Hawke's Bay Regional Investment Company Limited

Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2023

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Chairman's report

I am pleased to present our Annual Report for the 2023 Financial year.

It was the year the world gave a collective 'sigh of relief' as the hard disruptions of the COVID pandemic were left behind. Global supply chains began to return to normal and investment markets stabilised. World economies were left impacted by geo-political risks and the 'after-effects' of the pandemic including inflation, labour shortages and rising interest rates. However, our greatest challenge arrived on 14th February 2023 as cyclone Gabrielle wreaked havoc on the Hawkes Bay and the East Coast regions of New Zealand.

The significant cyclone damage to our region has greatly impacted local infrastructure, farming, forestry, horticulture, businesses and many residents. Our major investment, the Napier Port experienced only minor physical cyclone damage however the damage and disruption to customers and to regional trade volumes are currently materially impacting on profitability. This event also heavily impacted our shareholder HBRC who will be playing a major role in the post cyclone recovery in coming years.

Cyclone Gabrielle reminds us again of the importance and foresight of decisions made in recent years to broaden and diversify both HBRIC's and HBRC's investment portfolio risk.

The final audited Annual result for HBRIC (Parent) for the year to 30 June 2023 is a net profit after tax of \$7.241m (Last year \$8.129m).

The equity of the company (Parent) as at 30 June 2023 was \$344.4 million (last year \$369.5 million). This change was primarily driven by a decrease in share market price of Napier Port shares (down from \$2.75 to \$2.50 per share representing \$27.5m). Since listing at \$2.60 the Port has faced Covid, cyclones, and high inflation, somewhat dampening its performance potential, and in addition a large and rapid increase in interest rates, has pushed down the value of equity stocks (particularly infrastructure and property stocks). This investment is a strategic one and the board remains positive about the long term value of Port shareholdings.

Dividends paid to Council were \$6.976m, compared to the target of \$8-11m outlined in the Statement of Intent. This was largely attributed to a lesser Napier Port interim dividend received post cyclone Gabrielle.

During the year HBRIC has focused on four key priorities:

- Monitoring the investment in Napier Port, our largest strategic asset
- Monitoring and managing the future investment fund, our other strategic asset, in compliance under Council's SIPO and in collaboration with Council
- Commencing the construction phase of Foodeast.
- Putting the necessary mechanisms in place to enable HBRIC to proactively seek significant new investment opportunities.

Napier Port

Napier Port is a vital contributor to the regional economy and a valuable asset. The year began strongly for the Port. It was exciting to have the new Te Whiti wharf commissioned and operational. The business was trading comfortably towards the top end of its guidance until the 14th February when Cyclone Gabrielle hit the region.

The Port only suffered minor direct physical damage to its facilities but many of its customer and staff were significantly affected. The damage to regional roads and railinfrastructure impacted access and logistics and trade volumes were and are down in the short term. The local horticulture and cropping yields were heavily impacted. This is currently affecting profitability at the Port and Profit forecasts have been revised downwards. As road, rail and bridge repairs are steadily progressing, transport access and links are reopening and prospects for trade volumes to rebound in the 2024 calendar year are improving.

Notwithstanding this, the Port has continued to provide essential services and support the importers and exporters of the region. The Port also supported Emergency Services during the cyclone and hosted the Army and Navy on site in the aftermath of the event. The company continues to commit on its delivery on Health and Safety, sustainability and building diversity and inclusion into the workforce.

The 30 September 2023 Annual Financial and performance highlights to June are attached. The Port expects the underlying result from operating activities for the year to 30 September 2023 to be \$35 million (original forecasts were between \$42 million and \$48 million).

For the 2023 year, HBRIC received \$7.04m in dividends from Napier Port (last year \$8.25m). The timing of the cyclone following investment in the \$172m te Whiti wharf, and the Port's anticipated peak debt period, along with high inflation, have placed pressure on cashflows and requires careful management of banking covenant compliance over the coming 12 months.

Hawke's Bay Regional Investment Company Limited Chairman's report 30 June 2023 (continued)

We note that the Port is a commercial operation that carries risk. It continues to have the following strategic challenges to balance its operating performance, growth and exposure to risk:

- Covid-19 related impacts on trade, including shipping and supply chain disruptions and inflation, including effects of these on importers and exporters
- Increasing competitive pressures and risks from other ports around the country
- · Risk of damage from seismic activity and severe weather events
- Increasing costs and deductibles for insurance cover and restricted availability supply of cover
- The increased cost of borrowing.

Managed Fund Investments

Following the volatility in global equity and fixed interest markets last year, this year saw a swing back to positive returns within HBIRC's portfolio of Managed Funds., The value of managed funds as at 30 June 2023 amounted to \$45.6 million, a movement of approximately +\$2.43m (+5.63%). HBRIC's fund managers, Jarden and Mercer achieved returns of 7.09% and 4.95% respectively. There were no divestments during the year.

FoodEast

In 2021 HBRIC made a decision to invest in Foodeast, a new foodhub project for Hawke's Bay originated by Hastings District Council and supported by the Crown.

The total forecast cost for the hub is \$18m, which includes construction, establishment costs and operating losses during start-up phase. HBRIC has a 66.6% share in the Limited Partnership entity formed to oversee the construction of Foodeast and manage its operations.

This project has taken significant strides forward this year with the commencement of construction on both buildings, notwithstanding the disruptions and challenges resulting from Cyclone Gabrielle and inflation pressures.

Foodeast continues to express its confidence that it will deliver on its key objectives.

HBRIC Governance and Management

Following the 2022 triennium elections a number of board changes were made.

Chair: Dan Druzianic (continuing)

Directors: Rick Barker (resigned January 2023), Craig Foss (resigned January 2023), Neil Kirton (continuing), and Will Foley (appointed December 2022).

HBRC's Council Appointment's Committee also initiated recruitment process for two additional independent directors in anticipation of the creation of a more active investment mandate and role for HBRIC as a part of a wider HBRC Investment Strategy Review. This process was interrupted by Cyclone Gabrielle with the subsequent appointments not coming into effect until June 2023.

For the time being, HBRIC has no permanent employees, with all project work undertaken by independent contractors. All HBRIC corporate administration and finance functions are undertaken by Council under contract. Our Commercial Manager Tom Skerman also delivers services by Contract and has reviewed a number of commercial property and infrastructure based opportunities, explored partner opportunities with iwi investor groups, and supported the overall development of the HBRIC Group's investment strategy review workstream.

Our shareholder HBRC held triennial elections in October 2022 and we have been working closely with the new council on a process to reset HBRIC's mandate for the future. As such, the board of HBRIC, with Council's support, continues to explore commercial opportunities which can support growth of the local economy and provide suitable returns. I would like to thank Hawke's Bay Regional Council for their leadership, vision and support over the past twelve months.

I would like to acknowledge the professionalism and support of my fellow directors with a special thanks to Rick Barker and Craig Foss who retired this year, for their great support and contribution. I would also like to thank all of the team at Napier Port, Food East, HBRIC and Council who have supported the company throughout the year.

Dan Druzianic (Chairman)

Directors' report

The Directors hereby present their report and financial statements of the Hawke's Bay Regional Investment Company Limited for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Reporting entity

The Hawke's Bay Regional Investment Company Limited ('the Company', or 'the Parent') was incorporated in New Zealand on 21 February 2012 and is 100% owned by Hawke's Bay Regional Council ('Council'). The Company is domiciled in New Zealand.

The Group financial statements are for the Company and its subsidiaries (together 'the Group'). The subsidiaries are Port of Napier Limited ('Napier Port'), Napier Port Holdings Limited ('NPHL') and Foodeast GP Limited ('Foodeast').

Registered office

159 Dalton Street Napier South Napier 4110 New Zealand

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries as at and for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Principal activities

Parent company

The Company owns 55% (2022: 55%) of Napier Port Holdings Limited, who is the 100% owner of the Port of Napier Limited. Napier Port Holdings Limited is listed on the New Zealand Stock Exchange (NZX).

The Company currently owns 67% (2022: 67%) of Foodeast GP Limited, who is a limited partner in the HB Food Innovation Hub Limited Partnership.

Subsidiary companies

Port of Napier Limited's principal activities are the commercial operation of Napier Port.

Napier Port Holdings Limited was incorporated 12 June 2019 to act as a holding company of the Port of Napier.

Foodeast GP Limited is a council-controlled organisation (CCTO) for the purposes of the Local Government Act 2002. The company was incorporated on 1 July 2021.

Remuneration of directors

Remuneration paid to directors during the year was as follows:

Parent company	2023 \$
D W Druzianic (Chairman)	45,000
	45,000
R J Barker (retired 8 January 2023)	-
N Kirton	-
C R R Foss (retired 8 January 2023)	-
W J Foley (appointed 14 December 2022)	-
D R Birch (appointed 22 June 2023)	-
J Cameron (appointed 22 June 2023)	-

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	2023 \$
Subsidiary companies - Port of Napier Limited and Napier Port Holdings Limited	
A J MacLeod (retired 16 December 2022)	67,021
S Moir	86,600
D Puketapu	86,850
E J Harvey	81,885
V Tremaine	86,850
R Barker (retired 16 December 2022)	44,347
B O'Keeffe	109,300
K A Clegg (appointed 1 August 2022)	69,750
D W Druzianic (appointed 1 August 2022)	69,500
Subsidiary companies - Foodeast GP Limited	
C R R Foss	44,694
A T Gray	35,000
A L Gilmour (appointed 7 June 2023)	1,667

Board committees

As at 30 June 2023 the Board of the parent company had no separate committees.

Directors' interests

The Company maintains an interests register in which particulars of certain transactions and matters involving the directors are recorded. These are requirements under the Companies Act 1993. The following notices have been received from directors disclosing their interests in other companies.

Parent company

Director	Interest declared (as at reporting date)
D W Druzianic (Chairman)	Consultant, Moore Markhams Hawke's Bay Limited
	Director, Bostok New Zealand Limited
	Director, Hawke's Bay Independent Brewery Limited
	Director, Unison Networks
	Director, Unison Contracting Services Ltd
	Director, Port of Napier Limited
	Director, Napier Port Holdings Limited
	Trustee of trusts associated with various directors of companies which may from time to time have interests to be noted
R J Barker	Councillor, Hawke's Bay Regional Council
	Director, Napier Port Holdings Limited
	Director, Port of Napier Limited
	Director, Fifteen Two Limited
	Principal, Rick Barker Consulting
	Chief Crown Negotiator
N Kirton	Councillor, Hawke's Bay Regional Council
	Director, Good Shepherd Transport Limited
	Employment, Hohepa Services Limited

Parent company (continued)

Director Interest declared (as at reporting date)

C R R Foss Councillor, Hawke's Bay Regional Council

Director, Nikau One Limited

Director, Magpie Investments Limited

Director, Foss Limited

Director, Aftrimat Australasia Limited
Director, Trusted Foods Limited
Director, Hawke's Bay Tourism
Director, Foodeast GP Limited
Chair, CarbonClick Limited

Associated with an entity which owns 5,384 shares in Napier Port

W J Foley Councillor, Hawke's Bay Regional Council

Director / Shareholder, Foley Farming Enterprises Sunset Court Motel, Subsidiary of Foley Farming

Trustee / Beneficiary, WJ Foley Trust

Beneficiary / Lessee of Assets, P&R Foley Family Trust

Director, Hatuma Investments Limited

D R Birch Director, Birch & Associates Limited

(appointed 22 June 2023) Director, Raukawa Ki Te Tonga AHC Limited

Director, Eastland Group Limited
Director, Eastland Port Limited
Director, Gisborne Airport Limited
Director, Te Puia Tapapa Limited
Director, Eastland Generation Limited
Director, THR General Partner Limited
Director, Miraka Brands Limited

