



AGECS

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ANNUAL REPORT

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THE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES

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Presidents Report AGM 2022

Taking over as President of AGECS in its 100th year was a daunting yet exciting task for me. Such a rich history to be proud of, however also time to reflect on and decide the best way forward for AGECS considering the substantial changes happening in the Early Childhood Sector. With COVID impacting so strongly on the Early Childhood Community (along with everyone), I feel many of us have had to stop and take a moment to breathe. Our association has been no different.

Taking over from two past presidents Maree Wiggins and Alannah Dore, who have been working extremely hard behind the scenes to strengthen AGECS with strong foundations, has enabled me to lead the Council this year to focus on our strategic direction for the next five years. It has been a huge time for reflection. Reflection began with the opportunity to develop a strategic plan, with us focusing on the first two years. Over the next few years, you will see the AGECS Council committed to developing goals and projects based on our new Vision and Purpose (still in draft form):

Our Vision

We believe early childhood professionals change lives.
*We believe that investing in early childhood professionals
changes the life trajectories of children*

Our Purpose

Grow. Empower. Resource
So that Early Childhood Professionals Thrive

Through the planning process, the Council recognises:

- AGECS cannot be all things to all people, however if we invest in Early Childhood educators we will make a difference for educators, families, and children. We need to be clear about what we do, which may mean focusing on less, but doing what we choose to do well. It may also mean partnerships with other organisations that work in the field and to face that old chestnut... are we working in a silo, and how can we not be!
- That working as a volunteer committee was not going to be fully sustainable moving forward. Despite being a strongly skilled and well-resourced committee, nonetheless Council comprises a group of people who already work tirelessly in the EC field, who then donate time to AGECS who have less and less time to commit to the organisation. Whilst over the past few years we have engaged a Program Manager and Engagement Coordinator, this was done for very few hours. If we truly wanted to make a difference for early childhood professionals, then we needed greater assistance. This financial year we have committed to extended hours for both roles. Already this has enabled AGECS to develop many of the policies and procedures that will act as a foundation for our work. Our next steps will be how best to make this financially sustainable.
- We have not fully or truly engaged with our broader early childhood community for a long time. At a time when our educators are feeling burnt out and unheard, how can we best meet their needs? What does our Council need to do to support the work in the field? Until we know the answers to this, we need to be cautious about how we proceed with our projects.

As a Council we look forward to sharing our vision and purpose in coming months and seeing how we progress. We have decided to put many of our projects on hold while we determine our priorities, however we do have some exciting projects that will continue. We hope that you will all continue to work with us as we move forward with the next steps.

We have remained committed to our Reconciliation Action Plan and will continue to produce resources for building indigenous knowledge in the field. We hope community feedback will also provide us with gaps that those working in the field feel they have in their First Nations knowledge and let us know how we can help. I draw to your attention to the splendid work that our RAP working group have done this year, led enthusiastically and humorously by AJ Williams

our Koori consultant, with support from the committed committee, and our indigenous sitting group members. The resources from our reconciliation series are online and we have had great feedback from teachers that the series are very helpful for educators. Make sure you check out the website for the resources.

As an organisation we have developed and endorsed a financial policy that will support our shift to being more financially sustainable and meet our funding needs whilst investing ethically. We will now be able to take the next steps to review our investments. The Council already feels that we have a much stronger understanding of ethical investing and how this will look moving forward. We thank the many members who have felt so strongly about this and have continued the push. It is exciting to say we are on our way with this one and I am grateful to our ethical investing committee.

We have remained busy with the administration and growth of the organisation. With increased operational support from the Program Manager and Engagement Coordinator, we have continued to build on the foundations of AGECS. We have been incredibly grateful to Liz Potter, our Program Manager who has been instrumental in facilitating the modernisation of AGECS. Already over the past 12 months in her extended role, projects have included reviewing financial systems and accountability processes, recruitment of our new bookkeeper, and sourcing strategic consultants and a lawyer to review AGECS documentation and needs.

We have been able to support Alex Heard our Engagement Coordinator to join the Apiary Fellowship established by The Front Project. Alex is an early childhood teacher who continues to work in the field, bringing her working knowledge to Council. We have been pleased that the Council has been asked to engage and for the opportunity for Alex to participate in the fellowship. Alex will be able to use all her learnings on leadership and advice to support early childhood professionals through the projects she will develop for AGECS. Alex has worked with the 100 Years' Celebration committee on several projects that will conclude with a celebratory lunch for past council members and contractors. A huge task again for the members of this committee. So much for the association to be reflect upon and celebrate. Whilst our understanding of children and families' needs has changed so very much in those 100 years, the one thing that remains keys to AGECS is that investment in quality early childhood changes outcomes for children. Whilst we once hoped that this would be a huge celebration for all, COVID required us to rethink. The Council felt joyous to be able invest back in the EC Community through our 100 Year grants. With over 70 grants being given, for everything from sensory garden, street pantries and wet weather gear, we hope that it has made a difference for many services. We also hope that the special edition AUDAX will be of special interest for you with many early childhood professionals telling their story. Thank you to all those of you who took the time to contribute.

With many Fellowship opportunities put on hold due to COVID, it has been pleasing to hear that many of these projects are re-commencing and we hope that we can report more on these in the near future and hope that we can support more educators in the year ahead. We will continue to work with the Trustees and the Warrawong and Forest Hill Committees, and hope that services will make the most of the grants that are available to them.

I would like to acknowledge the retirement this year of Trevor Jewell, AGECS's longstanding bookkeeper. We are profoundly grateful for the work he has done for AGECS, and hope that he can fully enjoy his retirement now. We welcome Narelle Wilson to the role of bookkeeper. Narelle has been busy with the development of processes and procedures that will aid AGECS's future. This has included the changing of bank accounts to allow a smoother, user-friendly experience for an often online-based committee. Welcome Narelle, and we truly look forward to being able to use your broad range of skills in the future.

There are many people I need to thank as AGECS is certainly a team effort. Without the team around me, the past year as President would have been very unenjoyable. As previously mentioned, Liz, Alex and Narelle - your amazing work has brought Council's action plans to life. We are so incredibly lucky as a Council to have you.

I am so lucky to have an amazing Council to work with whom I like to call the brain's trust. What a wise and skilled bunch of individuals they are, and how grateful I am to them all for bringing their knowledge to the table....as volunteers. Thank you for sticking with me, in a year that ended up being a lot more reflective and thought-provoking than we ever thought, and for staying with me as we see our strategic plans come to fruition. There are many Council members that have held individual roles, and whilst I cannot name every amazing task, I thank you for stepping up to complete these tasks. A special mention to Sophie Patitsas who is stepping down at the AGM, as has had quite a large job this year as the Treasurer. Thanks Sophie

I would like to thank the Warrawong, Forest Hill and Fellowship committees for their work assessing grants. Each committee member does their best (in volunteer time) to provide as many grants as possible. I am also grateful that as a new president, the Trustees of the Foundation of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies, have been warm, welcoming, reflective, and collaborative in their approach, opening the door for us to be able to share our knowledge and needs.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge our members. At the start of the year, we thought COVID was over but what we did not know was that challenges would continue! We did not know the impact that lockdowns would have on our children and families and that as Early Childhood professionals we would need to master new skills to provide support. That staff shortages, whether this be educators or allied health, would put a strain on our system, and this was exhausting.

