

# **Mental Health Australia Ltd**

**ABN 57 600 066 635**

## **Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 30 June 2024**

## DIRECTORS' REPORT 30 JUNE 2024

The directors present their report together with the financial report of Mental Health Australia Limited for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Mental Health Australia Limited is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* on 23 June 2014.

### THE BOARD

The following held Board directorship during the year and to the date of this report:

Name	Position
Mr Matthew Berriman (to 24 April 2024)	Board Appointed Director, Chair
Dr Catherine Andronis	Elected Director
Ms Nicola Ballenden (from 22 January 2024)	Elected Director
Ms Tamara Cavenett	Elected Director
Ms Georgina Harman (to 28 November 2023)	Elected Director
Prof Sharon Lawn (Nanai)	Elected Director
Mr Mark Orr AM	Elected Director, Interim Chair from 24 April 2024
Ms Maire Piu	Elected Director
Ms Helen Rowell (from 4 April 2024)	Board Appointed Director
Mr Ashley de Silva (to 19 January 2024)	Elected Director
Dr Evelyne Tadros (from 28 November 2023)	Elected Director
Assoc Prof Melanie Turner (from 28 November 2023)	Elected Director

### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Mental Health Australia is the national, independent peak body for the mental health sector. As a Company limited by guarantee, our members include service providers, professional bodies, organisations representing people with lived experience of mental ill-health, family, carers and supporters, researchers and state and territory mental health peak bodies

This financial year the Board and staff continued to deliver on our vision for ***Mentally healthy people, mentally healthy communities*** with the focus on achieving the following core objectives in the last year of our [Strategic Plan 2021-2024](#):

1. Promote a national voice for those with lived experience of mental illness and for those who love and care for them.
2. Highlight the social determinants for mental ill health and advocate for lasting changes across the whole ecosystem.
3. Deliver value to our members and the wider mental health ecosystem.

Mental Health Australia's principal activity has been to advocate at a national level for systemic mental health reform, engaging with our members and stakeholders across the Australian Government. This has involved deep consultation, forging and maintaining partnerships and collaboration, and driving a clear coherent voice for reform on behalf of the sector.

## REVIEW AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Specific activities Mental Health Australia Limited undertook to deliver against its short and long term strategic objectives included:

- **Policy submissions** – throughout the 2023-24 financial year, Mental Health Australia provided 7 key submissions to inform government deliberations on a range of national mental health issues, including a Pre-Budget Submission with 18 recommendations – 10 of which were in part actioned in the 2024 Federal Budget.
- **Research** – Mental Health Australia delivered two major research projects in 2023-24 to highlight inequity in access to mental health support (*Mapping Mental Health Care*) and the urgent need for mental health reform (*Mental Health Australia's 2023 Report to the Nation*)
- **Advice to Governments on psychosocial services** – in 2023-24 Mental Health Australia partnered with the National Mental Health Consumer and Carer Forum to develop *Advice for governments on evidence-informed and good practice psychosocial services*. We undertook a desktop research review and extensive consultations to develop recommendations for government, to support much needed growth in psychosocial supports.
- **The Embrace Multicultural Mental Health Project** continued to work with the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) and the National Ethnic Disability Alliance (NEDA) as part of the Embrace Alliance, as well as engage with the Stakeholder Group and Embrace Lived Experience Group. During 2023-24, the Embrace Project team supported more than 13 Primary Health Networks (PHNs) to implement the Embrace Framework. The Project Team also continued the CALD Community Engagement Project, engaging with a further six diverse communities, commissioning local community organisations to identify mental health issues and develop culturally appropriate resources. The Project Team also continued to deliver the Embrace Suicide Prevention Pilot Project, partnering with R U OK? and Suicide Prevention Australia.
- **World Mental Health Day (WMHD) campaign** – the 2023 campaign encouraged people to “Look after your mental health, Australia”, with secondary messaging of “Awareness, Belonging and Connection”. Through the campaign we increased awareness of mental health and encouraged self-care, help seeking and stigma reduction, by promoting mental health tips and mental health month activity calendars, undertaking media engagement and advertising, inviting people to contribute to a mental health month online photo mosaic, and partnering with a broad range of organisations beyond the mental health sector.
- **Member Policy Forums** – Mental Health Australia brought together over 60 member delegates on 29 November 2023 to contribute to our policy and advocacy priorities for the year, and engage with Government and sector leaders on mental health and NDIS reforms. On 16 May 2024, Mental Health Australia hosted over 130 member representatives to discuss the outcomes of the Federal Budget and forward priorities for mental health reform, including a keynote address from the Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, and an update from the Minister for Health and Aged Care. In addition, Mental Health Australia facilitated four online Member Policy Hubs throughout the year to engage with members around psychosocial services, the National Housing and Homelessness Plan, NDIS Amendments and the COVID-19 Response Inquiry.
- **2023 Parliamentary Advocacy Day** – 80 delegates representing 55 of our member organisations from across Australia joined Mental Health Australia for our Parliamentary Day on 13 September 2023, to call on the Australian Government to put mental health reform back on the agenda. We launched national research, facilitated addresses to the sector by government and opposition leaders and coordinated meetings between members and 39 politicians to promote action on mental health.
- **Grace Groom Memorial Oration** – 2023 Australian of the Year, Taryn Brumfitt delivered our 17th annual oration to a room of over 100 members and guests, promoting wellbeing.
- **Webinars** – Mental Health Australia provided three webinar updates for members in 2023-24 including a Ministerial MYEFO Update, NDIS Review Final Report Briefing and interview with retiring Deputy Chief Medical Officer Dr Vine.