Director, Miraka Limited

Director, Miraka Holdings Limited
Director, Tourism Holdings Limited

Parent company (continued)

Director

E J Harvey

Director Interest declared (as at reporting date)

J Cameron Director / Shareholder, Elevate Capital Partners Limited

(appointed 22 June 2023) Director / Shareholder, I.D.A. Shonco Limited

Chair, NZFM (2022) General Partner Limited Director, Tourism Investment Partners Limited

Director, Tupu Angitu Limited

Director, Veterinary Enterprises Group Limited

Director, Waipa Networks Limited

Trustee, Hamilton Boys High School Foundation

Interest declared (as at reporting date)

Committee Member, Ngati Whatua Orakei Trust - Risk, Assurance & Audit

Committee

Subsidiary companies - Port of Napier Limited and Napier Port Holdings Limited

A J MacLeod (Chairman)	Chair / Shareholder, Silverstripe Limited
(retired 16 December 2022)	Chair, Hold Fast Investments Limited
	Member, IHC-Board Appointments Committee
	Director, Silverstripe Trustee Limited
	Trustee, Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawke's Bay
	Chair, Trade Window Holdings Limited
S Moir	Director, Todd Family Office Limited
	Director, IJAP Limited
	Chair, ASB Bank Investment Committee
	Director, Chubb Life Insurance New Zealand Limited
D Puketapu	Director, Manawanui Support Limited
	Director, Ngati Porou Holding Company Limited & subsidiaries
	Director, Tamaki Redevelopment Company Limited & subsidiaries
	Director, New Zealand Cricket
	Director, New Zealand Olympic Committee
	Director, DNA Designed Communications Limited
	Director, Trade Window Holdings Limited
	Shareholder of Napier Port Holdings Limited
V Tremaine	Chair / Director, Riverland Water Holdings Pty Limited (ACN 074 419 846)

Director, Heartland Bank Limited

Chair / Director, Riverland Water Pty Limited (ACN 073 995 963)

Chair / Director, SouthernLaunch.Space Pty Limited (ACN 621 420 504)

Subsidiary companies - Port of Napier Limited and Napier Port Holdings Limited (continued)

Director Interest declared (as at reporting date)

B O'Keeffe Board Advisor, Z Energy Limited

Director, Central Air Ambulance Rescue Limited Chair, Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter Trust

Managing Director, Endzone Commercial Limited ("ECL")

Director, Unison Networks Limited Board Advisor, TW Group Limited

R Barker Chair, Hawke's Bay Regional Council

(retired 16 December 2022) Director, Hawke's Bay Regional Investment Company Limited

K A Clegg Advisory Group Member, Waitemata New Zealand Capital Advisory Group

Director, Auckland Transport

Trustee and Beneficiary, M&K Investments Trust

Trustee and Beneficiary, Mickyla Trust

Subsidiary companies - Foodeast GP Limited

Director Interest declared (as at reporting date)

C R R Foss Director, Nikau One Limited

Director, Magpie Investments Limited

Director, Foss Limited

Director, Aftrimat Australasia Limited
Director, Trusted Foods Limited
Director, Hawke's Bay Tourism

Director, Hawke's Bay Regional Investment Company Limited Associated with an entity which owns 5,384 shares in Napier Port

A T Gray Director, Electricity Ashburton Limited

Director, Artemis Nominees Limited

Director, Ngati Pukenga Investments Limited

Director, Quality Roading and Services (Wairoa) Limited

Director, Nga Hua O Ngati Pukenga Limited

Director, Centralines Limited

Director, Te Turapa Wai Ariki Limited Shareholder, Moore Markhams Limited

A L Gilmour Shareholder, Moore Markhams Limited

Shareholder, MM Advisory Services Limited

Director, Progressive Meats Limited

Director/Shareholder, Seven Group Investments Limited

Director/Shareholder, Gilmour Foundation Limited

Directors' insurance

The Company has arranged policies of directors' liability insurance, which together with a deed of indemnity ensures that as far as possible, directors will not personally incur any monetary loss as a result of actions undertaken by them as directors. The insurance does not cover liabilities arising from criminal actions.

Remuneration of employees

The number of employees for the Group and Parent, whose total annual remuneration was in the specified bands, is as follows:

	2023	2023
Remuneration bands	Group	Parent
\$100,000 - 109,999	32	-
\$110,000 - 119,999	24	-
\$120,000 - 129,999	47	-
\$130,000 - 139,999	29	-
\$140,000 - 149,999	18	-
\$150,000 - 159,999	15	-
\$160,000 - 169,999	8	-
\$170,000 - 179,999	4	-
\$180,000 - 189,999	7	-
\$190,000 - 199,999	4	-
\$200,000 - 209,999	2	-
\$210,000 - 219,999	4	-
\$220,000 - 229,999	1	-
\$230,000 - 239,999	1	-
\$260,000 - 269,999	3	-
\$290,000 - 299,999	1	-
\$310,000 - 319,999	1	-
\$320,000 - 329,999	2	-
\$330,000 - 339,999	1	-
\$340,000 - 349,999	1	-
\$450,000 - 459,999	1	-
\$460,000 - 469,999	1	_
\$770,000 - 779,999	1	-

The annual remuneration specified in the above bands includes payments made to staff under both short term and long term staff incentive schemes and redundancy benefits.

Use of company information

During the year the Board received no notices from directors of the Company requesting to use company information received in their capacity as directors, which would not otherwise have been available to them.

Board operation

Operation of the Board is governed by the Constitution of the Company, and the rules, procedures and guidelines adopted by the Board.

Auditors

The Office of the Auditor-General is appointed as auditor under Section 15 of the Public Audit Act 2001 and Section 70 of the Local Government Act 2002. Ernst and Young New Zealand has been appointed to provide these services. Audit fees are disclosed within the financial statements.

Donations

The Company and subsidiaries made no donations during the year (2022: nil).

<u>Dividends</u>

During the year the Company paid fully imputed ordinary dividends of \$6,870,000 (2022: \$9,025,000).

Directors' responsibility statement

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and the Group as at 30 June 2023 and their financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

The directors consider that the financial statements of the Company and the Group have been prepared using appropriate accounting policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable judgements and estimates and that all relevant financial reporting and accounting standards have been followed.

Dan Druzianic (Chairman) Neil Kirton (Director)

Hawke's Bay Regional Investment Company Limited Statements of profit or loss For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
Income Port operations Other income Dividend income Operating income	3	115,981 14,950 <u>120</u> 131,051	109,176 5,127 219 114,522	7,160 7,160	8,469 8,469
Expenditure Employee benefit expenses Maintenance expenses Depreciation, amortisation and impairment Other operating expenses Operating expenditure	15,16 4 -	(43,054) (16,065) (15,858) (21,270) (96,247)	(39,229) (14,586) (13,026) (19,389) (86,230)	(500) (500)	(490) (490)
Operating profit before net finance income		34,804	28,292	6,660	7,979
Finance expenses Finance income Net finance income	5 5 <u>-</u>	(5,912) 740 (5,172)	(64) 466 402	629 629	451 451
Operating profit after net finance income		29,632	28,694	7,289	8,430
Gain / (loss) from sale of investments	<u>-</u>	179	(339)	179	(339)
Profit before subvention		(29,811)	28,355	(7,468)	8,091
Subvention payment	_	(10)	(121)	(10)	(121)
Profit before income tax		29,801	28,234	7,458	7,970
Income tax (expense) / benefit Total tax (expense) / benefit	6 <u> </u>	(5,584) (5,584)	(9,708) (9,708)	(217) (217)	<u>159</u> 159
Profit after tax	_	24,217	18,526	7,241	8,129
Profit for the year is attributable to: Equity holders of the Parent Non-controlling interests	-	14,305 9,912	8,993 <u>9,533</u>	7,241	8,129
	-	24,217	18,526	7,241	8,129

The above statements of profit or loss should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Hawke's Bay Regional Investment Company Limited Statements of comprehensive income For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
Profit after tax attributable to the shareholder of the Company		24,217	18,526	7,241	8,129
Other comprehensive income:					
Items that will be reclassified to profit or loss:					
Asset revaluation Changes in fair value of cash flow hedges	10(a)(i) 10(a)(ii)	1,560 2,664	(3,766) 5,454	(25,432) -	(75,268) -
Deferred tax on changes in fair value of cash flow hedges	10(a)(ii)	(1,658)	(1,456)	-	-
Cash flow hedges transferred to the statements of profit or loss	10(a)(ii)	(282)	(255)	<u>-</u> .	<u>-</u>
statements of profit of loss		2,284	(23)	(25,432)	(75,268)
Items that will not be reclassified to profit					
or loss: Changes in fair value of cash flow hedges	10(a)(ii)	(5)	(76)	-	-
Cash flow hedges transferred to property, plant and equipment		83	-	-	-
Deferred tax on changes in fair value of cash flow hedges	10(a)(ii)	(22)	21	-	-
Revaluation of sea defences Deferred tax on revaluation of sea defences Movement in other reserves	10(a)(i) 10(a)(i) 10(a)(iv)	(1,279) 358 (47)	29,988 (1,856) <u>367</u>	- - -	- - -
Other comprehensive income / (loss) for the year, net of tax		(912) 1,372	28,444 28,421	(25,432)	<u>(75,268</u>)
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the year		25,589	46,947	(18,191)	(67,139)
Profit for the year is attributable to: Equity holders of the Parent		14,305	8,993	7,241	8,129
Non-controlling interest		9,912 24,217	9,533 18,526	7,241	8,129
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the year is attributable to:					
Equity holders of the Parent Non-controlling interest		15,740 <u>9,849</u>	22,928 24,019	(18,191) <u>-</u>	(67,139)
		25,589	46,947	(18,1 <u>91</u>)	(67,13 <u>9</u>)

The above statements of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



Hawke's Bay Regional Investment Company Limited Statements of financial position As at 30 June 2023

	Notes	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
ASSETS					
Current assets Cash and cash equivalents	22	8,869	7,619	5,460	5,253
Trade and other receivables	11	18,502	14,546	87	185
Derivative financial instruments Current tax assets	27 6	2,529	1,216 819	- 8	-
Financial assets	17		600	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>
Total current assets		29,900	24,800	<u>5,555</u>	5,438
Non-current assets					
Property, plant and equipment	16	521,349	520,483	-	-
Intangible assets	15 10	834	1,084	-	-
Interests in joint venture Financial assets	19 17	250 62,301	59,871	339,002	- 364,072
Derivative financial instruments	27	3,613	3,990	-	-
Investment properties Deferred tax assets	20 6	22,752	14,885	20	-
Total non-current assets	O	611,099	600,313	339,022	256 364,328
Total assets		640,999	625,113	344,577	369,766
LIABILITIES Current liabilities Trade and other payables Current tax liabilities Derivative financial instruments Lease liabilities Total current liabilities	12 6 27 7	15,790 471 1,132 209 17,602	17,503 - 12 <u>197</u> 17,712	128 - - - 128	228 28 - - - 256
Non-current liabilities					
Provisions for employee entitlements	13	567	493	-	-
Borrowings Derivative financial instruments	21 27	128,946 948	129,380 147	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities	6	22,146	20,761	-	-
Lease liabilities	7 14	40	249 500	-	-
Deferred income Total non-current liabilities	14	1,414 154,061	151,530		-
Total liabilities		171,663	169,242	128	<u> 256</u>
EQUITY					
Share capital	9	177,500	177,500	177,500	177,500
Reserves (Accumulated losses) / retained earnings	10 10	177,240 (65,091)	175,263	(6,404) 173,353	19,028
Equity attributable to equity holders of the	10	289,649	(72,526) 280,237	344,449	172,982 369,510
Company Non-controlling interests		•		344,443	309,310
Non-controlling interests		179,687	175,634	- _	<u>-</u>
Total equity		469,336	455,871	344,449	369,510
Total liabilities and equity		640,999	625,113	344,577	369,766



Hawke's Bay Regional Investment Company Limited Statements of financial position As at 30 June 2023 (continued)

The Board of Directors of Hawke's Bay Regional Investment Company Limited authorised these financial statements presented on pages 11 to 56 for issue on 29 September 2023.