However, it can be easy to be caught up in the doom and gloom, we have seen the resilience in our educators, teams stronger as they work together for positive outcomes, a stronger understanding of what is needed for professional and children's wellbeing, and a belief that quality early childhood is more important now than ever before. I ask as we start to engage with members (and nonmembers) that, when you can, you participate so that as an association we know how we can best support you. We hope that through this, AGECS will be around for another 100 years and, in doing so, provide the support that our educators need.

Sarah O'Donnell
President 2021-2022

The AGECS Fellowship Programme for Leadership and Change Report 2021-2022

The Fellowship Advisory Committee in 2022 consists of Coral Campbell, Andrea Nolan, Helen Baker, Liza Farquhar, Wendy Grenfell, Nichola Marriott and Sophie Patitsas. Between July 2021 and June 2022, AGECS has received two grant applications for the Fellowship Programme for Leadership and Change which have been assessed.

- Application 1 (Feb) - did not meet criteria. Applicant was referred to the Warrawong Professional Learning grant.
- Application 2 (Feb) – recommended to revise and resubmit application. This was completed and the applicant was awarded a Fellowship Grant of \$3,529.15 for the project entitled Therapy Dog Project.

Committee members continue to provide their time and support to assess and guide fellowship applications. All applicants are given positive feedback and advice to meet the expectations of the Fellowship grant. We congratulate the following successful February 2022 Fellowship recipient.

Recipient: Hannah Fruin

Project: Therapy Dog Project

This project plans to implement and embed into the setting's educational program a fully trained and certified therapy dog to support the emotional regulation and wellbeing of the children in the early childhood centre. Many of the children in the service have experienced some form of trauma, resulting in them needing significant support. The use of a therapy dog will support children's emotional regulation and wellbeing and improve their ability to communicate their emotions and needs with others. Trauma Informed Practice will be embedded in teachers' and educators' daily practices to ensure children who have experienced trauma are best supported. The addition of a therapy dog is a broadening of existing knowledge, enhancing the understanding, skills, and capacity of our service to best support the many children and families within our community who have experienced trauma.

Status: Hannah and her dog will attend the certification program in September and will then be able to implement it in her setting.

Status of existing recipients affected by the COVID pandemic

Due to the ongoing issues with COVID restrictions preventing overseas travel, recipients of AGECS Fellowship awards are currently reconsidering their projects. Below is a brief overview of the current status of each participant.

Fellowship applicants and results

Participant/year	Project	Status
Tania Sangiorgio, 2020/2021	<i>To explore the community cultural approach to meals which is embedded in the Reggio Emilia preschools through their education program for ECE</i>	Project progressing. Reggio Emilia tours 14-18 Nov.
Naomi Falconer 2020/2021	<i>Working with preschool educators and foundation teachers to build children's resilience and sense of agency, using the Pyramid Model</i>	International conference unavailable in 2022. Wants to postpone until 2023
Lydia Bustin 2019/2020	<i>Transforming pedagogy and practice: A welcoming of possibility</i>	Cannot commit this year – requesting extension to 2023. Commitment of accommodation funding, \$1304.94 has been lost (not reimbursed). Qantas will refund \$1463.
Nicole Lees 2019/2020	<i>Learning from our neighbours: Spiritual learning guided by indigenous cultures</i>	Conference not offered in 2022 or 2023. Monies to be refunded to AGECS.

The Fellowship Advisory Committee has been operating well with the increased membership over the last six months offering improved effectiveness. I look forward to working with the members of the Fellowship Advisory Committee group across 2022-2023 to improve clarity of, and access to, the Fellowship programs for early childhood educators.

Coral Campbell

***Chair of Fellowship Advisory Committee,
Association of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies***

**Report from the Trustees of the Foundation of Graduates in Early Childhood
Studies**

Year ended June 30 2022

It has been another exceptionally challenging year, not only for the Foundation and all the people and organisations it supports, but for the community as a whole and indeed the whole world.

In Victoria for most of the first half of the year there were some sort of restrictions and long periods of lockdowns which made in person meetings of the Foundation difficult if not impossible. In the end we did not have any in person meetings, but the silver lining in that was that it gave time for a smaller group of the trustees, as well as our IT supplier, to completely redo the process of how grant applications are received, evaluated, processed and the results stored electronically. Apart from the savings of paper, etc, the changes that have been made have revolutionised and streamlined the granting process beyond our expectations. We have to give a significant vote of thanks to Pagination, and its principal Steven Davey, our IT supplier for all the work that he put in, as well as to Ray Bullen and Kevin Fell for their significant contributions on this project.

The advisory committees met late in the financial year to look at grants for the 2023 year and "road tested" the new system. Everyone, especially the Trustees, are very pleased with the improvements, although there will be some fine tuning done in the next couple of years as we find improvement opportunities

The continued lockdowns and other restrictions had other significant impacts on the organisations we provide grants to, especially on the Warrawong side where most of the grants are for professional development via conferences etc and many, if not most, of them were deferred, cancelled or moved on line. We made concessions to allow the grants to be spent over a longer period in some cases, and at least one grant had to be refunded as the opportunity to use it had passed. Hopefully we are now through that period and the 2023-year grants will not be impacted.

As a foundation we have recognised that this is a very challenging time for all of the organisations that we support, and the community in general, and therefore made a decision to not cut back on the amount we granted, for a second year in a row, despite a fall in the income generated by the Foundation. Indeed, we granted over \$100,000 more than we earned in income over the 2021 year and did similar in the last (2022) year. For the 2023 year we have also budgeted to spend more than we expect to earn but not by as much as the past two years. The Foundation believes that in the current unprecedented times it is prudent to err on the side of generosity, at least initially, and rely on the good graces of the grant recipients to contact us and reschedule (or possibly repay) if the funds cannot be used for the granted purpose or within the expected timeframe. We have been very pleased with the grantees' response to this approach.

Despite the Covid situation and paying out more than we earned in income over the past year, and the lower income received, along with the sharp fall in global share markets in the past 6 months, the foundation had a good year again. The Foundation's net assets fell slightly from just under \$9.0M in June 2021 to just under \$8.88M by June 2022, despite paying out \$480,000 during the year. This was in most part due to strong share markets

early in the year before they weakened substantially in the first half of 2022. Since then, there has been a small recovery in markets but the uncertainty with a war in Europe, higher than expected inflation and interest rates, and the risks of a global recession in investors' minds continuing to weigh on financial markets. We are very confident of the strong position of the foundation's investment portfolio and its ability to continue to make grants at the rate we have been doing through this difficult period.