- **Media and communications** activities continued to engage stakeholders, with distribution of regular CEO Update e-newsletters to more than 5,000 recipients weekly. Mental Health Australia delivered numerous media releases throughout 2023-24 to promote issues of importance on mental health reform, and maintained a strong social media presence with over 120,000 followers across LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

The Company's operations for the year resulted in a \$242,268 surplus. For context, 2023 saw a loss of \$100,104. Mental Health Australia's strong financial base will allow it to undertake planned activities and meet its strategic objectives.

Overall, total income for the year was \$5,210,696 (2023: \$4,388,365). Key grants continue with the change in income reflecting increased activity largely associated with the Lived Experience Engagement, Embrace Multicultural Mental Health Framework and Australian Federation of Disability Organisations grants.

Total expenses for the year were \$4,968,428 (2023: \$4,488,469). The largest increases included employee costs of \$2,502,655 (2023: \$2,181,316) and consultancy and account expenditures of \$1,259,926 (2023: \$1,002,314), offset, in part, by a reduction in other expenditures of \$101,774 (2023: \$195,537).

## STATE OF AFFAIRS

In the opinion of the Directors there was no significant change in the state of affairs of the company during the financial year under review. The company continues to operate in an effective and efficient manner.

## ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

The company is not subject to any particular or significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of any state or territory in Australia.

## NON-AUDIT SERVICES

During the year, the Company paid \$3,700 (2023: \$3,500) to the auditor for non-audit services for the provision of accounting advice.

## INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS

### DR CATHERINE ANDRONIS - Director

Elected: 2020

Sub-Committees: Member, Governance Committee

Occupation: General Practitioner; Delegate, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners; Member, Australian Association of Family Therapy; Fellow, Australian Society of Psychological Medicine; GP Provider, Access Health and Community; Independent Consultant, Emerging Minds; GP psychotherapist private practice. RACGP Representative, National Initial Assessment and Referral for Mental Health Care Project Advisory Group; Member, RANZCP Certificate of Psychiatry Expert Advisory Group; Member, RANZCP Certificate of Psychiatry Curriculum Authorship Group; Medical Educator, Eastern Health Medical School (Monash & Deakin Universities); RACGP Representative Black Dog Institute Professional Advisory Group.