For and on behalf of the Board.

Dan Druzianic (Chairman)

Neil Kirton (Director)

(5,771)

179,687

(12,627)

469,336

Attributable to equity holders of the Group Reserves Accumulated Non-**Share** Consolidated Total controlling Total equity capital losses interest Notes \$'000 \$'000 \$'000 \$'000 \$'000 \$'000 Balance as at 1 July 2021 177,500 157,184 423,374 161,222 (72,532)266,190 Comprehensive income Profit for the year 8,993 8,993 9,533 18,526 13,935 14,486 Reserves 10(a) 13,935 28,421 13,935 8.993 Total comprehensive income 22.928 24,019 46,947 **Transactions with owners** Share-based payment reserve 10(a) 106 106 87 193 Dividends (8,987)(8,987)(15,706)(6,719)Non-controlling interest arising on investment in limited partnership 1,063 1,063 **Total transactions with owners** 106 (8,987)(8,881)(5,569)(14,450) Balance as at 30 June 2022 177,500 175,263 (72,526)280,237 175,634 455,871 Balance as at 1 July 2022 177,500 175,263 (72,526)280,237 175,634 455,871 Comprehensive income Profit for the year 14,305 14,305 9,912 24,217 Reserves 10(a) 1,963 1,963 (88)1,875 1.963 Total comprehensive income 14,305 16,268 9,824 26,092 **Transactions with owners** Share-based payment reserve 10(a) 14 14 25 11 (6,870)(6,870)Dividends 8 (5,782)(12,652)

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177,240

177,500

(6,870)

(65,091)

(6,856)

289,649

Non-controlling interest arising on investment in limited partnership

Total transactions with owners

Balance as at 30 June 2023

The above statements of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Hawke's Bay Regional Investment Company Limited Statements of changes in equity For the year ended 30 June 2023 (continued)

Attributable to equity holders of the Company

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Parent		Share capital	Revaluation reserve	Retained earnings	Total equity
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance as at 1 July 2021		177,500	94,296	173,878	445,674
Comprehensive income Profit for the year		_	_	8,129	8,129
Loss on the revaluation of investments	10(a)	<u>-</u>	(75,268)	- -	(75,268)
Total comprehensive income	-		(75,268)	8,129	(67,139)
Transactions with owners	0			(0.005)	(0.005)
Dividends Total transactions with owners	8		<u>-</u> _	(9,025) (9,025)	(9,025) (9,025)
Balance as at 30 June 2022	-	177,500	19,028	172,982	369,510
Balance as at 1 July 2022		177,500	19,028	172,982	369,510
Comprehensive income				7.044	7.044
Profit for the year Loss on the revaluation of investments	10(a)	-	- (25,432)	7,241 -	7,241 (25,432)
Total comprehensive income	10(4)	<u>-</u>	(25,432)	7,241	(18,191)
Transactions with owners					
Dividends	8			(6,870)	(6,870)
Total transactions with owners	-	<u> </u>	 _	(6,870)	(6,870)
Balance as at 30 June 2023	-	177,500	(6,404)	173,353	344,449

Hawke's Bay Regional Investment Company Limited Statements of cash flows For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash was provided from: Receipts from customers Dividends received GST received (net) Interest received		122,377 - 819 <u>649</u> 123,845	112,884 - 133 <u>366</u> 113,383	7,040 64 616 7,720	8,250 84 304 8,638
Cash was applied to: Payments to suppliers and employees Interest paid Taxes paid Subvention payments made Net cash inflow from operating activities	23	(80,509) (1) (3,198) (107) (83,815) 40,030	(73,800) (6) (8,531) - (82,337) 31,046	(536) - - (107) (643) 7,077	(1,604) - - - (1,604) 7,034
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Cash flows from investing activities Cash was provided from: Sale of assets Proceeds from held-to-maturity investments		417 600	1,522		1,300
Cash was applied to: Purchase of assets Investment in subsidiary Investment in joint venture Payments for investment properties Payments for held-to-maturity investments		1,017 (20,306) - (250) (3,833) (24,389)	1,522 (88,044) - - (1,778) (600) (90,422)	- - - - -	1,300 - (1,601) - - - (1,601)
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(23,372)	(88,900)		(301)
Cash flows from financing activities		(20,072)	(00,000)		(001)
Cash was provided from: Proceeds from loans and borrowings Repayment of fair share loans by employees Proceeds from issuance of fixed rate bonds Proceeds from grants Proceeds from partnership capital	32 14	127 99,204 3,500 ———————————————————————————————————	70,000 120 - 500 793	- - - -	- - - -
Cash was applied to: Repayment of loans and borrowings Repayment of lease liability Acquisition of treasury shares Borrowing establishment costs Dividends paid	32	(100,729) (197) (354) (4,307) (12,652) (118,239)	71,413 - (220) - - (15,706) (15,926)	- - - - (6,870) (6,870)	(9,025) (9,025)
Net cash inflow / (outflow) from financing activities		(15,408)	55,487	(6,870)	(9,025)
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents		1,250	(2,367)	207	(2,292)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year Effects of exchange rate changes		7,619 -	10,062 (76)	5,253	7,545
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		8,869	7,619	5,460	5,253

The above statements of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



1 General information

(a) Reporting entity

The Hawke's Bay Regional Investment Company Limited ('the Company') is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hawke's Bay Regional Council formed for the purpose of holding investments in subsidiary organisations. The Company was incorporated on 21 February 2012.

The Group financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries, the Port of Napier Limited ('Napier Port'), Napier Port Holdings Limited ('NPHL') and Foodeast Limited Partnership ('Foodeast').

The Company is considered a Council Controlled Trading Organisation on the basis that it operates for the purpose of making a profit, and is therefore classified for accounting purposes as a for-profit entity.

The financial statements of the Company and the Group are for the year ended 30 June 2023.

(b) Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Company and the Group have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand ('NZ GAAP'). They comply with International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS'), New Zealand equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ('NZ IFRS'), and other applicable financial reporting standards, as appropriate for for-profit entities.

The statements have been prepared on a historic cost basis, except for fair value investments, sea defences, admin buildings, investment properties and derivative financial instruments which are measured at fair value.

The Company and each of the Group's entities' functional currency is New Zealand dollars (\$), and the statements have been presented in thousands of dollars (\$'000) exclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST) except for trade accounts payable and receivable, which are stated at GST inclusive amounts.

(c) New standards adopted

No new standards have been adopted in the current reporting period.

(d) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

There are no standards that are not yet effective that have not been early adopted by the Company and Group and that would be expected to have a material impact on the entity in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

(e) Use of judgements and estimates

In the application of NZ IFRS, the Board is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

In particular, information about significant areas of estimation and critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have a significant effect on the amount recognised in the financial statements are as follows:

- Valuation of sea defences (note 16)
- Valuation of financial instruments (note 27)
- Estimation of useful lives (note 2(g)).

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

The accounting policies listed below have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of Hawke's Bay Regional Investment Company Limited ('the Parent' or 'the Company') and its subsidiaries (as outlined in note 18).



(a) Basis of consolidation (continued)

(i) Subsidiaries

A subsidiary is an entity over which the Group has the power to govern the financial and operating policies so as to obtain benefits from their activities. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are considered when assessing whether the Group controls another entity.

(ii) Joint arrangements

Under NZ IFRS 11 *Joint Arrangements* investments in joint arrangements are classified as either joint operations or joint ventures. The classification depends on the contractual rights and obligations of each investor, rather than the legal structure of the joint arrangement. The Group only has joint ventures.

Interests in joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method after initially being recognised at cost in the consolidated balance sheet.

(b) Trade receivables

Trade receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently remeasured each balance date at amortised cost using the effective interest method less any lifetime expected credit losses.

To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due.

(c) Property, plant and equipment

(i) Operational assets

Tugs, cranes and cargo buildings (all Napier Port assets) are stated at deemed cost based on valuations performed as at 30 September 2005 and subsequent additions at cost, less subsequent accumulated depreciation. All other operational assets are accounted for at the historical cost of purchased property, plant and equipment less accumulated depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Sea defences and administration buildings are measured at fair value, based on periodic valuations by suitably qualified and experienced professionals, less subsequent accumulated depreciation.

The costs of an asset constructed by the Group include the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate amount of directly attributed costs. Costs cease to be capitalised as soon as the asset is ready for productive use.

Work in progress are costs incurred in the course of bringing assets to the location and condition necessary for their intended service and includes costs of obtaining resource consents where required to proceed with capital projects.

(ii) Subsequent costs

Subsequent costs are added to the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment when the cost is incurred if it is probable that future economic benefits embodied with the item will flow to the Company or the Group and the cost can be measured reliably. All other costs are recognised in the statements of profit or loss as an expense during the financial period in which they are incurred.

(iii) Revaluation adjustments

Increases in carrying amounts arising from revalued assets are credited to revaluation reserves in equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset category are charged against revaluation reserves in equity. All other decreases are charged to the statements of profit or loss.

Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

(iv) Other adjustments

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in the statements of profit or loss. When revalued assets are sold, the amounts included in revaluation reserves are transferred to the accumulated balance in equity.



(d) Investment property

Investment property is residential and commercial land and buildings held to earn rental income and for capital appreciation. Such property is initially recognised at cost. At each balance date investment property is measured at fair value, representing open market value determined annually by independent, professionally qualified valuers. A gain or loss in value is recorded in the statements of profit or loss for the period in which it arises.

(e) Financial assets

(i) Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets are classified, at initial recognition, as subsequently measured at amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income (OCI), and fair value through profit or loss. The classification of financial assets at initial recognition depends on the financial asset's contractual cash flow characteristics and the Company and Group's business model for managing them. With the exception of trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Company and Group has applied the practical expedient, the Company and Group initially measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs. Trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Company and Group has applied the practical expedient are measured at the transaction price.

(ii) Subsequent measurement

For purposes of subsequent measurement, financial assets are classified in four categories:

- Financial assets at amortised cost (debt instruments);
- Financial assets at fair value through OCI with recycling of cumulative gains and losses (debt instruments);
- Financial assets designated at fair value through OCI with no recycling of cumulative gains and losses upon derecognition (equity instruments), and
- · Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

(iii) Financial assets at amortised cost.

NZ IFRS 9.4.1.2 Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest (EIR) method and are subject to impairment. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised, modified or impaired. The Company and Group's financial assets at amortised cost includes cash term deposits, trade receivables and related party loans.

(iv) Financial assets at fair value through OCI (debt instruments)

For debt instruments at fair value through OCI, interest income, foreign exchange revaluation and impairment losses or reversals are recognised in the statement of profit or loss and computed in the same manner as for financial assets measured at amortised cost. The remaining fair value changes are recognised in OCI. Upon derecognition, the cumulative fair value change recognised in OCI is recycled to profit or loss.

