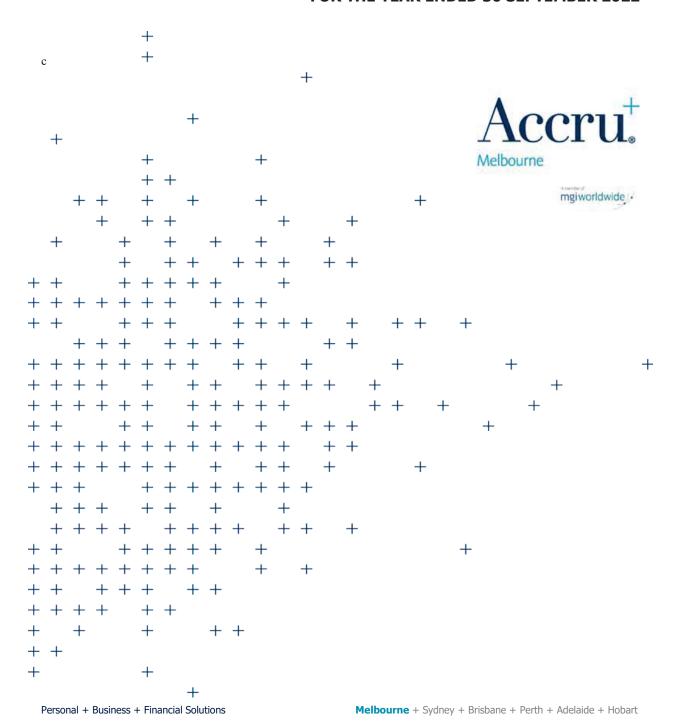


## AUSTRALIAN CORPORATE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION TRADING AS ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE COUNSEL AUSTRALIA (ACC AUSTRALIA) ABN: 97 003 186 767

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022



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## **Directors' Report**

## 30 September 2022

The directors present their report on Australian Corporate Lawyers Association trading as Association of Corporate Counsel Australia (ACC Australia) for the financial year ended 30 September 2022.

#### **Directors**

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

Names Position

Carolyn Mei Ramsay
National President

Teresa Cleary
National Vice-President;
NSW Division- Vice President

Theo Kapodistrias TAS Division - President Svlvia Hands VIC Division - President Virna Trout QLD Division - President Peter Koutsoukos SA Division - President Irene Kuo WA Division- Vice President Ishani Das ACT Division - President NSW Division - President Lori Middlehurst Anna Young Appointed Representatives Justin Coss Appointed Representatives Jonathan Downes Appointed Representatives

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

Appointed Representatives

#### **Principal activities**

Since 1 July 2015, ACC Australia has been operating under an integration agreement with the global bar association, the Association of Corporate Counsel. During the financial period, the principal continuing activities of the company are to provide services to in-house lawyers working for corporations and government in Australia.

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

### Objectives

Kevin Buck

ACC Australia's mission is to advance the knowledge and understanding of Australian in-house legal practice through the provision of education for the public and the in-house profession, and advocacy, networking and professional services to its members.

#### Vision

ACC Australia is the leading voice and membership of choice for Australian in-house lawyers.

ACC Australia does this by:

- Developing the knowledge base about and for the in-house profession;
- Fostering member collaboration in forums, network and think tanks;
- Championing the professional recognition of in-house lawyers publicly and recognising personal standing;
- Advocating on matters of interest to the in-house profession to shape our nation's corporate legal environment
  and promote the understanding of the law within the business and legal communities and by the public;

### Australian Corporate Lawyers Association (Trading as ACC Australia)

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## **Directors' Report**

## 30 September 2022

#### Vision

- Providing cutting-edge in-house specific and developed education:
- Supporting members with the tools and services they need to excel personally and professionally in their careers
  and to be able to give back to the community as a whole.

ACC Australia aims to achieve its vision by:

- · upholding in-house lawyers' value of being ethical and independent;
- facilitating inclusive and collaborative relationships within and outside the legal profession;
- promoting the interests, advancement and professional recognition of in-house lawyers; and
- · providing in-house lawyers with the education and resources necessary to excel personally and professionally.

#### Information on directors

The following persons were directors of ACC Australia during the whole of the financial period and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

#### Office Bearers

Carolyn Mei Ramsay National President

Job Title Group Executive - Legal, Governance & Compliance at Medibank Private Limited

Qualifications LLB; BA; and LLM

Responsibilities Member of Nomination Committee

Member of Executive Committee

Teresa Cleary National Vice-President

NSW Division- Vice President

Job Title Group General Counsel & Company Secretary at Elixinol Wellness Limited.