A full list of all the grant recipients is shown at the end of this report. We will continue to make grants in excess of income earned while the current crisis continues, and the grants made in the 2023 year (decisions have been finalised and most of the grants made) are again in excess of what we expect to earn in income over the year.

The way we have run the Foundation's finances is to try to balance current needs of our beneficiaries with their future needs. Each year we try to spend the current income on current needs of beneficiaries and put aside any capital growth to provide for future beneficiaries. However, in tough times like in the past couple of years, that enables us to dip into those reserves to maintain our level of support despite lower income. The amount of income we will receive this coming year is still uncertain but, as mentioned above, is likely to be less than we grant. We will report on the outcome in next year's report but are very confident that it will not have a meaningful impact on the foundation's long-term prospects.

At the time of writing this report the assets of the Foundation are about \$8.6M after paying out the 2022 / 2023 grants totalling about \$425,000. The details of these and any other grants made through the year will be provided in next year's report.

Finally, I am pleased to report that Marree Wiggins was appointed as a trustee to replace Glenys Severin and (finally) has been able to attend an in-person meeting of trustees, albeit not until after the end of the financial year this report covers. We are all very pleased to have Maree's knowledge and experience to assist in running the foundation.

Below is the full list of grants made for the year this report covers.

Forest Hill Grants 2021/22

The following organizations were recipients of those grants totalling **\$231,944** were paid to:

Australian Childhood Foundation, Bairnsdale Kindergarten Inc., Collingwood Toy Library Inc., Early Childhood Management Services, Early Start, Geraldton Community Toy Library Inc., Gosnell's Toy Library Inc., Greater Shepparton City Council, Gunawirra Ltd, Kew Toy Library Inc., Kingston Toy Library Incorporated, Knox and District Toy Library Inc., Moorabbin Area Toy Library Inc., Northern and Inner Multiple Birth Association, Nunawading Toy Library Inc., Ooranga Family Resource Unit Assoc. Inc., Parkdale Preschool Association, Reading out of Poverty Inc., Richmond Toy Library, Royal Far West, Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, Springvalley Kindergarten, Stonnington Toy Library Incorporated, The Bayside Toy Library Incorporated, The Mirabel Foundation Inc., The Shepherd Centre-For Deaf Children, The University of New England, Toy Libraries Australia Inc., United Way Sth Australia Inc., Uniting Victoria and Tasmania Ltd, Uniting Victoria/Tasmania Ltd, Vision Australia Ltd, Waikerie Children's Centre, Wandina Playgroup, Wyndham Little Buddies Toy Library Inc., Yarra City Council, Yarra Glen Toy Library Inc.

Warrawong grants 2021/22

The following organizations were recipients of those grants totalling **\$248,005** were paid to:

Alpine Children's Services, Balnarring Community Childcare, Baw Baw Shire Council Family Day Care, The Bayside Toy Library Inc., Biala Peninsula Inc., Bundoora Preschool Association, Castlemaine Childcare Co-op Ltd, Cire Services Inc., City of Whittlesea, Community Childcare Association Inc., Connie Benn Occasional Care, De Garis Kindergarten, Diamond Hills Preschool, Goulburn Regional Preschool Inc., Holy Trinity Anglican Kindergarten Inc., Kangaroo Ground Preschool, Kinglake Ranges Children's Centre, Mallee Family Care Ltd, Malvern Early Learning and Childcare Centre, Park Orchard's Community House & Learning Centre, Play Australia Ltd, Reading out of Poverty Inc., Schools Plus, Tarralla Kindergarten, Uniting Vic & Tas- Ballarat, Barwon & West. Melb Inc., Uniting Victoria-Tas Ltd, Uniting-Wimmera, Victorian Preschool Field Officers Inc., Vision Australia Ltd, Yarram Early Learning Centre.

The two Advisory Committees did a remarkable job processing, evaluating and selecting from among the large number of worthy applications. They did this job during a difficult period with lock downs that required them to use innovative ways of conducting their meetings. They met their deadlines without fuss, ensuring that funds got out to the early childhood field in these very trying times.

Hugh Hodges

Chair of the Foundation
On behalf of the Trustees
September 2022



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Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

The Association of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies

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Directors' Report

30 June 2022

The directors present their report on The Association of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

General information

Directors

The names of the directors in office at any time during, or since the end of, the year are:

Names	Position	Appointed/Resigned
Ms Sarah O'Donnell	President/Director	Started as President/Director on 15/11/2021
Ms Alannah Dore	President/Director	President/Director from 09/11/2019 - 15/11/2021
Mrs Avril McHugh	Honorary Treasurer/Director	Honorary Treasurer/Director until 15/11/2021, starting date unknown
Ms Sophia Patitsas	Honorary Treasurer/Director	Started as Honorary Treasurer/Director on 15/11/2021
Ms Nichola Marriott	Honorary Secretary/Director	Started as Honorary Secretary/Director on 15/11/2021

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Company secretary

Trevor Jewell has been the company secretary since 2012.

Principal activities

The principal activity of The Association of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies during the financial year was to act as an advocate for the profession of early childhood education. The Company derived significant revenue from its investment activities which enabled the funding of a number of programs in pursuit of this principal activity.

No significant changes in the nature of the Company's activity occurred during the financial year.

Short term objectives

The Company's short term objectives are to:

- Ensure financial sustainability so that long term objectives can be met.

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General information (continued)

Long term objectives

The Company's long term objectives are to:

- Support the Early Childhood profession through a number of professional learning opportunities to further understanding and knowledge of child development and learning so that all children have access to high standards of care and education in Early Childhood settings.
- Lead the provision of innovative and challenging learning to Early Childhood professionals to develop quality early childhood settings. These settings enhance learning and developmental achievements for all children with the most significant impact being on the outcomes of children experiencing vulnerability.

Strategy for achieving the objectives

To achieve these objectives, the Company has adopted the following strategies:

- Regular council meetings where quarterly financial reports are presented showing month to date, year to date and budgeted information. The reports also show the current values of cash on hand, term deposits, hybrid/fixed interest securities and shares. A report of transaction activity is also presented.
- The Company has a finance sub-committee that reviews the investment strategy to determine the degree of diversification, risk and likely returns from investments, liquidity of assets and the ability to pay costs as they occur.

Performance measures

- The Company measures its own performance through the use of quantitative and qualitative benchmarks. The benchmarks are used by the directors to assess the financial sustainability of the company and whether the company's short-term and long term objectives are being achieved.
- The Company has set in place an annual review of the Mission Statement and the short and long term objectives set for the year. The aim of the review is to ascertain if the objectives support the Mission Statement.