(v) Financial assets designated at fair value through OCI (equity instruments)

Upon initial recognition, the Company and Group can elect to classify irrevocably its equity investments as equity instruments designated at fair value through OCI when they meet the definition of equity under NZ IAS 32 Financial Instruments. The classification is determined on an instrument-by instrument basis. Gains and losses on these financial assets are never recycled to profit or loss. Dividends are recognised in the statement of profit or loss when the right of payment has been established, except when the Company and Group benefits from such proceeds as a recovery of part of the cost of the financial asset, in which case, such gains are recorded in OCI. Equity instruments designated at fair value through OCI are not subject to impairment assessment. The Company and Group elected to classify irrevocably its equity investments under this category.

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

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are carried in the statement of financial position at fair value with net changes in fair value recognised in the statement of profit or loss. This category includes derivative instruments and listed equity investments which the Company and Group had not irrevocably elected to classify at fair value through OCI. Dividends on listed equity investments are recognised as other income in the statement of profit or loss when the right of payment has been established.



(f) Intangible assets

(i) Software

Acquired computer software licenses are capitalised on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and bring to use the specific software. These costs are amortised over their useful lives of between 3 to 10 years.

Costs associated with maintaining computer software programmes are recognised as an expense as incurred. Development costs that are directly attributable to the design and testing of identifiable and unique software products controlled by the Company and Group are recognised as intangible assets when the following criteria are met:

- it is technically feasible to complete the software product so that it will be available for use;
- management intends to complete the software product and use or sell it;
- there is an ability to use or sell the software product;
- it can be demonstrated how the software product will generate probable future economic benefits;
- adequate technical, financial and other resources to complete the development and to use or sell the software product are available; and
- the expenditure attributable to the software product during its development can be reliably measured.

Directly attributable costs that are capitalised as part of the software product include the software development employee costs and an appropriate portion of relevant overheads.

Other development expenditures that do not meet these criteria are recognised as an expense as incurred. Development costs previously recognised as an expense are not recognised as an asset in a subsequent period.

Capitalised development costs are recorded as intangible assets and amortised from the point at which the asset is ready for use.

(g) Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible property, plant and equipment other than freehold land capital dredging, at rates calculated to allocate the assets' cost less estimated residual value over their useful lives.

Site improvements
Vehicles, plant and equipment
Floating plant
Maintenance dredging
Wharves and jetties
Buildings
Sea defences
10 - 50 years
8 years
10 - 80 years
10 - 60 years
100 - 200 years

Depreciation on crane assets is calculated on a unit-of-production basis with estimated useful lives of 33,000-36,000 operating hours.

Land and capital dredging are not depreciated as they are considered to have indefinite useful lives.

(i) Impairment

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to depreciation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows.

Impairment losses directly reduce the carrying amount of assets and are recognised in the statements of profit or loss.



(h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in 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 borrowings in current liabilities in the statements of financial position.

(i) Borrowings

On initial recognition all borrowings are recognised at the fair value of consideration received less directly attributed transactions costs. Borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Fees paid on the establishment of the loan facility are amortised over the term of the loan.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Company and Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the balance date.

Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense when incurred except to the extent that they are capitalised. Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of an asset are capitalised as a part of the cost of that asset.

(i) Income tax

Income tax expense includes components relating to current tax and deferred tax.

Current tax is the amount of income tax payable based on the taxable profit for the current year, and any adjustments to income tax payable in respect of prior years.

Deferred tax is the amount of income tax payable or recoverable in future periods in respect of temporary differences and unused tax losses. Temporary differences are differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit.

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which the deductible temporary differences or tax losses can be utilised.

Deferred tax is not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that affects neither accounting profit nor taxable profit.

Current tax and deferred tax are measured using tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at balance date.

Current and deferred tax is recognised against the profit or loss for the period, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

(k) Employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits including salaries and wages, annual leave and contributions to superannuation schemes are recognised when they accrue to employees and are measured at undiscounted cost.

The liability for long service leave is recognised and measured at the present value of the expected future entitlements to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Consideration is given to the expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service.

(I) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when:

- the Company and Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events;
- it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, and
- the amount has been reliably estimated.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects the current market assessments of the time value of money and risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognised as interest expense



(I) Provisions (continued)

Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

(m) Revenue recognition

Port operations services are a series of distinct performance obligations for the provision of marine, berthage and port infrastructure services to the Group's shipping customers as vessels berth which are accounted for as a single performance obligation. Revenue is recognised over time using the percentage of completion method.

Revenue is measured based on the service price specified in the relevant tariffs or specific customer contract. The contract price for the services performed reflects the value transferred to the customer.

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

(n) Financial risk management

The Company and Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks, including foreign currency risk, liquidity risk, credit risk and cash flow interest rate risk. The Company and Group's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Company and Group's financial performance.

(o) Accounting for derivative financial instruments and hedging activities

Where all relevant criteria are met, hedge accounting is applied to remove the accounting mismatch between the hedging instrument and the hedged item.

(i) Classification of derivatives

Derivatives are only used for economic hedging purposes and not as speculative investments.

(ii) Hedge ineffectiveness

Hedge effectiveness is determined at the inception of the hedge relationship, and through periodic prospective effectiveness assessments to ensure that an economic relationship exists between the hedged item and hedging instrument.

Forward contracts

For hedges of foreign currency purchases, the Company and Group enters into hedge relationships where the critical terms of the hedging instrument match the terms of the hedged item. The Company and Group therefore performs a qualitative assessment of effectiveness. If changes in circumstances affect the terms of the hedged item such that the critical terms no longer match exactly with the critical terms of the hedging instrument, the Company and Group uses the hypothetical derivative method to assess effectiveness.

In hedges of foreign currency purchases, ineffectiveness may arise if the timing of the forecast transaction changes from what was originally estimated, or if there are changes in the credit risk of the Company and Group or the derivative counterparty.

Interest rate swaps

The Company and Group enters into interest rate swaps that have similar critical terms as the hedged item, such as reference rate, reset dates, payment dates, maturities and notional amount. The Company and Group does not hedge 100% of its loans, therefore the hedged item is identified as a proportion of the outstanding loans up to the notional amount of the swaps. As all critical terms matched during the year, the economic relationship was considered to be 100% effective. Hedge ineffectiveness for interest rate swaps is assessed using the same principles as for hedges of foreign currency purchases. It may occur due to:

- the credit / debit value adjustment on the interest rate swaps which is not matched by the loan, and
- differences in critical terms between the interest rate swaps and loans.



(o) Accounting for derivative financial instruments and hedging activities (continued)

(iii) Measurement of derivatives

Forward exchange contracts and options and interest rate swaps are initially recognised at fair value on the date on which a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to fair value at balance date. The fair value of interest rate swaps is determined by reference to market values for similar instruments. The fair value of forward exchange contracts and options is determined by reference to current forward exchange rates for contracts with similar maturity profiles.

(p) Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the New Zealand rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. At balance date foreign monetary assets and liabilities are translated at the closing rate and exchange variations arising from these are included in the statements of profit or loss.

(q) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are initially recorded at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Liabilities for wages, salaries and performance payments, including annual leave, expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in respect of employee services up to the reporting date. They are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

(r) Share-based payments

The cost of share-based payment transactions are spread over the period in which the employees provide services and become entitled to the awards.

The cost of the equity-settled share-based transactions are measured by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. The cost of equity settled transactions is recognised in the statements of profit or loss, together with a corresponding increase in the share-based payment reserve in equity.

(s) Share capital

All ordinary shares have no par value, equal voting rights and share equally in dividends and surplus on winding up. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction from the proceeds.

(t) Government grants

Government grants are not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that the Group will comply with the conditions attaching to them and that the grants will be received.

Government grants are recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the Group recognises as expenses the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate. Specifically, government grants whose primary condition is that the Group should purchase, construct or otherwise acquire non-current assets are recognised as deferred revenue in the consolidated statement of financial position and transferred to profit or loss on a systematic and rational basis over the useful lives of the related assets.

Government grants that are receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the Group with no future related costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they become receivable.

(u) Leases

The Company and Group recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the commencement date of a lease except for short-term operating leases, where the lease term is less than 12 months, or related to low value assets, which are expensed on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.



(u) Leases (continued)

On initial recognition lease liabilities are recognised at the net present value of the lease payments discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. Lease liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Right-of-use assets are initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability. Right-of-use assets are included within property, plant and equipment in the statement of financial position and are subsequently measured on the same basis.

Lease income from operating leases is recognised as income on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

(v) Comparatives

Certain immaterial adjustments have been made to prior year comparatives to align with the current year disclosure.

(w) Changes in accounting policies

There have been no significant changes in accounting policies during the current year. Accounting policies have been applied on a basis consistent with the prior year.

3 Income

	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
Operating income				
Port operations Property operations Dividend income Total operating income	115,981 14,950 120 131,051	109,176 5,127 <u>219</u> 114,522	7,160 7,160	8,469 8,469
	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
Other income				
Cyclone Gabrielle insurance income Net profit on sale of property, plant and equipment Fair value gain on investment property Other income	3,500 259 8,069 <u>3,122</u>	- 2,714 2,413	- - - -	- - -
Total other income	14,950	5,127	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Rental income on investment properties within property operations was \$20,138 (2022: \$44,000) during the year.



4 Other expenses

	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
Items Included within other operating expenses:				
Auditors' fees paid to Audit New Zealand for audit of				
financial statements	-	4	-	4
Auditors' fees paid to Ernst & Young for audit of				
financial statements	53	44	53	44
Auditors' fees paid to Ernst & Young for audit of				
subsidiary's financial statements*	291	209	54	61
Directors' fees	828	744	45	45
Credit loss allowance	-	(107)	-	-
Asset retirement expenses	18	54	-	-
Net profit on sale of property, plant and equipment	-	8	-	-
Cyclone Gabrielle costs incurred	268	_	-	_

^{*}The Company contributed \$54,309 (2022: \$61,000) towards the audit of NPHL's special purpose financial statements.

5 Finance income and expenses

	Group	Group	Parent	Parent
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Interest expense on borrowings Lease imputed interest Less: Interest expense capitalised to PPE Total finance expenses	(7,525) (21) 1,634 (5,912)	(4,831) (28) 4,795 (64)	<u> </u>	- - - -
Interest income Total finance income	740	466	629	451
	740	466	629	451
Net finance income	(5,172)	402	629	451

6 Taxation

	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
(a) Income tax expense				
Net profit before taxation	29,801	28,234	7,458	7,970
Income tax on the surplus for the year @ 28% Adjustment to prior year taxation Tax effect of income not recognised for accounting Recognise tax benefit of imputation credits on dividends	8,344 (4) 910	7,906 2,402 270	2,088 (27) 910	2,232 - 1,168
received Tax effect of non-assessable items Taxation effect of non deductible items Tax effect of loss offsets Foreign tax credits Other Income tax expense / (benefit)	(4,095) 419 - - 10 5,584	(886) 81 (70) 5 	(2,782) (219) 238 - - - 9 217	(3,231) (267) 4 (70) 5 ———————————————————————————————————
	0,004	3,700	211	(100)
The taxation charge is represented by: Current taxation Deferred taxation Income tax reported in the statements of profit or loss	4,506 1,078 5,584	8,643 1,065 9,708	(19) 236 217	97 (256) (159)
Deferred tax (liability) / asset				
Opening balance Deferred deduction on PIE loss through tax expense Amounts charged or credited direct to equity Closing balance	(20,761) (1,078) (307) (22,146)	(16,406) (1,065) (3,290) (20,761)	256 (236) 	256
Deferred taxation is represented by:				
Accelerated tax depreciation Fair value losses on derivatives Revaluation of sea defences Other	(12,730) - (9,619) 203 (22,146)	(9,159) (1,434) (11,107) <u>939</u> (20,761)	20 20	256 256
Current tax asset / (liability)				
Current tax asset is represented by:				
Tax payable Tax credits utilised to offset current tax Tax receivable	(4,489) - 4,018	(125) 97 847	- - 8	(125) 97
Current tax asset / (liability) reported in the statements of financial position	(471)	819	8	(28)
Imputation credit account				
Imputation credits available for use in subsequent periods	<u> 15,218</u>	12,548	<u>4,961</u>	2,171



7 Leases

As a lessee

	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
Right-of-use assets included in plant and equipment				
Balance at 1 July	415	538	-	-
Additions	-	90	-	-
Depreciation	(186)	(213)		
Balance at 30 June	229	415		
Lease liabilities				
Balance at 1 July	446	576	-	-
Additions	-	90	-	-
Interest expense	20	28	-	-
Lease payments - cash	(217)	(248)		
Balance at 30 June	249	446		
Lease liabilities				
Current	209	197	-	-
Non-current	40	249	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	249	446		

The Group leases plant and equipment for port operations typically for fixed periods of 5 to 7 years. Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions.