Qualifications LLB; BA; GDip Legal Practice; FGIA, and GAICD

Responsibilities Member of the Nominations Committee (from March 2022)

Chair of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee (up to February 2022)

Member of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee

Member of Executive Committee

## State Representatives

Theo Kapodistrias TAS Division – President

Job Title Legal and Commercial Manager, Tourism Tasmania

Qualifications LLB; BA; GDip Legal Practice

Responsibilities Member of the Nomination Committee (up to March 2022)

Chair of the Sponsorship Committee

Sylvia Hands VIC Division - President

Job Title General Counsel at Amplifon Australia (up to 21 October 2022)

Qualifications LLB; BCom

Responsibilities Member of Finance, Audit and Risk Committee (from March 2022)

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## **Directors' Report**

### 30 September 2022

#### Information on directors

The following persons were directors of ACC Australia during the whole of the financial period and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

Virna Trout QLD Division – President

Job Title Head of Legal, Australia, South East Asia and China at FLSmidth

Qualifications LLB (Hons); BCom; GAICD

Responsibilities Member of Sponsorship Committee

Peter Koutsoukos SA Division – President

Job Title Group Legal Counsel & Company Secretary at Bridgestone Australia Limited

Qualifications BA; LLB; GDip Legal Practice; Diploma of Management Responsibilities Member of the Nominations Committee (from March 2022)

Irene Kuo WA Division- Vice President

Job Title Manager - Legal, Projects at Fortescue Metals Group

Qualifications LLB; LLM; BCom; GDip Legal Practice Responsibilities Member of Sponsorship Committee

Ishani Das ACT Division - President

Job Title Public Law

Qualifications Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice; LLB

Lori Middlehurst NSW Division - President

Job Title Senior Director Global Employment Counsel (JAPAC) at Salesforce.

Qualifications JD Law; BA; GAICD; CA Bar Admission (current)
Responsibilities Member of Finance, Audit & Risk Committee

### **Appointed Representatives**

Anna Young Appointed Director

Job Title Chair of Stelect Pty Ltd

General Manager Risk & Legal and Company Secretary at Programmed (up to 19 August

2022)

Qualifications LLB (Hons); LLM; BSc; GradCert InfTech
Responsibilities Member of Finance, Audit and Risk Committee

Chair of Finance, Audit and Risk Committee (from March 2022)

Member of Executive Committee

Member of VIC Division – Executive Committee.

Justin Coss Appointed Director

Immediate Past National President

Job Title Group General Counsel & Company Secretary at Noumi Limited

Qualifications LLB; BA; Dip CII Insurance; Grad Dip (Applied Corporate Governance)

Responsibilities Chair of the Nominations Committee

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## **Directors' Report**

### 30 September 2022

#### Information on directors

The following persons were directors of ACC Australia during the whole of the financial period and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

Jonathan Downes Appointed Director

Job Title General Counsel of Minter Ellison (from October 2022)

Qualifications LLB (Hons); Grad Dip (Applied Corporate Governance)

Responsibilities Member of Finance, Audit and Risk Committee

Member of NSW Division - Executive Committee

Kevin Buck Appointed Director (from 4 April 2022)

Job Title ACC Global Chief Operating Officer

Responsibilities Member of the Finance & Audit Committee (from 4 April 2022)

**Company Secretary** 

Clare Hennessy Joint Company Secretary (up to 29 April 2022)

Job Title Senior Legal Counsel at Programmed Maintenance Services Limited

Qualifications LLB; BA (Hons)

Nick Galloway Joint Company Secretary (up to 5 May 2022)

Job Title Regional Counsel at PPG
Qualifications LLB; MBA; GAICD

Jin Poh Company Secretary (from 4 April 2022)
Job Title Head of Legal Super Retail Group Limited

Qualifications LLB; BBus; GDip Legal Practice

Responsibilities Member of QLD Division

Member of the National Pro Bono Committee

#### Company secretary

Clare Hennessy was appointed Joint Company Secretary on 7 July 2021 and resigned on 29 April 2022. Clare is Senior Legal Counsel at Programmed Maintenance Services Limited and has experience in senior roles in a corporate environment.

Nick Galloway was appointed Joint Company Secretary on 23 September 2021 and resigned on 5 May 2022. Nick is the Regional Counsel at PPG and has experience in senior roles in a corporate environment.