Qualifications: MBBS; FRACGP; DipFT; MCRC

### MS NICOLA BALLENDEN - Director

Elected: 2024

Sub-Committees: Member, FARM Committee (from 22 January 2024)

Occupation: Mind Australia, Executive Director, Research, Advocacy and Policy Development; Mental Health Carers Australia, Member; CECG Pty Ltd, Director; Women's Mental Health Alliance (Victoria), Member

Qualifications: MA (Hons) University of Melbourne; MPH University of New South Wales

**MR MATTHEW BERRIMAN – Director; Chair (to 24 April 2024)**

Appointed: 2021  
Occupation: Co-Founder and Managing Partner RealVC (early stage Venture Capital Fund), Chair Livewire Group, Chair Glow Dreaming and Chairman of Straight6 Group Consulting

**MS TAMARA CAVENETT - Director**

Elected: 2022  
Sub-Committees: Member, Governance Committee  
Occupation: Delegate and Fellow, Australian Psychological Society; Board Director, Adelaide PHN; Fellow, APS College of Clinical Psychologists; Member, Australian Institute of Company Directors; Member, Master of Psychology (Clinical) Program (Uni SA) Advisory Board; Member, Gidget Foundation Clinical Advisory Committee  
Qualifications: B.Behav.Sci (Hons) M.Psych (Clin) GAICD

**MR ASHLEY DE SILVA – Director (to 19 January 2024)**

Elected: 2019  
Sub-Committees: Member, Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee  
Occupation: CEO, ReachOut Australia; Member, Global Advisory Council of the eMental Health International Collaborative; Member, National Digital Mental Health Advisory Group; Member.  
Qualifications: MBA (Executive); MSPOD; BBus (Mkt); BBus (Mgt)

**MS GEORGINA HARMAN – Director (to 28 November 2023)**

Elected: 2017  
Sub-Committees: Chair, Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee  
Occupation: CEO and Director, Beyond Blue; Member, National Mentally Healthy Workplace Alliance Steering Group; Former Member, Victorian Mental Health Ministerial Advisory Committee; Former Member, National COVID-19 Health and Research Advisory Committee; Member, The Victorian Pride Centre; Director, Kilfinan Australia; Deputy Chair, Australian National Advisory Council on Alcohol & Other Drugs; Patron, Out for Australia; Former Member, Victorian Mentally Healthy Workplaces Advisory Group; Former Member, Mental Health Reform Advisory Committee; Australian Institute of Company Directors.  
Qualifications: BA (Hons), MA

**PROF SHARON LAWN (NANAI) – Director**

Elected: 2021  
Sub-Committees: Governance Committee  
Occupation: Executive Director, Lived Experience Australia Ltd; Board Director, Australian Self-Care Alliance; Researcher, Flinders University; Committee Member, RANZCP Community Collaboration Committee; Committee Member, RANZCP Committee for Research; Carer representative, National Mental Health Consumer and Carer Forum; Lived Experience Member, National Safety and Quality Community Mental Health Service Standards Advisory Group; Lived Experience Member, NDIS Psychosocial Disability Stakeholder Reference Group; Member, Military and Emergency Services Health Australia International Service Families Research Consortium; Community Member, SA Branch RANZCP; Member, Mental Health Reform Advisory Committee.  
Qualifications: BA, DipEd, MSW, PhD

**MR MARK ORR AM – Director, Interim Board Chair from 6 May 2024**

Elected: 2020  
Sub-Committees: Chair, Governance Committee  
Occupation: CEO, Flourish Australia; Director, Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations Ltd t/a Health Equity Matters; Director, Mental Health Coordinating Council Ltd; Independent Member, ACON Health Ltd Board Finance and Audit Committee; Chair, ACON Health Ltd Pride in Health and Wellbeing Advisory Group; Chair, Mental Health Commission of NSW Advisory Council.  
Qualifications: BSc (Hons); M Hlth Serv Mgt; M e-Hlth (HI); Grad Dip Spec Ed; Grad Dip App Corp Gov; Grad Cert App Fin and Invest; GAICD; FGIA; FCG(CS); MAAPi; Registered Psychologist

**Ms MARIE PIU – Director**

Elected: 2022  
Sub-Committees: Member, FARM Committee  
Occupation: CEO, Tandem; Member, Mental Health Carers Australia; Member, Victorian Mental Health Advisory Committee; Member, Australian Psychological Society; Member, Eastern PHN Community Advisory Group; Member, Lived Experience Strategic Partnership; Mental health and AOD Expert Advisory group member, Northwest Melbourne PHN.  
Qualifications: BA, Grad Dip App Psych, MAPS, Registered Psychologist