As lessor

Dividends paid

The Group leases land and buildings to port users for terms of 1-105 years. The Group manages the risk associated with leased land and buildings by having formal contracts which include obligations on tenants to observe relevant laws, regulations, port operating requirements, and the right to conduct contaminant testing and require reinstatement to agreed standards.

At balance date the following operating lease payments were receivable by the Group:

	•	•		
	Group	Group	Parent	Parent
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Receivable within one year Between one and two years Between two and five years Over five years	2,108 1,905 3,576 <u>8,748</u> 16,337	2,087 2,087 5,228 9,890 19,292	- - - - -	
8 Dividends	Group	Group	Parent	Parent
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Interim dividend paid	6,530	4,521	5,000	2,000
Final dividend paid	6,122	11,185	1,870	7,025



15,706

6,870

9 Share	capital
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	Group	Group	Parent	Parent
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Ordinary shares issued	177,500	177,500	177,500	177,500

All ordinary shares have equal voting rights and share equally in dividends and surplus on winding up.

10 Reserves and retained earnings

·	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
(a) Reserves				
Revaluation reserve	58,231	56,671	(6,404)	19,028
Share-based payments reserve	388	374	-	-
Cash flow hedge reserve	2,432	2,003	-	-
Other reserves	<u>116,189</u>	116,215	<u> </u>	
	177,240	175,263	(6,404)	19,028
Movements:				
(i) Revaluation reserve				
Opening balance	56.671	44,966	19,028	94,296
Attributable to non-controlling interest	414	(12,660)	,	,
Revaluation net of deferred tax	1,146	24,365	(25,432)	(75,268)
Balance at 30 June	58,231	56,671	(6,404)	19,028

The revaluation reserve for the Parent relates to the revaluation of the shares in Napier Port Holdings Limited and shares held through fund managers.

The revaluation reserve for the Group includes the revaluation of the port sea defences.

(ii) Hedging reserve

Opening balance	2,003	(25)	-	-
Attributable to non-controlling interest	(351)	(1,660)	-	-
Changes in fair value net of deferred tax	780	3,688	<u> </u>	_
Closing balance	2,432	2,003	-	_

The hedging reserve comprises the effective portion of the cumulative net change in fair value of cash flow hedging instruments, related to hedged transactions that have not yet occurred.

(iii) Share-based payments reserve

Opening balance	374	268	-	-
Attributable to non-controlling interest	(11)	(87)	-	-
Share-based payments	<u>25</u>	193	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Closing balance	388	374	<u> </u>	



10 Reserves and retained earnings (continued)

	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
(iv) Other reserves				
Balance at 1 July	116,215	116,013	-	_
Attributable to non-controlling interest	21	(166)	-	-
Changes in value	(47)	368	<u> </u>	
Balance at 30 June	116,189	116,215	<u> </u>	

Other reserves reflect the difference between the fair value of the proportion of share capital in Port of Napier Limited attributed to the Company following the issue of shares to non-controlling interests, and the proportion of share capital originally recognised by the Company before the entity listed in August 2019.

(b) (Accumulated losses) / retained earnings

(b) (Accumulated 103363) / Tetamica curmings				
	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
Opening balance Net profit for the year Dividends Closing balance	(72,526) 14,305 (6,870) (65,091)	(72,532) 8,993 (8,987) (72,526)	172,982 7,241 (6,870) 173,353	173,878 8,129 (9,025) 172,982
11 Trade and other receivables				
	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
Trade receivables Receivables from related parties Accruals and prepayments Cyclone Gabrielle insurance receivable	13,933 - 1,069 3,500	13,314 84 1,148	- - 87 	83 102
Total trade and other receivables	18,502 Group 2023 \$'000	14,546 Group 2022 \$'000	87 Parent 2023 \$'000	185 Parent 2022 \$'000
The ageing of trade receivables at reporting date is set out below:				
Not past due Past due 0 - 30 days Past due 30 - 60 days Past due > 60 days	12,478 1,062 174 	12,653 342 94 <u>34</u> 13,123	- - - -	- - - -

The carrying value of trade and other receivables includes an expected credit loss allowance of \$191,000 in respect of trade receivable balance at 30 June 2023 (2022: \$191,000). To measure the expected credit loss allowance amount, historical loss rates are adjusted to reflect forward-looking information. Trade receivables are grouped in accordance with their shared credit risk characteristics and global credit rating historical industry information applied to estimate future default and loss percentage rates. There have been no specific trade receivable balances written-off during the period.



12 Trade and other payables

	Group	Group	Parent	Parent
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Trade and other payables				
Trade payables Employee entitlement accruals	7,172 5,110	6,928 5,137	2	121
Trade accruals	3,508	5,438	126	107
	15,790	17,503	128	228

The trade payables carrying value is equivalent to the current fair value.

Employee entitlement accruals also include staff performance incentive payments due.

13 Provisions for employee entitlements

	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
Non-current				
Provisions for employee entitlements Provisions for employee entitlements	567 567	493 493	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>
Provisions for non-current employee entitlement				
Balance at beginning of year Additional provision made Amount utilised	493 171 (97)	490 92 (8 <u>9</u>)	- - -	- - -
Balance at end of year	567	493		_

14 Deferred income

For the year ended 30 June 2023, total deferred grant income from the Provincial Growth Fund amounted to \$1,414,000 (2022: \$500,000).

The Group entered into a funding agreement with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment for the development and establishment of the Hawke's Bay Food Innovation Hub. Through the Provincial Development Unit, the Ministry is responsible for administering the Provincial Growth Fund. The total available funding under the agreement with the Provincial Growth Fund is \$12,000,000. The funding will be made available to the Group over a period of time as specific milestones are met.



15 Intangible assets

	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
Opening book value at 1 July Computer software at cost	8,329	7,994	-	-
Accumulated amortisation Net book amount	(7,245) 1,084	(6,713) 1,281	<u> </u>	<u>-</u> -
Current year movement Opening net book amount	1,084	1,281	_	_
Additions	333	335	- -	-
Transfer / disposals / impairment Current year amortisation	(1,518) (595)	(532)	-	-
Amortisation transfer / disposals / impairments	1,530	(552)	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>
Closing net book amount	834	1,084	<u> </u>	
Closing book value at 30 June				
Computer software costs at cost	7,145	8,329	-	-
Accumulated amortisation Net book amount	<u>(6,311)</u> 834	<u>(7,245</u>) 1,084		



16 Property, plant and equipment

Group	Port land \$'000	Sea defences \$'000	Site improve- ments \$'000	Wharves and jetties \$'000	Buildings \$'000	Plant and equipment \$'000	Dredging \$'000	Work in progress \$'000	Total \$'000
At 1 July 2021 Cost Accumulated depreciation Net book amount	38,656	82,407 (1,288) 81,119	69,900 (28,355) 41,545	51,591 (11,064) 40,527	30,921 (12,607) 18,314	134,003 (63,000) 71,003	19,786 (7,837) 11,949	117,110 - 117,110	544,374 (124,151) 420,223
At 30 June 2022 Cost Accumulated depreciation Net book amount	38,656 - 38,656	110,860 (96) 110,764	71,883 (29,348) 42,535	51,650 (11,769) 39,881	31,076 (13,413) 17,663	139,891 (69,512) 70,379	21,154 (8,501) 12,653	187,952 - 187,952	653,122 (132,639) 520,483
Year ended 30 June 2023 Opening net book amount Additions / transfers Disposals / transfers Revaluations Impairment Depreciation charge Depreciation / impairment - disposals / transfers Closing net book amount	38,656 - - - - - - - 38,656	110,764 31,082 - (1,279) - (470) - 140,097	42,535 25,354 (1,145) - (2,917) 101 63,928	39,881 85,733 (189) - (2,205) 189 123,409	17,663 3,103 (2,113) - (967) 1,624 19,310	70,379 9,346 (8,101) - (72) (7,806) 9,065 72,811	12,653 45,529 (4,613) - (826) 4,611 57,354	187,952 (182,168) - - - - - - - - 5,784	520,483 17,979 (16,161) (1,279) (72) (15,191) 15,590 521,349
At 30 June 2023 Cost Accumulated depreciation Net book amount	38,656 - 38,656	140,663 (566) 140,097	96,092 (32,164) 63,928	137,193 (13,784) 123,409	32,066 (12,756) 19,310	141,136 (68,325) 72,811	62,071 (4,717) 57,354	5,784 - 5,784	653,661 (132,312) 521,349

Plant and equipment includes right-of-use assets relating to leased plant and equipment.

Sea defence assets were revalued to fair value as at 31 March 2022 by AECOM New Zealand Limited. The valuation has been prepared on an optimised depreciated replacement cost basis and in accordance with the NZ Infrastructure Asset Valuation and Depreciation Guidelines published by the NAMS group of IPWEA.



16 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Significant estimates - valuation of sea defences

The valuation of sea defences is subject to assumptions and judgements which materially affect the resulting valuation. Such factors include replacement quantities and unit values (including breakwater replacement costs of \$90,000 to \$131,000 per square metre and seawall replacement costs (per square metre) of \$16,000 for demolition, \$26,000 for rock, and \$66,000 for rock revetment). Other factors include the condition and performance of assets, estimated total and remaining effective lives of 70 to 161 years and 5 to 80 years, respectively, and estimated residual values of 20% of replacement cost. Other inputs incorporated into the valuation process include an allowance for project on-costs of 5-6%. An increase in the remaining useful life, the residual value assumption, or in replacement quantities and unit values for sea defence assets will result in an increase in the valuation and vice versa.

The historical cost of the sea defence asset class is \$35,778,000 (2022: \$4,696,000).

The fair value measurement has been categorised as a Level 3 fair value based on inputs which are not based on observable market data.

17 Financial assets

	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
Financial assets at 30 June				
Equity investments	-	-	276,701	304,201
Investments in managed funds	45,638	43,208	45,638	43,208
Loan receivables	16,663	16,663	16,663	16,663
Held-to-maturity investments	<u> </u>	600	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>
Total	62,301	60,471	339,002	364,072
Financial assets for the year ended 30 June				
At beginning of year	60,471	65,145	364,072	439,145
Additions	448	6,838	448	7,939
Revaluation surpluses / (deficits)	2,068	(3,974)	(25,432)	(75,474)
Disposals	(686)	(7,538)	(86)	(7,538)
At end of year	62,301	60,471	339,002	364,072
Financial assets include:				
Shares in Napier Port Holdings Limited	-	_	275,000	302,500
Partnership equity in Foodeast Limited Partnership	-	_	1,701	1,701
Investment in managed funds	45,638	43,208	45,638	43,208
Loan receivable from Hawke's Bay Regional Council	16,663	16,663	16,663	16,663
Term deposit	<u> </u>	600	<u> </u>	
	62,301	60,471	339,002	364,072

(a) Commitments

At year end the Company had committed \$2.4 million (2022: \$4 million) towards equity investments to Foodeast.