Operating results and review of operations for the year

Operating result

The deficit of the Company for the financial year amounted to \$ (208,754)(2021: surplus\$ 204,211).

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Other items

Significant changes in state of affairs

There have been no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company during the year.

Events 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 Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

Environmental issues

The Company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulations under a law of the Commonwealth or of a state or territory of Australia.

Future developments

The Company expects to maintain the present status and level of operations and hence there are no likely developments in the entity's operations.

Information on directors

Ms Sarah O'Donnell	President/Director
Qualifications	Post Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood Certified Practitioner EFT Certificate III in Meditation Teaching Tuning into Kids and Teens facilitator
Experience	After graduating from Melbourne University, Sarah spent a year living and teaching in London before settling into the city of Knox as a preschool teacher. Since this initial teaching role, Sarah has worked as a PSFO coordinator, been Team Leader of Specialist Children's Service for the Department of Education and overseen the build and establishment of an integrated children's service which included early learning programs, MCH, and a toy library. For the last few years Sarah has worked in senior leadership positions managing Children's Services Clusters and managing the trial of the Short Term Kindergarten Inclusion Support Program. Currently Sarah works at Uniting part time while establishing her own business Empowered Living working with Educators and families to reduce their stress as a Certified EFT (Tapping) Practitioner and meditation teacher.

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Information on directors (continued)

Ms Alannah Dore	President/Director
Qualifications	Graduate Certificate in Education (Tertiary) Master in Early Childhood Advanced Certificate in Systems Therapy 1994 Bachelor of Education Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood) Certificate in Developmental Psychiatry Currently studying Doctorate of Philosophy
Experience	Professional background; Lecturer Federation University, AGECS President 2019 – 2021, Inclusion Support KU Children's Services, Consultant (casual) FKA Children's Services, Professional development (PD) for teachers; preschool to secondary, TAFE teaching for trainee Parent Facilitators, Certification for pre-service early childhood educators, Preschool teaching in rural and urban settings, Director of Personal Development Organisation in Holistic Wellbeing. Recipient of the AGECS Fellowship for Leadership and Change Grant 2016. Cultural inclusion and emotional wellbeing are at the heart of Alannah's work in early childhood education.
Mrs Avril McHugh	Honorary Treasurer/Director
Qualifications	Diploma of Kindergarten Teaching (Melbourne)
Experience	Avril has had experience in both rural and urban kindergartens in Victoria and interstate as listed below: Dalton Preschool, Lalor 1973 -77 Maldon Preschool 1978 Moriarty Primary, Tasmania 1990 Ulverstone Primary School, Tasmania 1991 Vista Valley Preschool, Bulleen 1995-96 From 1997 to 2015 Avril worked in various roles as Co -Director and Teacher of Three and Four Year olds at Yarralea Children's Centre, a multi-purpose early childhood education and care centre. Avril is now retired from teaching but continues her interest in the Early Childhood Education by being on the AGECS Council.

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Information on directors (continued)

Ms Sophia Patitsas	Honorary Treasurer/Director
Qualifications	Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood) Graduate Diploma of Special Education, Master of Education (University of Melbourne) Certificate IV in Assessment and Training Recipient Women and Leadership Australia Executive Ready Program
Experience	<p>As a seasoned early childhood teacher, Sophia taught in several kindergartens in the West before joining as an Early Intervention Teacher at Uncle Bob's Child Development Centre, Royal Children's Hospital. Teaching in the various settings allowed for Sophia to be granted a Scholarship for 10 months, exploring Early Intervention using the Medical Model in Greece.</p> <p>Other roles Sophia has undertaken include working as Community Development Officer for a Communities for Children project, Statewide Early Childhood Consultant at Playworks, After School Care Coordinator, Family Day Care Field Worker and Preschool Field Officer.</p> <p>Sophia is currently working as Early Years Coordinator which is giving her the opportunity to work with Teams, and guide the process of Social Policy Reform by the funding of 3 year olds in kindergartens within the municipality of Moreland.</p>
Ms Nichola Marriott	Honorary Secretary/Director
Qualifications	Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood) Master of Education (Early Childhood)
Experience	Nichola has taught in a variety of settings including rural Victoria, remote WA, Singapore and suburban Melbourne. She has been a PSFO and a pedagogical leader and is currently sharing her passion for inclusion by working at Yooralla in the KIS programme.

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Information on directors (continued)

Meetings of directors

During the financial year, 8 meetings of directors (including committees of directors) were held. Attendances by each director during the year were as follows:

	Directors' Meetings	
	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
Ms Sarah O'Donnell	8	8
Ms Alannah Dore	8	8
Mrs Avril McHugh	4	4
Ms Sophia Patitsas	8	8
Ms Nichola Marriott	8	8

Indemnification and insurance of officers and auditors

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of The Association of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies.

During the year the entity has paid premiums to insure directors and officers against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceeding arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of officer of the entity, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the company.

The amount of the premium was \$1,103 (2021: \$1,103)

Proceedings on behalf of company

No person has applied for leave of court under Section 237 of the *Corporations Act 2001* to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company or intervene in any proceedings to which the Company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Company for all or any part of those proceedings.

Auditor's independence declaration

The auditor's independence declaration in accordance with Subsection 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* for the year ended 30 June 2022 has been received and can be found on page 7 of the financial report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:



Director:

Ms Sarah O'Donnell

Dated this10th..... day of October 2022

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**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SUBDIVISION 60-40 OF THE
AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION ACT 2012 TO
THE TRUSTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD
STUDIES**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2022 there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



**Nexia Melbourne Audit Pty Ltd
Melbourne**



**Andrew S. Wehrens
Director**

Dated: this 10th day of October 2022

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

		2022	2021
	Note	\$	\$
Revenue	4	158,523	60,527
Other revenue	4	(47,251)	1,092
Administrative, conference and program expenses		(186,613)	(77,800)
Fair value remeasurement gains / (losses) on financial assets		(133,413)	220,392
Surplus / (Deficit) before income tax		(208,754)	204,211
Income tax expense	2.2.	-	-
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		(208,754)	204,211
Total comprehensive income for the year		(208,754)	204,211

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	113,697	172,059
Trade and other receivables	6	44,781	19,776
Other financial assets	7	1,338,362	1,519,789
Prepayments	8	8,476	1,286
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,505,316</u>	<u>1,712,910</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>1,505,316</u>	<u>1,712,910</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accruals	9	8,160	7,000
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>8,160</u>	<u>7,000</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>8,160</u>	<u>7,000</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>1,497,156</u>	<u>1,705,910</u>
EQUITY			
Retained surpluses		<u>1,497,156</u>	<u>1,705,910</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>1,497,156</u>	<u>1,705,910</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

2022

	Retained Surpluses \$
Balance at 1 July 2021	1,705,910
Deficit for the year	(208,754)
Balance at 30 June 2022	1,497,156
2021	
Balance at 1 July 2020	1,501,699
Surplus for the year	204,211
Balance at 30 June 2021	1,705,910

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

		2022	2021
	Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipts from members and customers		11,541	1,454
Payments to suppliers, employees and contractors		(191,390)	(78,790)
Dividends, distributions and imputation credits received		120,744	66,549
Interest received		1,127	1,790
Net cash (used in) operating activities	15	(57,978)	(8,997)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from sale of available-for-sale investments		178,988	80,659
Purchase of investments		(179,372)	(80,580)
Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities		(384)	79
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents held		(58,362)	(8,918)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		172,059	180,977
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	5	113,697	172,059

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

The financial report covers The Association of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies as an individual entity. The Association of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies is a not-for-profit Association, registered and domiciled in Australia.