**MS HELEN ROWELL – Director (from 4 April 2024)**

Appointed: 2024  
Occupation: Independent Director; Australian Retirement Trust, Director, NSW State Insurance Regulatory Authority  
Qualifications: BA, FIAA

**DR EVELYNE TADROS – Director (from 28 November 2023)**

Elected: 2023  
Sub-Committees: Member, Governance Committee  
Occupation: Mental Health Coordinating Council NSW, CEO; St John Ambulance NSW, Board Director; St Vincent de Paul NSW, Board Director; Community Mental Health Australia, Member Executive; Mental Health Alliance, Member; Agency for Clinical Innovation, Mental Health Network, Executive Committee Member; NSW Psychosocial Research Project, Committee Member; Central East Sydney PHN, Mental Health & Suicide Prevention, Steering Committee Member; PHN/CMO Working Group, Member; NSW Mental Health Commission Review Expert Advisory Group, Member.  
Qualifications: HScD.; MBehSc (Child and Adolescent Health); GAICD; BA; Dip Counselling

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR MELANIE TURNER – Director (from 28 November 2023)**

Elected: 2023  
Sub-Committees: Chair, FARM Committee (from 28 November 2023)  
Occupation: The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP), Delegate; SA Health, Office of the Chief Psychiatrist, Deputy Chief Psychiatrist SA; South Australian Board of the Medical Board of Australia, Board Member; Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board South Australia, Presiding Member; AMC Specialist Education Accreditation Committee (SEAC) Standards Working Group, Member; Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Advisory Committee, Member.  
Qualifications: BApp Sc; MBBS; FRANZCP; Cert Child Adol Psych, PhD; Grad Cert Health Mgt; GAICD, AFRACMA

**COMPANY SECRETARY****MS KATHRYN SEQUOIA**

Appointed: 1 July 2022  
Occupation: Governance Advisor and Company Secretary, Mental Health Australia Limited;  
Qualifications: CertGovNFP, CertGovPrac

**FARM COMMITTEE EXTERNAL MEMBERS**

Mental Health Australia would like to acknowledge the pro-bono contributions of the external members of the FARM Committee.

**MR DEAN BOLAND**

Appointed: 2019  
Sub-Committees: Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee  
Occupation: Director, 1LM Finance Advisory; Audit Committee Chair of the Army Amenities Fund (AAF) Company  
Qualifications: BCom (Accounting & Commercial Law); Member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ)

**MR KEN MAXWELL**

Appointed: 2019

Sub-Committees: Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee

Occupation: Strategy Executive

Qualifications: GAICD; MNucSci; MBA (Executive); AGSM; BEHons (Aeronautical); Dip Government (Management); Dip Bus (Frontline Management); CPEng (Engineers Australia), Hon.Fellow RSPHys ANU

**DIRECTORS' MEETINGS 2023-24**

The number of directors' meetings (including meetings of committees of directors) held during the financial year and the number of meetings attended by each director is as follows:

	Board Meetings		Finance, Audit and Risk Management (FARM) Committee		Governance Committee	
	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended	Eligible	Attended
Mr Matthew Berriman	5	4	-	-	-	-
Dr Catherine Andronis	7	7	-	-	4	4
Ms Nicola Ballenden	4	4	2	2	-	-
Ms Tamara Cavenett	7	6	-	-	4	2
Ms Georgina Harman	3	3	2	2	-	-
Prof Sharon Lawn (Nanai)	7	7	-	-	4	4
Mr Mark Orr	7	7	-	-	4	4
Ms Marie Piu	7	4*	4	2*	-	-
Ms Helen Rowell	3	3	-	-	-	-
Mr Ashley de Silva	3	3	2	2	-	-
Dr Evelyne Tadros	4	4	-	-	2	2
Assoc Prof Melanie Turner	4	4	2	2	-	-
<b>FARM Committee External Members</b>						
Mr Dean Boland	-	-	4	4	-	-
Mr Ken Maxwell	-	-	4	4	-	-

\*Absent due long service leave

**MEMBERS GUARANTEE**

As at 30 June 2024, there were 142 liable members made up of 85 full members and 57 associate members. In the event the company is wound up, each member is required to contribute \$2 towards meeting outstanding obligations of the company, to a total contribution of \$284.