(b) Impairment

There were no impairment provisions on investments in the current period.

(c) Shares in Napier Port Holdings Limited

The Company acquired 100% of the shares in Port of Napier Limited from Hawke's Bay Regional Council effective from 25 June 2012 for total consideration of \$177.5 million, paid for by way of a subscription to 177,500,000 ordinary shares in the capital of the Company at the value of \$1 per share.



Financial assets (continued)

In August 2019, 45% of the Company's shareholding in Napier Port was listed on the NZX resulting in the Company owning 55% of the Napier Port through its shareholding in Napier Port Holdings Limited. The investment in Napier Port Holdings Limited is measured at fair value based on NZX prices.

(d) Categories

Financial assets designated at fair value through OCI (FVOCI)

- Equity investment in Napier Port Holdings Limited
- Equity investments held through fund managers (Mercer and Jarden)

Financial assets at amortised cost

- Cash term deposits
- Trade receivables
- Related party loans

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

· Term deposits

18 Investments in subsidiaries

The Group's principal subsidiaries at 30 June 2023 are set out below. Unless otherwise stated, they have share capital consisting solely of ordinary shares that are held directly by the Group, and the proportion of ownership interests held equals the voting rights held by the Group. The country of incorporation or registration is also their principal place of business.

Name	Country of incorporation and place of business	incorporation and place of		Proportion of shares held by the Group 2022
			%	%
Napier Port Holdings Limited	New Zealand	Holding company	55	55
Port of Napier Limited	New Zealand	Port operator	55	55
Foodeast GP Limited	New Zealand	Governance vehicle for Foodeast Limited Partnership	67	67

Foodeast GP Limited ('Foodeast') acts as the general partner of the HB Food Innovation Hub Limited Partnership. Foodeast is developing a commercial and industrial property for the food industry. At 30 June 2023, the development of the investment property was still underway.

19 Interests in joint venture

The Group has the following investment in joint ventures:

Name of entity	Place of business / country of incorporation	% of ownership interest 2023	% of ownership interest 2022	Measurement method
Longburn Intermodal Freight Hub Ltd	New Zealand	50 %	33 %	Equity

On 6 March 2023, the Group acquired an additional 17% of the shares in Longburn Intermodal Freight Hub Ltd from Ports of Auckland Limited for \$250,000.

The Parent had no interest in joint ventures.



20 Investment properties

	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
Investment properties Land and building Total investment properties	22,752 22,752	14,885 14,885		<u>-</u>
Balance at beginning of year Net gain from fair value adjustments Acquisitions Capitalised subsequent expenditure Balance at end of year	14,885 7,791 - <u>76</u> 22,752	10,400 2,436 1,500 <u>549</u> 14,885	- - - -	- - -

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Investment properties were externally valued at 31 March 2023 by Frank Spencer (registered valuer) of Logan Stone Limited, a registered valuer with relevant experience of the property type and location (2022: at 30 June 2022 by William Lawler (registered valuer) of Logan Stone Limited).

The fair value has been determined by the valuer using a market approach based on comparable property sales within the area. The fair value measurement has been categorised as a Level 2 fair value based on inputs which are observable but not quoted prices.

Foodeast Limited Partnership

Land was externally valued at 30 June 2023 by Mike Penrose (registered valuer) of TelferYoung, a registered valuer with relevant experience of the property type and location (2022: at 30 June 2022 by Sam Glover (registered valuer) of TelferYoung).

The fair value has been determined by the valuer using a market approach based on comparable property sales within the area. The fair value measurement has been categorised as a Level 2 fair value based on inputs which are observable but not quoted prices.

The building is valued at costs, which were incurred recently and therefore a good proxy of fair values at 30 June 2023.

21 Loans and borrowings

Napier Port Holdings Limited (NPHL)

2023	Committed	Undrawn	Capitalised	Carrying
	Facilities	Facilities	Loan Costs	Value
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Non-current Bank facilities (coupon: floating) Fixed rate NZD Bonds Total non-current	80,000 100,000 180,000	48,000 - 48,000	973 973	32,000 96,946 128,946
2022	Committed	Undrawn	Capitalised	Carrying
	Facilities	Facilities	Loan Costs	Value
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Non-current Bank facilities (coupon: floating) Total non-current	180,000	50,000	620	129,380
	180,000	50,000	620	129,380



21 Loans and borrowings (continued)

The Group has two facilities with Westpac New Zealand Limited and Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (New Zealand) Limited (ICBC New Zealand) which provide total available facilities of \$80 million to fund general corporate purposes. Of the total facilities, \$25 million matures September 2025 and \$55 million matures September 2026.

On 23 September 2022, the Group issued \$100 million of unsecured, unsubordinated, 5.52% fixed rate bonds maturing 23 March 2028.

The facility agreements require that certain covenants are met and will require the Group to maintain or better specified debt coverage, interest coverage, equity and group coverage ratios.

Security for the facilities with the banks is by way of negative pledge over the assets of the Group in respect of both the sale of assets and other security interests.

Hawke's Bay Regional Investment Company Limited (the Company)

The Company has no borrowings as at 30 June 2023 (2022: none).

22 Cash and cash equivalents

	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
Cash and cash equivalents				
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>8,869</u>	7,619	5,460	5,253
Reconciled to cash flow statement	8,869	7,619	5,460	5,253

23 Reconciliation of surplus after taxation to net cash flows from operating activities

	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
Surplus after taxation	24,217	18,526	7,241	8,129
Add non-cash items:	-	-	-	-
Fair value gains Depreciation and amortisation Impairment of assets Loss / (gain) on sale of assets Share based payments Other non cash items Deferred tax Total non-cash items	(7,791) 15,878 - (438) 198 (283) <u>843</u> 8,407	(2,436) 13,027 54 347 192 (346) 1,065 11,903	- (179) - 16 - (162)	339 - (490) - (151)
(Deduct) / add other adjustments:	-	-	-	-
Finance costs classified as financing activities Increase in non-current provisions Total other adjustments	5,832 <u>75</u> 5,907	- 3 3	<u> </u>	- <u>-</u>
Movements in working capital:				
Increase / (decrease) in accounts payable (Increase) / decrease in receivables (Increase) / decrease in tax receivables Total movements in working capital	597 (426) <u>1,331</u> 1,502	(20) 588 46 614	(100) 99 	(916) (56) <u>28</u> (944)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	40,030	31,046	7,077	7,034



24 Related party disclosures

The Company is 100% owned by Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC). Other related parties include Port of Napier Limited, Napier Port Holdings Limited, and Foodeast GP Limited which are all subsidiaries of the Company.

The Company and Group undertakes transactions with HBRC and its related parties, all of which are carried out on a commercial basis. During the period, no material transactions were entered into with related parties except as disclosed below.

Transactions with related parties (a)

Transactions between the Group and HBRC

The Group entered into the following transactions with HBRC:

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Sales of goods and services Interest payments received Purchases of goods and services Payment of dividends	112 333 488 6,870	- 333 130 9,025

The Group entered into the following subvention payments with HBRC, noting that subvention payments were made for the tax effect of the losses transferred.

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Subvention payments	10	121

The Group have the following year end balances arising from sales / purchases of goods and services with HBRC:

	\$'000	\$'000
Intrabusiness receivables Intrabusiness payables	360	84 33

Balance at year end for loan provided by the Company to HBRC:

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Loan to HBRC	16,663	16,663

Transactions between the Parent and subsidiaries

The following transactions were entered into between the Parent and its subsidiary, Napier Port Holdings Limited:

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Dividends received	7,040	8,250



24 Related party disclosures (continued)

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Accounts payable	-	45

The amounts owing to related parties are paid in accordance with the Group's normal commercial terms of trade.

(b) Key management compensation

Compensation of the directors and executives, being the key management personnel for group reporting purposes is as follows:

	Group	Group	Parent	Parent
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Board members Remuneration	828	744	45	45
Leadership team Short term employee benefits Share based payments	3,237	3,926	-	-
	198	192	-	-
Total key management personnel remuneration	4,263	4,862	45	45

25 Commitments

(a) Capital commitments

Capital expenditure contracted for at the end of the reporting period but not yet incurred is as follows:

	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
Property, plant and equipment	1,400	12,365	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>
Total capital commitments	1,400	12,365		

26 Contingencies

Contingent liabilities:

Under the terms of The Funding Agreement with MBIE, the HB Food Innovation Hub ('The Hub') may only be used to facilitate innovation and collaboration in the Hawke's Bay food, beverage, agritech, horticulture and related activities. If The Hub ceases to be used for these purposes then the grant received from MBIE must be repaid.

Starting one year after The Hub opens, this liability abates at \$2 million per year until it is fully abated after 6 years. At balance date \$7 million of the \$12 million grant had been drawn down.

There are no plans to cease using the The Hub for the required activities so the possibility of repaying the grant is low.

As at 30 June 2023 the Parent and Group had no other contingent liabilities (2022: none).

Financial guarantees

The Group has financial performance guarantees in place, the maximum callable under the guarantees at 30 June 2023 is \$119,724 (2022: \$121,000).



27 Financial risk management

(a) Credit risk

In the normal course of its business the Company and Group incurs credit risk from accounts receivable, related party loans, bank balances and interest rate swap agreements. There is no significant concentration of credit risk and the Company and Group has a policy of assessing the credit risk of significant new customers and monitors the credit quality of existing customers. Counterparties to cash and derivative financial assets are major banks, approved by the directors. The related party loan is to a regional council with a strong statement of financial position that has no history of default. The Company and Group's maximum credit risk exposure is as disclosed in the statement of financial position and there is no collateral or other security held.

The Company and Group has trade receivables as financial assets that are subject to the expected credit loss model under NZ IFRS 9. For trade receivables the Company and Group applies the NZ IFRS 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade receivables.

The Company and Group has a loan receivable from Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) which is subject to the expected credit loss model under NZ IFRS 9. The Company and Group has applied the 12 month expected credit loss allowance approach to measure the expected credit losses for this loan. As at 30 June 2023 the net carrying value of the loan amounted to \$16.6 million (2022: \$16.6 million) and there was no collateral held as security. Due to the strong statement of financial position of HBRC and the nature of the relationship between the group and HBRC, the Company and Group has not recognised any credit losses against this loan as at 30 June 2023 (2022: none).

(b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company and Group will not be able to meet its financial obligations as and when they fall due. The Company and Group's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient cash and borrowing facilities available to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and adverse conditions. The Company and Group's cash flow requirements and the utilisation of borrowing facilities are continuously monitored.

