost. The carrying amount is reviewed annually by the Committee of Management to ensure it is not in excess of recoverable amount.

Property for own use

Freehold land and buildings are measured on the fair value basis, being the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction. It is the policy of the State Union to have periodic independent valuations, with annual appraisals being made by the committee. The last independent valuation was carried out on 31 December 2023 for Level 4 Pitt Street. The property is measured at fair value through other comprehensive income.

Investment property

Property held to earn rental income is separately disclosed from property held for own use. Investment properties are measured on the fair value basis. As with property held for own use, it is the policy of the State Union to have periodic independent valuations, with annual appraisals being made by directors. The last Independent valuation for Sussex Inlet was carried out on 3 February 2017. No depreciation is provided where the fair value basis is used. Investment property are measured at fair value through profit and loss and a loss on investment has been recorded in the current year with a management's assessment at 31 December 2023.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended 31st December 2023

NOTE 1 – MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION (CONT.)

(c) Income Tax

No provision for income tax is necessary, as "Trade Unions" are exempt from income tax under Section 50.1 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(d) Fair value measurement

When an asset or liability, financial or non-financial, is measured at fair value for recognition or disclosure purposes, the fair value is based on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date; and assumes that the transaction will take place either: in the principal market; or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market.

Fair value is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming they act in their economic best interests. For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement is based on its highest and best use. Valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, are used, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

(e) Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified as other financial liabilities. Financial liabilities are recognised and derecognized upon 'trade date'. Other financial liabilities, including borrowings and trade and other payables, are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

The State Union derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the State Union's 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.

(f) Critical accounting judgements and estimates

No accounting assumptions or estimates have been identified that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

(g) New and Future Australian Accounting Standards

Adoption of New Australian Accounting Standard requirements

No accounting standard has been adopted earlier than the application date stated in the standard.

Future Australian Accounting Standards Requirements

No new standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that were issued prior to the sign-off date and are applicable to the future reporting period that are expected to have a future financial impact.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
NOTE 2 – ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	\$	\$
Audit & Accountant Fees	-	715
Bank Fees	6,031	6,386
Contractors	165,126	165,132
Consulting Fees	1,400	-
Electricity & Gas	41,617	37,051
Rates & Taxes	11,975	16,307
Repair & Maintenance	10,847	98,750
Printing, Stationery & Computer Software	10,628	6,428
Telephone	1,431	2,628
	337,010	333,397
NOTE 3 – OTHER EXPENSES		
Insurance	4,506	4,725
Legal Fees	-	-
Motor Vehicle Expenses	11,089	6,327
	15,595	11,052
NOTE 4 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash on Hand	50	50
Cash at Bank and on Deposit	248,488	230,485
	248,538	230,535
NOTE 5 – INVESTMENT PROPERTY – JERVIS		
BAY		
Opening fair value	1,000,000	1,000,000
Additions	28,584	-
Disposals	-	-
Revaluation	(200,000)	
Closing fair value	828,584	
NOTE 6 – PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
Pitt St – Level 4 – Valuation	11,500,000	8,900,000
Less: Provision for Depreciation	-	-
Furniture	327,000	290,895
Plant & Equipment	107,648	72,866
Motor Vehicle	25,399	25,399
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(325,569)	(314,087)
	11,634,478	8,975,073

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
NOTE 6 –PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (CONT.)		
Movement in Carrying Amount -		
Balance at Beginning of Year	8,975,073	7,209,997
Additions	70,887	2,659
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation	(11,482)	(200,083)
Revaluation	2,600,000	1,962,500
Carrying Amount at End of Year	11,634,478	8,975,073
NOTE 7 - PAYABLES CURRENT		
Accounts Payable	34,995	48,152
GST Payable	, -	64
·	34,995	48,216
NON - CURRENT	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Payable to Other Reporting Units –		
RTBU NSW Branch	1,003,546	1,003,546
NOTE 8 – RESERVES		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	10,430,854	7,608,354
NOTE 9 – ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Unapportioned Surplus Brought Forward	1,229,307	1,556,121

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended 31st December 2023

NOTE 10 – FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Interest Rate Risk

The State Union's exposure to interest rate risk and the effective average interest rate for each class of financial assets and financial liabilities are set out below

	Floating Interest Rate	Non-Interest	Total
31 December 2022	\$	\$	\$
Cash	230,485	50	230,535
	230,485	50	230,535
31 December 2023			
Cash	248,488	50	248,538
	248,488	50	248,538

NOTE 11 – PROVIDING INFORMATION

In accordance with the requirements of the Industrial Relations Act 1991 the attention of members is drawn to the provisions of Section 512 which reads as follows-

- (1) A member of an organisation, or the Industrial Registrar, may apply to the organisation for specified information prescribed by the regulations in relation to the organisation.
- (2) An organisation must, on the making of such an application, make the specified information available to the member or the Industrial Registrar in the manner, and within the time prescribed by the regulations.

NOTE 12 - REGISTERED OFFICE

The registered office and principal place of business is:

Level 4/321 Pitt St Sydney NSW 2000

NOTE 13 – GOING CONCERN

The State Union's ability to continue as a going concern is not reliant on any other reporting units other than referred to in Note 1.

NOTE 14 – FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The State Union has not agreed to provide any financial support to any reporting units.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended 31st December 2023

NOTE 15 – ASSETS & LIABILITIES ACQUIRED

The State Union has not acquired any asset or liability as a result of an amalgamation, a restructure of branches, determination or revocation.

NOTE 16 – EVENTS OCCURING AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

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

END OF REPORT