Jin Poh was appointed Company Secretary on 4 April 2022. Jin is the Head of Legal at Super Retail Group Limited and has experience in senior roles in a corporate environment.

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## **Directors' Report**

## 30 September 2022

#### Meetings of directors

The number of meetings of the company's Board of Directors (**Board**) held during the period ended 30 September 2022, the number of meetings attended by each director were:

	Directors' Meetings		
	Number of meetings attended	Number of meeting eligible to attend	
Carolyn Mei Ramsay	6	6	
Teresa Cleary	6	6	
Theo Kapodistrias	5	6	
Sylvia Hands	5	6	
Virna Trout	6	6	
Peter Koutsoukos	6	6	
Irene Kuo	5	6	
Ishani Das	2	6	
Lori Middlehurst	6	6	
Anna Young	6	6	
Justin Coss	5	6	
Jonathan Downes	5	6	
Kevin Buck	2	3	

### Meetings of Finance, Audit and Risk Committee (FAR Committee)

The number of FAR Committee meetings and the number of meetings attended by each FAR Committee member during the financial period were:

	Committee Members' Meetings		
	No. of meetings No. of meetings Attended eligible to attend		
Anna Young	8	8	
Teresa Cleary	7	8	
Sylvia Hands	5	5	
Lori Middlehurst	8	8	
Jonathan Downes	6	8	
Kevin Buck	5	5	

### Contributions on winding up

In the event of the company being wound up, every member of the company is required to contribute a maximum of \$100 each.

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## Directors' Report 30 September 2022

#### Subsequent events

The impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is ongoing and has not been financially positive for the company up to 30 September 2022, it is not practicable to estimate the potential impact, positive or negative, after the reporting date. The situation is rapidly developing and is dependent on measures imposed by the Australian Government and other countries, such as maintaining social distancing requirements, quarantine, travel restrictions and any economic stimulus that may be provided.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the entity's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

#### Auditor's independence declaration

The auditor's independence declaration in accordance with section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* for the year ended 30 September 2022 is set out immediately after this directors' report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors, pursuant to section 298(2)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.

Docusigned by:  Carolyn Mci Ramsay  FFBC883821E4485  Director:	Director:  Discossigned by:  111154 ULANY  3E2F447D40F4491
C M Ramsay	T Cleary
Director	Director

Dated 8 November 2022

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Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 60-40 of the Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 to the Responsible Persons of Australian Corporate Lawyers Association trading as Association of Corporate Counsel Australia (ACC Australia)

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 September 2022, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

ACCRU MELBOURNE (AUDIT) PTY LTD

Cameron J Flynn
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Director

8 November 2022

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

		12 months ending 30 September 2022	15 months ending 30 September 2021
	Note	\$	\$
Revenue	2	884,755	810,036
Finance income		142	51
Other income	2	76,180	402,790
Employee benefits expense		(487,123)	(705,981)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(6,163)	(11,308)
Conference expenses		(196,065)	(254,952)
National office expenses		(226,238)	(213,554)
Board and committee expenses		(7,244)	(4,881)
Travel expenses		(10,559)	(5,374)
Other expenses	_	(60,076)	(58,012)
Deficit for the year	_	(32,391)	(41,185)
Other comprehensive income for the year	_	<u> </u>	
Total comprehensive income for the year	_	(32,391)	(41,185)

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## **Statement of Financial Position**

## As At 30 September 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	282,098	241,506
Trade and other receivables	4	267,387	253,604
Other assets	6	185,242	59,046
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		734,727	554,156
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	5	3,643	6,201
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		3,643	6,201
TOTAL ASSETS	_	738,370	560,357
LIABILITIES CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	7	174,286	141,905
Employee benefits	9	69,056	62,014
Other liabilities	8	404,666	238,173
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		648,008	442,092
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee benefits	9	4,488	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		4,488	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		652,496	442,092
NET ASSETS		85,874	118,265
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		85,874	118,265
TOTAL EQUITY		85,874	118,265

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## **Statement of Changes in Equity**

For the Year Ended 30 September 2022

2022

2022	B. G. C. J.	
	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 October 2021	118,265	118,265
Deficit for the year	(32,391)	(32,391)
Balance at 30 September 2022	<u>85,874</u>	85,874
2021		
	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2020	159,450	159,450
Deficit for the year	(41,185)	(41,185)
Balance at 30 September 2021	118,265	118,265

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## **Statement of Cash Flows**

## For the Year Ended 30 September 2022

		12 months ending 30 September 2022	15 months ending 30 September 2021
	Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipts from customers		1,222,914	1,466,519
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,178,859)	(1,565,845)
Interest received		142	51
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	_	44,197	(99,275)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(3,605)	(5,031)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	_	(3,605)	(5,031)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		40,592	(104,306)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	_	241,506	345,812
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	3	282,098	241,506

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### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

## For the Year Ended 30 September 2022

The financial report covers Australian Corporate Lawyers Association trading as Association of Corporate Counsel Australia (ACC Australia) as an individual entity. ACC Australia is a not-for-profit Company, registered and domiciled in Australia.