The functional and presentation currency of The Association of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies is Australian dollars.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

These financial statements are the first general purpose financial statements prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures. In the prior year the financial statements were special purpose financial statements prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows, AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors and AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures. There was no impact on the recognition and measurement of amounts recognised in the statements of financial position, profit and loss and other comprehensive income and cash flows of the Company as a result of the change in the basis of preparation.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

2.1. Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

The Company has adopted all standards which became effective for the first time at 30 June 2022, the adoption of these standards has not caused any material adjustments to the reported financial position, performance or cash flow of the Company.

2.2. Income Tax

The Company is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

2.3. Revenue and other income

Income distributions and capital distributions received from unit trusts are recognised as at the date the unit value is quoted ex-distribution. Dividends in direct equity holdings are recognised on the date payable.

Imputation credits in respect of distributions and dividends received are recognised as revenue as at the date the share is quoted ex-dividend. As the application for the refund of excess imputation credits can only be made after year end, the applicable revenue is accrued for at year end.

Profit and loss on the disposal of financial assets is based on sale price less historical cost.

Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

2.4. Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

2.5. Share buy-backs

The managed funds and securities that the Company has invested in may participate in share buy-backs, where appropriate, and receive the proceeds in the form of capital and fully franked dividend component. The full proceeds received by the Company, as part of the distribution income of the Company, (including franking credits) are applied as income. For accounting purposes, the dividend and capital component are treated as income.

2.6. Fair value of assets and liabilities

The Company measures some of its assets and liabilities at fair value. Fair value is the price the Company would receive to sell an asset or would have to pay to transfer a liability in an orderly (ie unforced) transaction between independent, knowledgeable and willing market participants at the measurement date.

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

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

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

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

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

2.7. Financial instruments

For comparative year

Financial instruments are recognised initially using trade date accounting, i.e. on the date that the Company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

Financial assets

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

Classification

On initial recognition, the Company classifies its financial assets into the following categories, those measured at:

- amortised cost
- fair value through profit or loss - FVTPL

Amortised cost

The Company's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position.

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income, foreign exchange gains or losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

Fair value through other comprehensive income

Equity instruments

The Company has a number of strategic investments in listed and unlisted entities over which they do not have significant influence nor control. The Company has made an irrevocable election to classify these equity investments as fair value through other comprehensive income as they are not held for trading purposes.

These investments are carried at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income (financial asset reserve). On disposal any balance in the financial asset reserve is transferred to retained earnings and is not reclassified to profit or loss.

Dividends are recognised as income in profit or loss unless the dividend clearly represents a recovery of part of the cost of the investment. Other net gains and losses are recognised in OCI.

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

2.7. Financial instruments (continued)

Financial assets (continued)

Financial assets through profit or loss

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income as described above are measured at FVTPL.

Net gains or losses, including any interest or dividend income are recognised in profit or loss (refer to hedging accounting policy for derivatives designated as hedging instruments.)

The Company holds derivative financial instruments to hedge its foreign currency and interest rate risk exposures. Embedded derivatives are separated from the host contract and accounted for separately if the host contract is not a financial asset and certain criteria are met.

Impairment of financial assets

Impairment of financial assets is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis for the following assets:

- financial assets measured at amortised cost
- debt investments measured at FVOCI

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial assets has increased significant since initial recognition and when estimating ECL, the Company considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on the Company's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward looking information.

The Company uses the presumption that an asset which is more than 30 days past due has seen a significant increase in credit risk.

The Company uses the presumption that a financial asset is in default when:

- the other party is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Company in full, without recourse to the Company to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or
- the financial asset is more than 90 days past due.

Credit losses are measured as the present value of the difference between the cash flows due to the Company in accordance with the contract and the cash flows expected to be received. This is applied using a probability weighted approach.

Notes to the Financial Statements

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

2.7. Financial instruments (continued)

Financial assets (continued)

Trade receivables

Impairment of trade receivables have been determined using the simplified approach in AASB 9 which uses an estimation of lifetime expected credit losses. The Company has determined the probability of non-payment of the receivable and multiplied this by the amount of the expected loss arising from default.

The amount of the impairment is recorded in a separate allowance account with the loss being recognised in finance expense. Once the receivable is determined to be uncollectable then the gross carrying amount is written off against the associated allowance.

Where the Company renegotiates the terms of trade receivables due from certain customers, the new expected cash flows are discounted at the original effective interest rate and any resulting difference to the carrying value is recognised in profit or loss.

Other financial assets measured at amortised cost

Impairment of other financial assets measured at amortised cost are determined using the expected credit loss model in AASB 9. On initial recognition of the asset, an estimate of the expected credit losses for the next 12 months is recognised. Where the asset has experienced significant increase in credit risk then the lifetime losses are estimated and recognised.

Financial liabilities

The Company measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The financial liabilities of the Company comprise trade payables, bank and other loans and lease liabilities.

2.8. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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3 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The Directors make estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

The significant estimates and judgements made have been described below.

Key estimates - impairment

The Company assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluating conditions specific to the Company that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

4 Revenue and Other Income

Revenue from continuing operations

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Revenue		
- Dividend and distribution income	146,982	59,073
- Memberships	2,918	1,454
- GST re-imbursements	8,623	-
	<u>158,523</u>	<u>60,527</u>
Other Revenue		
- Gain / (Loss) on sale of investments	(48,398)	(691)
- Interest income	1,147	1,783
	<u>(47,251)</u>	<u>1,092</u>
Total Revenue	<u>111,272</u>	<u>61,619</u>

5 Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash at bank	9,892	57,384
Cash Trust accounts	103,805	114,675
	<u>113,697</u>	<u>172,059</u>

6 Trade and Other Receivables

CURRENT		
GST receivable	1,779	3,032
Imputation credits receivable	42,732	16,494
Interest receivable	270	250
	<u>44,781</u>	<u>19,776</u>
Total current trade and other receivables	<u>44,781</u>	<u>19,776</u>