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

The auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2024 has been received and can be found on page 9 of the financial report.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors, pursuant to section 298(2)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001



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Mr Mark Orr AM, Director



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Assoc Prof Melanie Turner, Director

Dated: 18 October 2024



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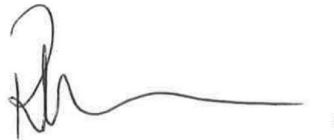
**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

As lead auditor for the audit of the financial report of Mental Health Australia Limited for the year ended 30 June 2024, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements of the *Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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**RSM AUSTRALIA PARTNERS**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rodney Miller', with a long horizontal flourish.

**RODNEY MILLER**  
Partner

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory  
Dated: 28 October 2024

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**General information**

The financial statements cover Mental Health Australia Limited as an individual entity. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is Mental Health Australia Limited's functional and presentation currency.

Mental Health Australia Limited is a not-for-profit unlisted public company limited by guarantee.

The financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of Directors, on 18 October 2024. The Directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

**Mental Health Australia Ltd**  
**Statement of Comprehensive Income**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2024**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2</b>	5,210,696	4,388,365
<b>Expenses</b>			
Contractor and consultancy expenses		(1,259,926)	(1,002,314)
Employee costs		(2,502,655)	(2,181,316)
Marketing and fundraising		(70,695)	(119,440)
Meeting costs		(193,631)	(164,522)
Office and administration costs		(206,251)	(180,360)
Other expenditure		(101,774)	(195,537)
Sitting fees		(126,488)	(96,821)
Travel		(269,841)	(299,066)
Depreciation		(20,240)	(20,065)
Depreciation - right-of-use asset		(199,910)	(203,483)
Interest - lease liability		(17,017)	(25,545)
		<u>(4,968,428)</u>	<u>(4,488,469)</u>
<b>Total comprehensive income/ (loss) for the year</b>		<u><b>242,268</b></u>	<u><b>(100,104)</b></u>

*The above statement comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes*

**Mental Health Australia Ltd**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As at 30 June 2024**

		<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Assets</b>	<b>Note</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	<b>3</b>	782,816	2,099,388
Trade and other receivables	<b>4</b>	151,433	158,568
Other financial assets	<b>5</b>	4,627,895	2,125,260
Other assets	<b>6</b>	41,183	64,459
Total current assets		<u>5,603,327</u>	<u>4,447,675</u>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	<b>7(a)</b>	33,564	35,789
Right-of-use assets	<b>7(b)</b>	199,910	399,820
Total non-current assets		<u>233,474</u>	<u>435,609</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b><u>5,836,801</u></b>	<b><u>4,883,284</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	<b>8</b>	512,032	407,568
Contract liabilities	<b>9</b>	2,140,730	1,506,531
Current tax liabilities	<b>10</b>	199,949	92,965
Provisions	<b>11</b>	165,895	128,047
Lease liabilities	<b>14</b>	200,241	184,295
Total current liabilities		<u>3,218,847</u>	<u>2,319,406</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Provisions	<b>11</b>	69,295	57,246
Lease liabilities	<b>14</b>	-	200,241
Total non-current liabilities		<u>69,295</u>	<u>257,487</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b><u>3,288,142</u></b>	<b><u>2,576,893</u></b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b><u>2,548,659</u></b>	<b><u>2,306,391</u></b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Retained earnings		<u>2,548,659</u>	<u>2,306,391</u>
<b>Total equity</b>		<b><u>2,548,659</u></b>	<b><u>2,306,391</u></b>

*The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes*

**Mental Health Australia Ltd**  
**Statement of Changes in Equity**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2024**

	<b>Retained earnings</b>	<b>Total equity</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Balance at 1 July 2022	2,406,495	2,406,495
Loss attributable to members of the Company	(100,104)	(100,104)
Balance at 30 June 2023	<b>2,306,391</b>	<b>2,306,391</b>
Balance at 1 July 2023	2,306,391	2,306,391
Income attributable to members of the Company	242,268	242,268
Balance at 30 June 2024	<b>2,548,659</b>	<b>2,548,659</b>