The functional and presentation currency of ACC Australia is Australian dollars.

The current year financial statements are for the 12 months ending 30 September 2022. Comparatives are for the 15 month period ending 30 September 2021.

#### **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.* 

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.

#### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### (a) Revenue and other income

#### Revenue from contracts with customers

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services.

Generally the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

None of the revenue streams of the Company have any significant financing terms as there is less than 12 months between receipt of funds and satisfaction of performance obligations.

#### Specific revenue streams

The revenue recognition policies for the principal revenue streams of the Company are:

#### Membership revenue

Membership fees represent a rebate paid from Association of Corporate Asia Pacific for member fees. As per the intergration agreement between the two entities, the Company receives 25% (2021: 10%) of all membership fees collected by Association of Corporate Counsel Asia Pacific annually.

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### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

## For the Year Ended 30 September 2022

#### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### (a) Revenue and other income

#### Specific revenue streams

#### Corporate Alliance Partner (CAP) Program revenue

Revenue from CAP program is recognised over the period of the program on the basis that reflects the timing, nature and value of the benefits provided.

#### Sales Revenue

Revenue from conferences, events, sponsorship and project income are recognised when the events take place.

#### Statement of financial position balances relating to revenue recognition

#### **Contract liabilities**

Contract liabilities represent the company's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer and are recognised when a customer pays consideration, or when the company recognises a receivable to reflect its unconditional right to consideration (whichever is earlier) before the company has transferred the goods or services to the customer.

#### Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the Company is entitled to it.

### (b) Income Tax

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

#### (c) 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.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

## (d) Property, plant and equipment

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

Items of property, plant and equipment acquired for significantly less than fair value have been recorded at the

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### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

## For the Year Ended 30 September 2022

#### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

## (d) Property, plant and equipment acquisition date fair value.

#### Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured using the cost model.

#### Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the Company, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

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

#### **Fixed asset class**

#### **Depreciation rate**

Plant and Equipment

10-50%

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

#### (e) Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised initially 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
- fair value through other comprehensive income equity instrument (FVOCI equity)
- fair value through other comprehensive income debt investments (FVOCI debt)

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### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### (e) Financial instruments

#### Financial assets

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Company changes its business model for managing financial assets.

#### 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.

The Company does not have any assets recorded as fair value through other comprehensive income or financial assets through profit or loss.

#### 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 asset 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 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 Company in accordance with the contract and the cash flows expected to be received. This is applied using a probability weighted approach.

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

## For the Year Ended 30 September 2022

#### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### (e) Financial instruments

#### Financial assets

#### 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.

### (f) 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.

#### (g) Employee benefits

Provision is made for the Company's liability for employee benefits, those benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements. Cashflows are discounted using market yields on high quality corporate bond rates incorporating bonds rated AAA or AA by credit agencies, with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cashflows. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in profit or loss.

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

## For the Year Ended 30 September 2022

#### 2 Revenue and Other Income

### Revenue from continuing operations

		2022	2021
		\$	\$
	Revenue from contracts with customers (AASB 15)		
	- Membership Fees	224,476	137,655
	Conference, events, sponsorship	368,601	443,199
-	- CAP Income	-	111,344
-	- Project Income	291,678	117,838
7	Total Revenue	884,755	810,036
	Other Income	57.500	75.000
	- royalties - other income	57,538	75,623
	Government subsidies	18,642	152,867 174,300
		<del>-</del>	
	Total Other Income	76,180	402,790
	Total Revenue and Other Income	960,935	1,212,826
3 (	Cash and Cash Equivalents		
(	Cash at bank and in hand	282,098	241,506
		282,098	241,506
4	Trade and Other Receivables		
(	CURRENT		
-	Trade receivables	186,538	99,768
F	Provision for impairment	(3,000)	-
		183,538	99,768
(	Other receivables	83,849	153,836
7	Total current trade and other receivables	267,387	253,604