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7 Financial Assets

7.1. Financial assets at fair value

	2022 \$	2021 \$
CURRENT		
shares in listed entities - fair value	1,338,362	1,519,789

7.2. Assets available for sale

	2022 Market Value \$	2022 Cost \$	2021 Market Value \$	2021 Cost \$
ANZ Capital Notes 1	-	-	70,077	71,395
ANZ Capital Notes 6	69,132	70,000	-	-
Argo Investments Ltd	75,029	70,669	47,329	40,669
ASX Ltd	116,028	50,190	110,348	50,190
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd	18,065	25,141	23,083	25,131
Australian Foundation Investment Company Ltd	210,400	148,360	219,085	148,334
Coles Group Ltd	34,587	11,940	33,189	11,940
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	52,782	30,955	69,410	25,758
Commonwealth Bank of Australia - PERLS VII	89,964	90,000	91,215	90,000
Endeavour Group	-	-	4,686	-
Macquarie Group Capital Notes 2	13,864	13,300	14,477	13,300
Macquarie Group Capital Notes 3	51,400	50,000	52,635	50,000
MFF Capital Investments Ltd	79,118	70,117	103,104	70,089
MFF Convertible Pref Shares	7	-	1,969	-
Milton Corporation	-	-	92,100	64,984
NAB Capital Notes 3	93,069	90,000	97,101	90,000
NAB Capital Notes 5	80,400	80,000	84,000	80,000
National Australia Bank Ltd	69,215	63,926	66,258	63,927
Stockland	25,830	30,111	33,342	30,099
Telstra Corporation Ltd	38,611	34,716	37,709	34,716
Transurban Group	59,044	50,465	52,580	45,104
Washington H Soul Pattinson & Company Ltd	64,123	64,984	-	-
Wesfarmers Ltd	81,389	25,477	114,772	29,361
Westpac Banking Corporation	-	-	72,913	71,743
Woolworths Group Ltd	16,305	11,143	28,407	21,123
Total	1,338,362	1,081,494	1,519,789	1,127,863

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8 Other non-financial assets

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Prepayments	8,476	1,286

9 Trade and Other Payables

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Accruals	8,160	7,000

10 Financial Risk Management

The Company is exposed to a variety of financial risks through its use of financial instruments.

The Company's overall risk management plan seeks to minimise potential adverse effects due to the unpredictability of financial markets.

The main purpose of non-derivative financial instruments is to raise finance for the Company operations.

The Company does not have any derivative instruments as at 30 June 2022.

The most significant financial risks to which the Company is exposed to are described below:

Specific risks

- *Interest rate risk*
The company has no debt instruments in place which are subject to fluctuations in interest rates.
- *Foreign currency risk*
The company is not exposed to fluctuations in foreign currencies
- *Liquidity risk*
The company manages liquidity risk by monitoring forecast cash flows and ensuring that adequate borrowing facilities are maintained.
- *Credit risk*
The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognised financial assets, is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for impairment of those assets, is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for impairment of those assets, as disclosed in the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements.

The Company does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single receivable or group of receivables under financial instruments entered into by the company.

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10 Financial Risk Management (continued)

Financial instruments used

The principal categories of financial instrument used by the Company are:

- Trade receivables
- Cash at bank
- Investments in listed shares
- Trade and other payables
- Term Deposits

(i) Interest rate risk

Financial instrument composition and maturity analysis

The Company's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instruments value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates and the effective weighted average interest rates on classes of financial assets and financial liabilities, is as follows:

	Weighted Average Effective Interest Rate		Floating Interest Rate		Non-interest Bearing		Total	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
	%	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	0.24	0.14	113,697	172,059	-	-	113,697	172,059
Financial Liabilities:								
Accruals	-	-	-	-	8,160	7,000	8,160	7,000
Total Financial Liabilities	-	-	-	-	8,160	7,000	8,160	7,000

Net fair values

For all assets and liabilities, the net fair value approximates their carrying value. No financial assets and financial liabilities are readily traded on organised markets in standardised form other than listed investments. Financial assets where the carrying amount exceeds net fair values have not been written down as the economic entity intends to hold these assets to maturity.

The aggregate net fair value and carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities are disclosed in the balance sheet and in the notes to and forming part of the financial statements. Aggregate net fair values and carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities at balance date.

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10 Financial Risk Management (continued)

Net fair values (continued)

	2022 Carrying Amount	2022 Net Fair Value	2021 Carrying Amount	2021 Net Fair Value
Financial Assets	\$	\$	\$	\$
Shares in listed entities	1,338,362	1,338,362	1,519,789	1,519,789
	1,338,362	1,338,362	1,519,789	1,519,789

11 Members' Guarantee

The Company is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* and is a Company limited by guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$ 10 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the Company. At 30 June 2022 the number of members was 1,080 (2021: 991).

12 Key Management Personnel Disclosures

The remuneration paid to key management personnel of the Company is \$Nil (2021: \$Nil).

13 Auditors' Remuneration

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Remuneration of the auditor Nexia Melbourne Audit Pty Ltd, for:		
- auditing the financial report for the year	6,160	5,600
- other services - preparation of financial report	2,000	1,400
Total	8,160	7,000

14 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2022 (30 June 2021: None).

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15 Cash Flow Information

15.1. Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities

Reconciliation of surplus / (deficit) to net cash (used in) operating activities:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(208,754)	204,211
Cash flows excluded from surplus / (deficit) attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in surplus / (deficit):		
- fair value loss / (gain) on available for sale financial assets	133,413	(220,392)
- net (gain) / loss on disposal of investments	48,398	691
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase) / decrease in trade and other receivables	(25,005)	5,891
- (increase) / decrease in other assets	(7,190)	252
- increase / (decrease) in trade and other payables	1,160	350
Cashflows (used in) operating activities	(57,978)	(8,997)

16 Statutory Information

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

The Association of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies
100 Leicester Street, Carlton
Melbourne VIC 3053

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Directors' Declaration

In accordance with a resolution by the Directors of The Association of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies, the Directors of the Company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 8 to 22, are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission Act 2012 and:
 - a) comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures; and
 - b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Company.
2. In the Directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission Act 2012.



Responsible person

Ms Sarah O'Donnell

Dated 10 October 2022

Independent Auditor's Report To the Trustees of the Association of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of The Association of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies (the Trust), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the trustee's declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Association of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies, is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Trust's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*

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 Trust in accordance with the ethical 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 confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, has been given to the trustees of the Trust, at the time of this auditor's report.

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

Trustees' responsibility for the financial report

The trustees of the Trust are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accountant Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The trustees are also responsible for such internal control as the trustees 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 trustees are responsible for assessing the Trust'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 trustees either intend to liquidate the Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Independent Auditor's Report To the Members of the Association of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Auditor's responsibility for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this 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 Trust's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by those charged with governance.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' 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 Trust'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 Trust 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.