*The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes*

**Mental Health Australia Ltd**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2024**

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from customers		6,203,374	4,822,563
Payments to suppliers and employees		(4,936,655)	(4,503,713)
Interest received		154,296	49,876
Lease interest paid		(17,017)	(25,545)
Net cash from operating activities		<u>1,403,998</u>	<u>343,181</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(18,015)	(15,142)
Receipts (payments) for term deposits		(2,502,635)	1,009,594
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities		<u>(2,520,650)</u>	<u>994,452</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Lease liability paid		(199,920)	(198,183)
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(199,920)</u>	<u>(198,183)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(1,316,572)	1,139,450
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		2,099,388	959,938
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	<b>3</b>	<u><u>782,816</u></u>	<u><u>2,099,388</u></u>

*The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes*

### **Note 1. Significant accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### **New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted**

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

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

The adoption of these Accounting Standards and Interpretations did not have any significant impact on the financial performance or position of the company.

#### **Basis of preparation**

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures issued by the AASB, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and associated regulations, as appropriate for not-for-profit oriented entities.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, 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. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

#### **Revenue recognition**

##### *Grants*

Grant funding that contains specific conditions and enforceable obligations on the use of those funds are recognised per AASB 15, such that income is recognised as and when the Company satisfies its performance obligations stated within the funding agreements. For such grants it is the policy of the Company to treat grant monies as contract liabilities in the statement of financial position where the Company is contractually obliged to provide the services in a subsequent financial period to when the grant is received or in the case of specific project grants where the project has not been completed. General grants that do not impose specific performance obligations on the Company are recognised as per AASB 1058 where income is recognised when the Company obtains control of those funds, which is usually on receipt.

##### *Member subscriptions*

Membership subscriptions is recognised for the period of the membership.

##### *Donations and sponsorship*

Donations and sponsorships are recognised as income when received.

##### *Other revenue*

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or the right to receive payment is established.

##### *Interest*

Interest income is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefit will flow to the Company and the amount of revenue can be reliably measured. Interest income is accrued on a time basis by reference to the principal and the effective interest rate applicable.

#### **Income Tax**

No provision for income tax has been raised as the Company is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

**Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

**Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

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

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the ATO, are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

**Right-of-use assets**

A right-of-use asset is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for, as applicable, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date net of any lease incentives received, any initial direct costs incurred, and, except where included in the cost of inventories, an estimate of costs expected to be incurred for dismantling and removing the underlying asset, and restoring the site or asset.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the asset, whichever is the shorter. Where the Company expects to obtain ownership of the leased asset at the end of the lease term, the depreciation is over its estimated useful life. Right-of-use assets are subject to impairment or adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

The Company has elected not to recognise a right-of-use asset and corresponding lease liability for short-term leases with terms of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets. Lease payments on these assets are expensed to profit or loss as incurred.

**Lease liability**

A lease liability is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments to be made over the term of the lease, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Company's incremental borrowing rate. Lease payments comprise of fixed payments less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees, exercise price of a purchase option when the exercise of the option is reasonably certain to occur, and any anticipated termination penalties. The variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Lease liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The carrying amounts are remeasured if there is a change in the following: future lease payments arising from a change in an index or a rate used; residual guarantee; lease term; certainty of a purchase option and termination penalties. When a lease liability is remeasured, an adjustment is made to the corresponding right-of-use asset, or to profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset is fully written down.

**Comparative Figures**

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

When the Company retrospectively applies an accounting policy, makes a retrospective restatement or reclassifies items in its financial statements, an additional statement of financial position as at the beginning of the preceding comparative period, in addition to the minimum comparative financial statements, must be disclosed. Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority.



**Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

**Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

*Employee benefits provision*

The liability for employee benefits expected to be settled more than 12 months from the reporting date are recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation have been taken into account.

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	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Note 2. Revenue</b>		
Operating grants	4,755,789	4,046,901
Member subscriptions	144,249	140,671
Donations and sponsorship	9,977	46,805
Other revenue	146,385	104,112
Interest received	154,296	49,876
	<u><b>5,210,696</b></u>	<u><b>4,388,365</b></u>

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Note 3. Cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Cash at bank	782,816	2,099,388
	<u><b>782,816</b></u>	<u><b>2,099,388</b></u>

**Accounting policy**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position. As at 30 June 2024, the company has unutilised loan facilities of \$47,000.