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### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

## For the Year Ended 30 September 2022

### 5 Property, plant and equipment

	2022 \$	2021 \$
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and equipment At cost Accumulated depreciation	36,626 (32,983)	33,021 (26,820)
Total plant and equipment	3,643	6,201
Total property, plant and equipment	3,643	6,201

#### (a) Movements in Carrying Amounts

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

the end of the current financial year:		
	Plant and	
	Equipment	Total
	\$	\$
Year ended 30 September 2022		
Balance at the beginning of year	6,201	6,201
Additions	3,605	3,605
Depreciation expense	(6,163)	(6,163)
Balance at the end of the year	3,643	3,643
Other non-financial assets		
CURRENT		
Prenayments	185 242	59 046

## 7 Trade and Other Payables

CURRENT

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Trade payables 174,286 141,905

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

## 8 Other Liabilities

CURRENT

Contract liabilities 404,666 238,173

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

## For the Year Ended 30 September 2022

## 9 Employee Benefits

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Current liabilities		
Long service leave	18,420	14,306
Provision for employee benefits	50,636	47,708
	69,056	62,014
Non-current liabilities		
Long service leave	4,488	-
10 Financial Risk Management		
Financial assets		
Held at amortised cost		
Cash and cash equivalents	282,098	241,506
Trade and other receivables	267,387	253,604
Total financial assets	549,485	495,110
Financial liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	174,286	141,905
Total financial liabilities	174,286	141,905

## 11 Key Management Personnel Disclosures

The remuneration paid to key management personnel of the Company is \$ 173,296 (2021: 15 months \$ 211,584).

### 12 Auditors' Remuneration

Remuneration of the auditor for:

- auditing or reviewing the financial statements	13,500	18,500
Total	13,500	18,500

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

## For the Year Ended 30 September 2022

#### 13 Contingencies

In the opinion of those charged with governance, the Company did not have any contingencies at 30 September 2022 (30 September 2021:None).

#### 14 Related Parties

#### The Company's main related parties are as follows:

Key management personnel - refer to Note 11.

Transactions with related parties

The company has an alliance with Association of Corporate Counsel Asia Pacific Ltd (ACC Asia Pac) as per a signed integration agreement. During the year, the company has billed membership rebates (the membership rebate increased from 10% in 2021 to 25% in 2022) and shared expenses at \$207,321 (2021: \$91,162) to ACC Asia Pac. The outstanding balance as at 30 September 2022 is a receivable of \$76,636 (30 June 2021: \$39,110).

During the year, the company also received grant income from Association of Corporate Counsel US, as part of the association achieving specified criteria as outlined by the US association. Total grant income received was \$17,095 (2021: \$24,398)

Outside of ordinary business operation transactions with the company, there were no related party transactions that involved key management personnel, their close family members and their personal business interest.

#### 15 Events after the end of the Reporting Period

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.

### 16 Statutory Information

The registered office of the company is:

ACC Australia c/o BlueRock Level 9, 505 Little Collins St Melbourne VIC 3000

ABN: 97 003 186 767

## **Responsible Persons' Declaration**

The responsible persons declare that in the responsible persons' opinion:

- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they
  become due and payable; and
- the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013.

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Carolyn Mei Ramsay FFBC883821E4485	Docusigned by:  tursa (leary  3E2F447D40F4491
Responsible person	Responsible person
C M Ramsay	T Cleary

Dated 8 November 2022





## Independent Audit Report to the members of Australian Corporate Lawyers Association trading as Association of Corporate Counsel Australia (ACC Australia)

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Australian Corporate Lawyers Association trading as Association of Corporate Counsel Australia (ACC Australia), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other 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 significant accounting policies, and the responsible persons' declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of Australian Corporate Lawyers Association trading as Association of Corporate Counsel Australia (ACC Australia) has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the Registered Entity's financial position as at 30 September 2022 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- 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 Registered Entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act) and 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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Other matter

The financial report of Australian Corporate Lawyers Association trading as Association of Corporate Counsel Australia (ACC Australia) for the period ended 30 September 2021 was audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on the financial report.

#### Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is included in the annual report, (but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon).

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

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

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, 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 Responsible Entities for the Financial Report

The responsible persons of the Registered Entity are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the ACNC Act, and for such internal control as the responsible entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the responsible persons are responsible for assessing the Registered Entity'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 responsible entities either intends to liquidate the Registered Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Registered Entity's financial reporting process.

#### 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 Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

Cameron J Flynn

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8 November 2022