We communicate with those charged with governance 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.

**Independent Auditor's Report
To the Members of the Association of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies**

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

We also provide the trustees with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

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**Nexia Melbourne Audit Pty Ltd
Melbourne**

A. Wehrens

**Andrew S. Wehrens
Director**

Dated: this 10th day of October 2022

The Foundation of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies

ABN 58 833 071 672

Financial Statements

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**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SUBDIVISION 60-40 OF THE
AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION ACT 2012
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FOUNDATION OF GRADUATES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES.**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2022, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



**Nexia Melbourne Audit Pty Ltd
Melbourne**



**Andrew S. Wehrens
Director**

Dated: this 27th day of September 2022

The Foundation of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies

ABN 58 833 071 672

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Revenue			
Distributions received		377,895	229,553
Imputation credits		147,957	65,017
Interest income		3,203	4,961
Movement in Fair Value of Financial Assets		(538,378)	1,226,015
Gain / (Loss) on sale of investments		417,140	23,909
		<u>407,817</u>	<u>1,549,455</u>
Expenses			
Audit fees	8	(7,830)	(6,700)
Bookkeeping fees		(7,000)	(7,000)
Insurance		(2,363)	(2,288)
Other expenses		(6,137)	(2,590)
		<u>(23,330)</u>	<u>(18,578)</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		384,487	1,530,877
Distributions made during the year	11	(479,949)	(415,494)
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		<u>(95,462)</u>	<u>1,115,383</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	388,147	668,195
Trade and other receivables	4	149,416	66,860
Other financial assets	5	8,341,720	8,239,187
Prepayments		2,741	2,114
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		8,882,024	8,976,356
TOTAL ASSETS		8,882,024	8,976,356
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accruals		7,830	6,700
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		7,830	6,700
TOTAL LIABILITIES		7,830	6,700
NET ASSETS		8,874,194	8,969,656
EQUITY			
Trust capital	10	3,500,000	3,500,000
Retained Surpluses		5,374,194	5,469,656
TOTAL EQUITY		8,874,194	8,969,656

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

2022

	Retained Surpluses	Trust Capital	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2021	5,469,656	3,500,000	8,969,656
Deficit for the year	(95,462)	-	(95,462)
Balance at 30 June 2022	5,374,194	3,500,000	8,874,194

2021

	Retained Surpluses	Trust Capital	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2020	4,354,273	3,500,000	7,854,273
Surplus for the year	1,115,383	-	1,115,383
Balance at 30 June 2021	5,469,656	3,500,000	8,969,656

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Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
(Payments for) / proceeds from financial assets		(223,771)	113,772
Payments to suppliers and others		(23,118)	(18,863)
Dividends received		442,912	294,570
Interest received		3,878	3,860
Grants paid		(479,949)	(415,494)
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	9	<u>(280,048)</u>	<u>(22,155)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents held		(280,048)	(22,155)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		668,195	690,350
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	3	<u><u>388,147</u></u>	<u><u>668,195</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

These financial statements are the first general purpose financial statements prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures. In the prior year the financial statements were special purpose financial statements prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows, AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors and AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures. There was no impact on the recognition and measurement of amounts recognised in the statements of financial position, profit and loss and other comprehensive income and cash flows of the Trust as a result of the change in the basis of preparation.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The perpetual charitable trust known as the Foundation of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies was established on 7th May 2005, and was previously known as the Forest Hill Early Childhood Foundation - incorporating Warrawong Fund which was established on 27th March 1995.

(a) Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

The Trust has adopted all standards which became effective for the first time at 30 June 2022, the adoption of these standards has not caused any material adjustments to the reported financial position, performance or cash flow of the Trust.

(b) Income Tax

The Trust is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(c) Revenue and other income

Income distributions and capital distributions received from unit trusts are recognised as at the date the unit value is quoted ex-distribution. Dividends in direct equity holdings are recognised on the date payable.

Imputation credits in respect of distributions and dividends received are recognised as revenue as at the date the share is quoted ex-dividend. As the application for the refund of excess imputation credits can only be made after year end, the applicable revenue is accrued for at year end.

Profit and loss on the disposal of financial assets is based on sale price less historical cost.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(d) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

(e) Share buy-backs

The managed funds and securities that the Trust has invested in may participate in share buy-backs, where appropriate, and receive the proceeds in the form of capital and fully franked dividend component. The full proceeds received by the Trust, as part of the distribution income of the Trust, (including franking credits) are applied as income. For accounting purposes, the dividend and capital component is treated as income.

(f) Financial instruments

For comparative year

Financial instruments are recognised initially using trade date accounting, i.e. on the date that the Trust becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

Financial Assets

Financial assets are divided into the following categories which are described in detail below:

- loans and receivables;
- financial assets at fair value through profit or loss;

Financial assets are assigned to the different categories on initial recognition, depending on the characteristics of the instrument and its purpose. A financial instrument's category is relevant to the way it is measured and whether any resulting income and expenses are recognised in profit or loss or in other comprehensive income.

All income and expenses relating to financial assets are recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income in the 'finance income' or 'finance costs' line item respectively.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise principally through the provision of goods and services to customers but also incorporate other types of contractual monetary assets.

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(f) Financial instruments

After initial recognition these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. Any change in their value is recognised in profit or loss.

The Trust's trade and other receivables fall into this category of financial instruments.

Significant receivables are considered for impairment on an individual asset basis when they are past due at the reporting date or when objective evidence is received that a specific counterparty will default.

The amount of the impairment is the difference between the net carrying amount and the present value of the future expected cash flows associated with the impaired receivable.

In some circumstances, the Trust renegotiates repayment terms with customers which may lead to changes in the timing of the payments, the Trust does not necessarily consider the balance to be impaired, however assessment is made on a case-by-case basis.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss include financial assets:

- acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the near future
- designated by the entity to be carried at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition or
- which are derivatives not qualifying for hedge accounting.

The Trust has some derivatives which are designated as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

Assets included within this category are carried in the statement of financial position at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in finance income or expenses in profit or loss.

Any gain or loss arising from derivative financial instruments is based on changes in fair value, which is determined by direct reference to active market transactions or using a valuation technique where no active market exists.

For current year

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Trust becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

Financial assets

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

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For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(f) Financial instruments

Financial assets

Classification

On initial recognition, the Trust classifies its financial assets into the following categories, those measured at:

- amortised cost
- fair value through profit or loss - FVTPL

Amortised cost

Assets measured at amortised cost are financial assets where:

- the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

The Trust's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position.

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income, foreign exchange gains or losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

Financial assets through profit or loss

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income as described above are measured at FVTPL.

Net gains or losses, including any interest or dividend income are recognised in profit or loss (refer to hedging accounting policy for derivatives designated as hedging instruments.)