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Note 4. Trade and other receivables</b>		
Trade receivables	35,417	114,137
Accrued income	116,016	44,431
	<u><b>151,433</b></u>	<u><b>158,568</b></u>

**Accounting policy**

Trade and other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any allowance for expected credit losses.

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Note 5. Other financial assets</b>		
Term deposits	<u><b>4,627,895</b></u>	<u><b>2,125,260</b></u>

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Note 6. Other assets</b>		
Prepayments	<u><b>41,183</b></u>	<u><b>64,459</b></u>

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	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Note 7(a). Property, plant and equipment</b>		
Computers & Office equipment - at cost	319,345	301,330
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(285,781)</u>	<u>(265,541)</u>
	<b><u>33,564</u></b>	<b><u>35,789</u></b>
Leasehold improvements - at cost	272,054	272,054
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(272,054)</u>	<u>(272,054)</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<b><u>33,564</u></b>	<b><u>35,789</u></b>

**Movements in carrying amounts**

Movements in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	<b>Computers &amp; Office Equipment</b>	<b>Leasehold Improvements</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance at 1 July 2023	35,789	-	35,789
Additions	18,015	-	18,015
Depreciation expense	<u>(20,240)</u>	-	<u>(20,240)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2024	<b><u>33,564</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>33,564</u></b>

**Note 7(a). Non-current assets - property, plant and equipment (continued)**

**Accounting policy**

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

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis and are therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses are recognised either in profit or loss or as a revaluation decrease if the impairment losses relate to a revalued asset. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are recognised as expenses in profit or loss in the financial period in which they are incurred.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the Company commencing from the time the asset is available for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are:

Leasehold improvements	7.5%
Office equipment	20% - 33.3%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

At the end of each reporting period, the Company assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. The assessment will include the consideration of external and internal sources of information. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Where the future economic benefits of the asset are not primarily dependent upon the asset's ability to generate net cash inflows and when the Company would, if deprived of the asset, replace its remaining future economic benefits, value in use is determined as the depreciated replacement cost of an asset.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

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	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Note 7(b). Property, plant and equipment</b>		
Right of use asset is the Company's non-cancellable property lease of Mental Health Australia Limited's office and Motor Vehicle lease (Motor Vehicle lease terminated in FY2023).		
<b>AASB 16 related amounts recognised in the statement of financial position:</b>		
Right-of-use asset - leased premises & motor vehicle	599,730	599,730
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(399,820)	(199,910)
	<u><b>199,910</b></u>	<u><b>399,820</b></u>

<b>AASB 16 related amounts recognised in the statement of profit and loss:</b>		
Depreciation charge relating to right-of-use asset	199,910	203,483
Interest expenses on lease liabilities	17,017	25,545
	<u><b>216,927</b></u>	<u><b>229,028</b></u>

The leased premise agreement will expire on 30 June 2025. There is no contract in place for a new premise as management is exploring its options.

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Note 8. Trade and other payables</b>		
Trade payables	381,076	289,467
Accrued expenses	130,956	118,101
	<u><b>512,032</b></u>	<u><b>407,568</b></u>

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Note 9. Contract liabilities</b>		
Contract liabilities	<u><b>2,140,730</b></u>	<u><b>1,506,531</b></u>

As at 30 June 2024, contract liabilities includes \$1.3 million received in advance from the Department of Health for the Embrace Project.

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Note 10. Tax liabilities</b>		
PAYG	38,540	71,074
GST payable	158,138	20,853
ABN withholding	3,271	1,038
	<u><b>199,949</b></u>	<u><b>92,965</b></u>

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	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Note 11. Provisions</b>		
Current		
Annual leave entitlements	112,846	92,799
Long service leave entitlements	53,049	35,248
	<u><b>165,895</b></u>	<u><b>128,047</b></u>
Non-Current		
Long service leave entitlements	20,632	10,000
Provision for make good (office lease)	48,663	47,246
	<u><b>69,295</b></u>	<u><b>57,246</b></u>

**Accounting policy**

Short-term employee provisions

Provision is made for the Company's obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages and salaries. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

Other long-term employee provisions

Provision is made for employees' long service leave and annual leave entitlements not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Other long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on high quality corporate bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Upon the remeasurement of obligations for other long-term employee benefits, the net change in the obligation is recognised in profit or loss as a part of employee benefits expense.