The following table sets out the contractual cash flows for all financial liabilities and derivatives:

Contractual Maturity Analysis

Group		Carrying amount	Cash flows to maturity	Less than 1 year	1 - 2 years	2 - 5 years	More than 5 years
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
2023							
Trade and other payables Lease liabilities		7,172 249	7,172 248	7,172 209	- 39	-	-
Loans and bank borrowings Interest rate swaps - fair value hedges		128,946 2,080	165,781 2,198	7,846 1,446	7,846 901	150,088 (149)	-
Interest rate swaps - cash flow hedges		(6,142) 132,305	(6,672) 168,727	(2,620) 14,053	(3,498) 5,288	(554) 149,385	<u> </u>
2022							
Trade and other payables Lease liabilities		6,928 446	6,928 446	6,928 197	- 209	- 40	-
Loans and bank borrowings Interest rate swaps - cash flow hedges		129,380 (5,047)	140,072 (5,047)	5,809 <u>(1,191</u>)	63,453 <u>(1,102</u>)	70,810 <u>(2,785</u>)	32
		131,707	142,399	11,743	62,560	68,065	32



27 Financial risk management (continued)

Parent	Carrying amount	Cash flows to maturity	Less than 1 year	1 - 2 years	2 - 5 years	More than 5 years
2023						
Trade and other payables Bank borrowings Interest rate swaps Forward exchange contracts	2 - - - 2	2 2	2 2	- 		- - - - -
Trade and other payables Bank borrowings Interest rate swaps Forward exchange contracts	121 - - - 121	121 - - - 121	121 - - - 121	- - - -	- - 	- - -

(c) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and fuel prices, will affect the Company and Group's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return on risk.

(d) Interest rate risk

The Company and Group utilises interest rate caps and swaps to manage interest rate exposures for future periods. The Company and Group's main interest rate risk arises from loans and borrowings with variable rates, which expose the Company and Group to cash flow interest rate risk. Generally, the Company and Group enters into long-term borrowings at floating rates and swaps them into fixed rates. The Company and Group's treasury policy defines the use of approved hedging instruments to manage interest rate exposures within minimum and maximum bands of fixed interest rate cover.

The notional principal amounts (including forward starting swaps) and the expiry period of interest rate swaps at the end of the reporting period were:

	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
Interest rate swaps - cash flow hedges (pay fixed)				
Less than 1 year	-	15,000	-	-
2 - 5 years	80,000	50,000	-	-
Greater than 5 years	<u> </u>	30,000	<u> </u>	
	80,000	95,000		

The effects of the interest rate swaps on the Company and Group's financial position and performance are as follows:

Carrying amount (liability)	(6,142)	(5,047)	-	-
Hedge ratio	1:1	1:1	-	-
Change in fair value of outstanding hedging instruments	(6,142)	5,047	-	-
Change in value of hedged item used to determine				
hedge	6,142	(5,047)	-	-
Weighted average hedged (index) rate	2.50%	2.22%	-	-



27 Financial risk management (continued)

27 i manciai risk management (continued)				
	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
Interest rate swaps - cash flow hedges (received fixed)				
2 - 5 years	95,000 95,000			<u>-</u>
The effects of the interest rate swaps on the Company and	Group's financial p	osition and perfo	ormance are as fo	llows:
Carrying amount (liability)	2,080	-	-	_
Hedge ratio	1:1	-	-	-
Change in fair value of outstanding hedging instruments Change in value of hedged item used to determine	2,080	-	-	-
hedge	(2,080)	-	-	-
Weighted average hedged (index) rate	4.07%	-	-	-

Interest rate sensitivity analysis

At reporting date, if bank interest rates had been 100 basis points higher / lower with all other variables held constant, it would increase / (decrease) post tax profit or loss and other comprehensive income by the amounts shown below.

	Profit or loss		Other comprehensive incom	
	100bp	100bp	100bp	100bp
	increase	decrease	increase	decrease
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
2023				
Variable rate loans	(320)	320	-	_
Interest rate swaps - fair value hedges	(3,354)	3,523	-	-
Interest rate swaps - cash flow hedges	-	-	2,440	(2,540)
	(3,674)	3,843	2,440	(2,540)
2022				
Variable rate loans	(1,300)	1,300	-	-
Interest rate swaps - cash flow hedges	616	(656)	2,591	(2,762)
	(684)	644	2,591	(2,762)

(e) Foreign exchange rate risk

The Company and Group undertakes transactions denominated in foreign currencies from time to time which exposes the Company and Group to changes in foreign exchange rates until such transactions are settled. It is the Company and Group's policy to hedge highly probable foreign currency risks above a certain value threshold as they arise and use forward foreign exchange contracts or foreign currency cash purchases to manage these exposures.

The Group's exposures to financial instrument foreign currency risk at the end of the reporting period were:

	NZD Amount \$'000	Currency Amount \$'000		
2023 EUR cash balances held	_	_		
2022 EUR forward foreign exchange contracts	669	<u>400</u>		



27 Financial risk management (continued)

(f) Commodity price risk

There were no commodity swap contracts in place at the reporting date (2022: nil)

(g) Fair values

Financial assets

	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000	Parent 2023 \$'000	Parent 2022 \$'000
Financial assets at fair value - level 1				
Investments in managed funds	45,638	43,208	45,638	43,208
Investment in Napier Port Holdings Limited	45,638	43,208	275,000 320,638	302,500 345,708
	43,030	45,200	320,030	343,700
Financial assets at fair value - level 2	0.440	5.000		
Interest rate swaps	6,142 6,142	5,206 5,206		-
	0,142	5,200		
Financial assets at amortised cost	0.000	7.040	F 400	5.050
Cash Receivables	8,869 13,933	7,619 13,314	5,460	5,253 83
Loan receivable	16,663	16,663	16,663	16,663
Term deposit	<u> </u>	600	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	39,465	38,196	22,123	21,999
Total financial assets	91,245	86,610	342,761	367,707
Financial liabilities				
Financial liabilities at fair value (level 2) - cashflow hedges				
Interest rate swaps	2,080	159	-	_
•	2,080	159		_
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	- 4-0	2 222		101
Trade payables Borrowings	7,172 128,946	6,928 129,380	2	121
Donowings	136,118	136,308	2	121
Total financial liabilities	138,198	136,467	2	121
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The carrying value of all financial assets and liabilities approximates their fair value.

Estimation of fair value of financial instruments

The fair value of financial instruments is determined on a hierarchical basis that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy is:

- Level 1 fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices);
- Level 3 fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).



28 Share-based payments

Fair share plan

The employees of Napier Port Holdings Limited, a subsidiary of the Company, were offered an interest-free limited recourse loan at the time of the initial public offering in August 2019 to purchase up to \$5,000 worth of ordinary shares at the price that the Napier Port Holdings Limited shares initially listed on the NZX. The shares are held in trust on behalf of the employees until the employees' loans are settled in full. The employee loans are repayable on the earlier of the 10th anniversary of Napier Port Holdings Limited listing on the NZX, the date an employee ceases employment with the subsidiary, or when an employee repays their loan balance. Any dividends paid by the subsidiary while the employee loans are outstanding are credited against the employees' loan balance. If at the time employees are required to repay their loans the shares are worth less than the loan, the employees are not required to repay the loan balance but they will forfeit their shares.

As the conditions of the fair share plan give the employee the right, but not necessarily the obligation, to subscribe to shares the arrangement is considered for accounting purposes, an in-substance share option plan, and is accounted for under NZ IFRS 2 Share-Based Payments. Because the employees can leave at any time and repay their loans, or early repay their loans at any time, and take legal ownership of their shares, there is no vesting period and the full amount of the fair value of the award has been recognised at the grant date and there will be no further adjustment.

The fair value of the options at the grant date was determined using the Black Scholes option pricing model, taking into account the terms and conditions under which the options were granted. The following tables lists the inputs used at the time the options were granted.

2019

Black Scholes option pricing model

Exercise price \$2.60
Dividend yield \$2.32%
Expected volatility \$18.7%
Risk free interest rate \$0.86% - 1.92%
Expected life of the options \$9.1 years

During the year ended 30 June 2020, 472,288 shares were granted under the fair share plan with an option fair value of \$0.68 per share. During the year ended 30 June 2023, no expense has been recognised in the subsidiary's statement of profit or loss in respect of the fair share plan (2022: \$nil).

Executive long-term incentive (LTI) plan

In August 2019, the subsidiary introduced an equity-settled executive long-term incentive (LTI) plan. Under this LTI plan, share rights are issued to participating executives with a three year vesting period. The vesting of share rights entitle the executive to the receipt of one Napier Port Holdings Limited ordinary share per share right at nil cost, plus additional shares to the value of any dividends which would have been paid on the underlying shares during the vesting period. Vesting is subject to the executive remaining employed by the Group during the vesting period, the achievement of total shareholder return (TSR) hurdles over the vesting period and, for the initial grant, the achievement of certain EBITDA targets over the prospective financial information period (2 years).

The proportion of share rights that vests depends on the subsidiary's TSR performance ranking relative to the NZX50 index.

To the extent that performance hurdles are not met or executives leave employment of the subsidiary prior to vesting, the share rights are forfeited.

2023	2022
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Number of share rights issued:		
Grant date 30	November 22	30 November 21
Vesting date 30	November 25	30 November 24
Balance at 1 July	516,505	300,590
Vested during the year	(114,483)	-
Granted during the year	196,756	248,434
Lapsed during the year	(101,990)	(32,519)
Balance at 30 June	496,788	516,505



28 Share-based payments (continued)

Share rights are valued as zero cost in-substance options at the date at which they are granted, using the Monte Carlo option pricing model. The following table lists the key inputs into the valuation:

	2023	2022
Monte Carlo option pricing model		
Grant date	30-Nov-22	30-Nov-21
Vesting date	30-Nov-25	30-Nov-24
Grant date share price	\$2.78	\$3.08
Risk free interest rate	0.94%	0.94%
Expected dividends	\$0.26	\$0.26
Valuation per share right	\$1.34	\$1.49

The weighted average remaining contractual life of the options at 30 June 2023 is 1.55 years (2022: 1.44 years)

During the year ended 30 June 2023, an expense of \$198,471 (2022: \$192,000) has been recognised in respect of the LTI plan in the group statement of profit or loss.

29 Events occurring after the reporting period

There were no events occurring subsequent to balance date which require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

30 Performance against statement of intent targets

	Group Actual	Group Target	Parent Actual	Parent Target
For the year ended 30 June 2023 Net debt to net debt plus equity Interest cover (EBIT / interest paid) EBITDA / total assets Return on shareholders' funds Ordinary dividends	22% 4x 7% 4.02%	<40% >3x 9% 5%	0% N/A 2% 2% \$7.04m	<10% >3x 3% 3% \$10.1m
For the year ended 30 June 2022 Net debt to net debt plus equity Interest cover (EBIT / interest paid) EBITDA / total assets Return on shareholders' funds Ordinary dividends	22% 6x 7% 4.06%	<40% >3x 9% 5%	0% N/A 2% 2% \$8.25m	<10% >3x 3% 3% \$10.1m

31 Legislative compliance

Section 67 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires the Board of Directors to complete the Company's annual report within 3 months after the end of each financial year.

The report was completed on <Date>.



32 Net debt reconciliation

This reconciliation sets out an analysis of net debt and the movements in net debt for each of the periods presented.

	Group 2023 \$'000	Group 2022 \$'000
Net debt Cash and cash equivalents (note 22)	8.869	7,619
Borrowings (note 21)	(128,946)	(129,380)
Lease liabilities (note 7)	(249)	(446)
	(120,326)	(122,207)

Other assets		Liabilities from financing activities	
Cash \$'000	Borrowings \$'000	Leases \$'000	Total \$'000
10,062	(58,718)	(576)	(49,232)
(2,443)	(70,000)	248	(72,195)
-	-	(90)	(90)
-	(4,795)	(28)	(4,823)
-	,	-	4,795
			(662)
7,619	(129,380)	(446)	(122,207)
1,250	1,525	217	2,992
	(7 597)	(20)	(7,607)
-		(20)	1,634
_	,	_	4,862
8.869		(249)	(120,326)
	assets Cash \$'000 10,062 (2,443) 7,619	cash Borrowings \$'000 \$'000 10,062 (58,718) (2,443) (70,000) - - - (4,795) - (662) 7,619 (129,380) 1,250 1,525 - (7,587) - 1,634 - 4,862	Cash \$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\

Other changes include non-cash movements and interest payments which are presented as operating cash flows in the statement of cash flows.