The Trust holds derivative financial instruments to hedge its foreign currency and interest rate risk exposures. Embedded derivatives are separated from the host contract and accounted for separately if the host contract is not a financial asset and certain criteria are met.

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(f) Financial instruments

Financial assets

Impairment of financial assets

Impairment of financial assets is recognised on an expected credit loss (ECL) basis for the following assets:

- financial assets measured at amortised cost
- debt investments measured at FVOCI

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial assets has increased significant since initial recognition and when estimating ECL, the Trust considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on the Trust's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward looking information.

The Trust uses the presumption that an asset which is more than 30 days past due has seen a significant increase in credit risk.

The Trust uses the presumption that a financial asset is in default when:

- the other party is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Trust in full, without recourse to the Trust to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or
- the financial assets is more than 90 days past due.

Credit losses are measured as the present value of the difference between the cash flows due to the Trust in accordance with the contract and the cash flows expected to be received. This is applied using a probability weighted approach.

Other financial assets measured at amortised cost

Impairment of other financial assets measured at amortised cost are determined using the expected credit loss model in AASB 9. On initial recognition of the asset, an estimate of the expected credit losses for the next 12 months is recognised. Where the asset has experienced significant increase in credit risk then the lifetime losses are estimated and recognised.

Financial liabilities

The Trust measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The financial liabilities of the Trust comprise trade payables, bank and other loans and finance lease liabilities.

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

3 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and on hand	4,681	7,426
Deposits at call	383,466	660,769
	<u>388,147</u>	<u>668,195</u>

4 Trade and Other Receivables

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
GST receivable	813	522
Interest receivable	646	1,321
Imputation credits refundable	147,957	65,017
	<u>149,416</u>	<u>66,860</u>

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5 Other Financial Assets

(a) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

			2022	2021
			\$	\$
CURRENT				
Shares in listed corporations			8,341,720	8,239,187
Total			8,341,720	8,239,187

	2022	2022	2021	2021
	Market Value	Cost	Market Value	Cost
	\$	\$	\$	\$
AFIC Ltd	312,484	80,279	609,248	150,316
Amcor Limited	180,400	112,647	151,300	112,647
APA Group Ltd	314,546	271,907	-	-
Argo investments Ltd	227,700	135,629	231,063	135,629
Atlas Arteria Limited	719,202	523,638	661,085	609,022
BHP Billiton Ltd	286,646	249,524	337,513	249,524
Carsales.com Ltd	384,204	135,824	451,753	148,632
Commonwealth Bank Ltd	485,341	250,237	585,738	211,851
Commonwealth Bank Ltd (Perls VII)	-	-	81,080	80,000
Computershare Preference Shares	490,508	128,869	336,428	128,869
CSL Limited	726,731	477,904	530,453	250,220
Deterra Royalties Limited	233,200	210,168	-	-
Diversified United Inv Ltd	500,048	276,174	564,184	276,175
Imugene Limited	121,734	147,142	186,837	100,437
Macquarie Group Limited	474,776	280,443	427,054	250,603
Mineral Resources Limited	168,945	150,870	-	-
National Australian Bank Limited	-	-	276,254	268,166
Orora Limited	-	-	230,170	250,954
OZ Minerals Limited	108,336	151,081	-	-
Pact Group Holdings Ltd	199,272	251,068	-	-
Qube Holdings Limited	217,513	236,820	-	-
Ramsay Healthcare Limited	-	-	252,115	281,497
Reliance Worldwide Corporation Ltd	183,416	212,039	286,670	254,440
Rio Tinto Ltd	149,634	130,279	184,514	130,279
Spark Infrastructure Group	-	-	337,500	263,815
Tombador Iron Ltd	83,343	198,884	95,506	102,914
Transurban Group Ltd	798,895	396,892	711,500	324,664
Xero Limited	233,958	300,558	-	-
Wesfarmers Ltd - Part Protected	255,441	115,862	360,215	115,862
Wisetech Global Limited	92,732	100,541	-	-
Woodside Petroleum Ltd	392,715	309,974	351,007	442,172
	8,341,720	5,835,253	8,239,187	5,138,688

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

6 Financial Risk Management

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Financial assets		
Held at amortised cost		
Cash and cash equivalents	388,147	668,194
Trade and other receivables	149,416	66,860
Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)		
Shares in listed corporations	8,341,720	8,239,187
Total financial assets	8,879,283	8,974,241

7 Key Management Personnel Disclosures

The remuneration paid to key management personnel of the trust is \$Nil (2021: \$Nil).

8 Auditors' Remuneration

Remuneration of the auditor Nexia Melbourne Audit Pty Ltd, for:

- Audit of the financial statements	5,830	5,300
- Preparation of the financial statements	2,000	1,400
	7,830	6,700

9 Cash Flow Information

(a) Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(95,462)	1,115,383
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase) / decrease in trade and other receivables	(82,556)	12,461
- (increase) / decrease in other assets	(627)	(160)
- increase / (decrease) in trade and other payables	1,130	(125)
- (increase) / decrease in financial assets	(102,533)	(1,149,714)
Cashflows (used in) operating activities	(280,048)	(22,155)

10 Trust Capital

Initial investment to establish the Trust	1,500,000	1,500,000
Additional capital contribution from the Association of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies Ltd	2,000,000	2,000,000
	3,500,000	3,500,000

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11 Grants determined and paid during the year

Forest Hill Grants paid during the year	231,944	190,376
Warrawong Grants paid during the year	248,005	225,118
Total	479,949	415,494

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Trustees' Declaration

In accordance with a resolution by the Trustees of The Foundation of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies, the Trustees of the Trust declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 6 to 14, are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission Act 2012 and:
 - a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures; and
 - b. give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Trust.
2. In the Trustee's opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Trust will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission Act 2012.

Responsible person *Hugh Hodges*

Dated 27 September 2022

Independent Auditor's Report To the Trustees of The Foundation of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of The Foundation of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies (the Trust), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the trustee's declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of The Foundation of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies, is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Trust's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*

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 Trust in accordance with the ethical 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 confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, which has been given to the trustees of the Trust at the same time as this auditor's report.

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

Trustees' responsibility for the financial report

The trustees of the Trust are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accountant Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The trustees are also responsible for such internal control as the trustees 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.

Independent Auditor's Report To the Trustees of The Foundation of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Trustees' responsibility for the financial report continued

In preparing the financial report, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Trust'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 trustees either intend to liquidate the Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibility for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this 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 Trust's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by those charged with governance.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' 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 Trust'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 Trust 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.

**Independent Auditor's Report
To the Trustees of The Foundation of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies**

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Auditor's responsibility for the audit of the financial report continued...

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

We also provide the trustees with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.



**Nexia Melbourne Audit Pty Ltd
Melbourne**



**Andrew S. Wehrens
Director**

Dated this 27th day of September 2022