**Note 12. Key management personnel disclosures**

Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, directly or indirectly, including any Director is considered key management personnel.

The totals of remuneration paid to key management personnel of the Company during the year are as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Aggregate compensation	<u><b>867,505</b></u>	<u><b>676,187</b></u>

**Note 13. Contingent liabilities**

The Company had no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2024.

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	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Note 14. Lease liabilities</b>		
Lease liability - current	200,241	184,295
Lease liability - non-current	-	200,241
	<u><b>200,241</b></u>	<u><b>384,536</b></u>

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Note 15. Auditors Remuneration</b>		
During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by RSM Australia Partners		
Audit of financial statements	17,500	16,500
Audit of acquittals	4,300	6,000
Other services	3,700	3,500
	<u><b>25,500</b></u>	<u><b>26,000</b></u>

**Note 16. Related party transactions**

*Key management personnel*

Disclosures relating to key management personnel are set out in note 12.

*Transactions with related parties*

The Chair and the directors nominated by a Consumer Member and a Carer Member may receive an annual honorarium. The amount of any honorarium is to be determined by the Board every year. The Board uses rates set by the Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal to guide its decision making.

In 2023-24, the annual amounts determined by the Board were \$8,000 per annum (Chair) and \$5,000 per annum (directors nominated by a Consumer Member and a Carer Member). An Elected Director received remuneration (\$1,468) for participation in National Mental Health Consumer & Carer Forum Committees.

*Receivable from and payable to related parties*

There were no trade receivables from or trade payables to related parties at the current and previous reporting date.

*Loans to/from related parties*

There were no loans to or from related parties at the current and previous reporting date.

**Note 17. Economic dependency**

The company receives significant financial support from the Department of Health and Aged Care in the form of grant funding. The core funding contract with the Department of Health commenced on 1 July 2019 and expired on 30 June 2022, a new grant was executed for an additional three years, concluding on 30 June 2025. All contracts are currently under negotiations and there are no material locked-in contracts after 30 June 2025.

**Note 18. Events after the reporting period**

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2024 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Company's operations, the results of those operations, or the Company's state of affairs in future financial years.

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**Note 19. 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 \$2 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations to the Company. At 30 June 2024, the number of members was 142.

**Note 20. Company Details**

The registered office of the Company is:  
Mental Health Australia Ltd  
ALIA House, Level 1 9-11 Napier Close  
Deakin ACT 2600

The principal place of business is:  
Mental Health Australia Ltd  
ALIA House, Level 1 9-11 Napier Close  
Deakin ACT 2600



**Mental Health Australia Ltd**  
**Directors' Declaration**  
**30 June 2024**

In the Directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the Corporations Act 2001, the Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and associated regulations, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- 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 a resolution of directors made pursuant to section 295(5)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001

On behalf of the Directors



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Mr Mark Orr AM, Director



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Assoc Prof Melanie Turner, Director

Dated: 18 October 2024

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT To the Members of Mental Health Australia Limited

### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Mental Health Australia Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policies, and the declaration by those charged with governance.

In our opinion, the financial report of Mental Health Australia Limited has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - *Simplified Disclosures* and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

### 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 Mental Health Australia Limited in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

### Other Information

Those charged with governance are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in Mental Health Australia Limited's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024, but does not include the financial report and the auditor's report thereon.

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

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

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

#### **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report**

The Directors of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - *Simplified Disclosures* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and for such internal control as the Directors 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 Directors are responsible for assessing Mental Health Australia Limited'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 management either intends to liquidate Mental Health Australia Limited or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.


#### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: [http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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**RSM AUSTRALIA PARTNERS**

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**RODNEY MILLER**  
Partner

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory  
Dated: 28 October 2024