Performance statement

HBRIC as a Council-Controlled Trading Organisation (CCTO) is required to report against the performance measures included in the Statement of Intent (Sol) prepared under the Local Government Act 2002. The Sol specifies the objectives, the nature of scope to activities to be undertake, the performance targets and other measures by which the performance of HBRIC may be judged in relation to its objectives.

The following relate to the 2023 Statement of Intent.

Performance

Objective	Performance target	2023 Performance	2022 Performance
HBRIC Ltd will maintain a majority ownership of the Port of Napier.	HBRIC Ltd will maintain ordinary share holdings of greater than 51%.	Satisfied. Current holding 55%	This is a new measure in 2023.
HBRIC Ltd's Managed Funds Investment Portfolio will generate commercial returns across the portfolio to grow the capital base and contribute towards funding Council's operating costs.	Managed fund portfolio's held by HBRIC Ltd will return a gross return of >= 6% per annum, and a minimum cash yield >=2% per annum	Not Satisfied. Gross return for 2023 = 5.81% Cash yield after taxes and fees = 0.80% The Shareholder Hawke's Bay Regional Council is to review all investment performance and work with the Company to align strategy and returns moving forward.	This is a new measure in 2023.
Private Equity Investments - HBRIC Ltd will invest in structures providing long term commercial returns and where possible provide a regional benefit.	Regular evalation by the board on the performance of the private equity investments.	There were no Private Equity Investments during the year.	This is a new measure in 2023.
Real Assets Portfolio- HBRIC Ltd will invest in real assets providing long term commercial returns and where possible provide a regional benefit.	Regular evaluation by the board on the performance of the real asset investments.	HBRIC does not currently invest in any real assets directly.	This is a new measure in 2023.



Governance

Objective	Performance target	2023 Performance	2022 Performance
HBRIC Ltd maintains a strategic direction that aligns with Council's objective and investment strategy.	HBRIC Ltd develops and maintains appropriate communications lines with Council to ensure HBRIC Ltd remains aware of Council's strategic priorities.	HBRIC presented quarterly reports (4 each year) to Corporate & Strategic Committee for Council to ensure the stategic direction of HBRIC Ltd is consistent with that of Council.	HBRIC has presented to Council on a number of occasions to ensure the strategic direction of HBRIC Ltd is consistent with that of Council.
	By March each year (unless otherwise agreed) HBRIC Ltd will submit a draft Sol for the forthcoming year for review and approval by Council.	Satisified. Sol for The Company was submitted to Council 28/3/23.	The Draft Sol was submitted to council on 24 February 2022.
HBRIC Ltd keeps Council informed of all significant matters relating to HBRIC Ltd and its subsidaries, within the constraints of commercial sensitivity.	HBRIC Ltd quarterly written reports to the Council in the financial year.	Satisfied. The company submitted 4 quarterly written reports to Council in the financial year.	Satisfield.
	Major matters of urgency are reported to Council at the earliest opportunity.	Major matters of urgency are defined as issues which could have impact upon the performance of both HBRIC and the Council. There were no major matters of urgency in the year.	All major matters of urgency were reported to Council at the earliest opportunity.



Objective	Performance target	2023 Performance	2022 Performance
Corporate governance procedures are appropriate, documented and reflect best practice.	The Company's policies will be developed and reviewed in accordance with a schedule approved by the Board, and the company will work with and assist Council to ensure that there is alignment between Council and copany policies.	Satisified. The following policies were reviewed in July 2022, and changes ratified in September 2022. They aligned with the schedule of policies approved by the Board. -Confidentiality Policy -Theft and Fraud -Controlling Sensitive Expenditure Policy -HBRIC Board of Directors Confilct of Interest Policy -Code of Conduct The remaining policy reviewed in the prior year was: -Appointmentment & Renumeration of Directors Policy	A review of policies were performed during the 2022 year along with updates to policies as needed.
HBRIC Ltd's process for the selection and appointment of directors to the boards of subsidiary and monitored companies is rigorus and impartial.	The process followed for each appointment to a subsidiary or monitored company board is transparent, fully documented and in line with Council's approved policies and procedures.	Satisfied. Matters relating to Director appointments on subsidiary boards were discussed at HBRIC Ltd board meetings throughout the year.	Director appointments made during the year complied with Council/HBRIC Ltd policies.



Objective	Performance target	2023 Performance	2022 Performance
Subsidiary companies complete (as appropriate), on a timely basis, Statement of Intent that meets best practice standards.	HBRIC Ltd will engage with applicable subsidiary companies prior to the Sol round in each year regarding the structure and content of the Sol's. In each year, subsidiary companies (as appropiate) submit draft Statements of Intent to HBRIC Ltd in sufficient time for HBRIC Ltd to submit a Final SOI by 30 June. HBRIC Ltd will review Statements of Intent and respond to subsidiaries and make recommendations to Council, including on any material changes that are proposed, within six weeks of receipt.	Satisified. Sol for Foodeast submitted to Council 28/3/23. An Sol was not required under section 71A of Local Government Act 2002 for NPHL.	Satisfied in respect of FoodEast. Not required under section 71A of Local Government Act 2002 for NPHL.
Subsidiary companies that are CCTO's comply with the Local Government Act's requirements that their principal objectives be: -achieving the objectives of its shareholders as set out in the Solbe a good employerexhibit a sense of social and environmental responsbility, and -conducting their affairs in accordance with sound business practices.	HBRIC Ltd will review the companies' performance in the context of these statutorily required objectives.	HBRIC Ltd receives regular investor updates published by the Port of Napier Ltd, financial reports from Foodeast and monitors other responsbilities through the commercial manager.	Satisfied - HBRIC Ltd receives regular investor updates published by the Port of Napier Limited.

Group strategic, financial and sustainability objectives

Objective	Performance target	2023 Performance	2022 Performance
Subsidiary companies adopt strategies that are compatible with the strategic direction of HBRIC Ltd and Council.1	HBRIC Ltd will engage with subsidiary companies prior to the Sol round regarding key shareholder strategies and subsequently review their Sol's for compatibility with those strategies.	Satisfied. HBRIC Ltd reviewed and approved Foodeast Sol at their Board meeting on 27 March 2023.	Satisfied. FoodEast Sol submitted and reviewed by HBRIC Board of Directors 24 February 2021. The Napier Port is not required to prepare an Sol.
Subsidiary companies adopt strategies that contribute to Regional Growth.	HBRIC Ltd will encourage subsidiary companies to seek opportunities that are both commercially sound and are capable of enhancing regional growth, and actively engage with them with regard to specific opportunities that may arise.	Satsified. Napier Port continues on to focus on increase trade growth as the region recovers from Cyclone Gabrielle. Foodeast investment is centered around regional growth through collaboration and technology.	Satisfied. Napier Port continues to focus on increased trade growth with the recently completed new 6 wharf enabling it to expand its operations. Foodeast investment is centered around regional growth through collaboration and technology.

Parent company financial objectives

Objective	Performance target	2023 Performance	2022 Performance
HBRIC Ltd distribution performance meets the shareholder's expectations.1	HBRIC Ltd pays a dividend for the financial year that meets or exceeds the forecast dividend of \$8-11m, and achieves the other budgeted key performance measures set out in this statement of service performance.	Not Satisified. Actual \$6.87m. Cyclone Gabrielle impacted revenue from the Port and on-flowed to the Company's shareholders.	Satisfied.
HBRIC Ltd's investments provide an appropriate return in relation to their business risk, and against external benchmarks.	HBRIC Ltd will periodically review the performance of subsidiary companies and other investments against external benchmarks and assess the value of the investment in the individual company in relation to its inherent business risk and community benefits.	Not Satisified. HBRIC and the Council are currently reviewing their investment strategy and updating benchmarks.	Satisfied.

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Ratio of Shareholders' Funds to Total Assets

Parents Company	Target 22/23	Performance 22/23	Targe 21/22	Performance 21/22
Shareholder's funds1 /total assets	> 75%	100%	> 75%	100%
Net debt (\$m)	Up to \$20m	Nil	Up to \$15m	Nil
Shareholders' Funds1 (\$000)	450,000	344,449	420,000	369,510

¹ Shareholders' funds are defined as the sum of paid-up capital, capital reserves and revenue reserves of the parent company. Total assets are defined as the total book value of all assets of the parent company as disclosed in the statement of financial position.





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE READERS OF HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED'S GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Hawke's Bay Regional Investment Company Limited and its controlled entities (collectively referred to as 'the Group'). The Auditor-General has appointed me, David Borrie, using the staff and resources of Ernst & Young, to carry out the audit of the financial statements and the performance information of the Group, on his behalf.

Opinion

We have audited:

- the financial statements of the Group on pages 11 to 46, that comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, the statement of profit or loss, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the performance information of the Group on pages 47 to 52.

In our opinion:

- the financial statements of the Group:
 - present fairly, in all material respects:
 - its financial position as at 30 June 2023; and
 - its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
 - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand in accordance with New Zealand equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards; and
- the performance information of the Group presents fairly, in all material respects, the Group's
 actual performance compared against the performance targets and other measures by which
 performance was judged in relation to the Group's objectives for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Our audit was completed on 29 September 2023. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

The basis for our opinion is explained below. In addition, we outline the responsibilities of the Board of Directors and our responsibilities relating to the financial statements and the performance information, we comment on other information, and we explain our independence.



Basis for our opinion

We carried out our audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Responsibilities of the auditor section of our report.

We have fulfilled our responsibilities in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards.

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

Responsibilities of the Board of Directors for the financial statements and the performance information

The Board of Directors is responsible on behalf of the Group for preparing financial statements that are fairly presented and that comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. The Board of Directors is also responsible for preparing the performance information for the Group.

The Board of Directors is responsible for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable it to prepare financial statements and performance information that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements and the performance information, the Board of Directors is responsible on behalf of the Group for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. The Board of Directors is also responsible for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting, unless the Board of Directors intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Directors' responsibilities arise from the Local Government Act 2002.

Responsibilities of the auditor for the audit of the financial statements and the performance information

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and the performance information, as a whole, are 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 carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements are differences or omissions of amounts or disclosures, and can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of readers, taken on the basis of these financial statements and the performance information.

For the budget information reported in the performance information, our procedures were limited to checking that the information agreed to the Group's statement of intent.



We did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the financial statements and the performance information.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Also:

- We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and the performance information, 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.
- We 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 Group's internal control.
- We evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board of Directors.
- We evaluate the appropriateness of the reported performance information within the Group's framework for reporting its performance.
- We conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Board of Directors and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group'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 statements and the performance information 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 Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements and the
 performance information, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements and the
 performance information represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that
 achieves fair presentation.
- We obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial statements and the performance information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements and the consolidated performance information. We are responsible solely for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.



We communicate with the Board of Directors 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 in our audit.

Our responsibilities arise from the Public Audit Act 2001.

Other information

The Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included on pages 2 to 10, but does not include the financial statements and the performance information, and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements and the performance information does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements and the performance information, our responsibility is to read the other information. In doing so, we consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements and the performance information or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on our work, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report the fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Independence

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the independence requirements of the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the independence requirements of Professional and Ethical Standard 1: *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand) (PES 1)* issued by New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

Other than the audit, we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Group.

David Borrie

Ernst & Young

Chartered Accountants

On behalf of the Auditor-General

Wellington, New Zealand