



Common Ground Queensland Ltd

Financial Report

for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

DIRECTORS REPORT

Your directors present this report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

DIRECTORS

The names of each person who has been a director during the year and to the date of this report are:

	Date Appointed	Date of Cessation	Meetings Attended	Eligible Meetings
Peter Pearce	10/08/2015	30/06/2024	8	9
Justin Hogg	21/07/2021	-	7	9
Mark Lightfoot	27/11/2013	11/10/2023	3	3
Joanna Spanjaard	07/10/2015	-	7	9
Michael Ryall	27/02/2017	-	9	9
Christine Grose	17/05/2017	-	7	9
Kate Jones	02/02/2021	-	3	9
Mark Neave	26/05/2021	-	7	9
Joell Ogilvie	26/05/2021	-	5	9
Jackson Hills	22/05/2024	-	2	4

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company during the financial year was to provide supportive housing property and tenancy management services to individuals and families who have experienced or at risk of chronic homelessness and people on low incomes.

SHORT AND LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES

The company's objectives are to:

- Ensure our tenants' needs are met to enable a fulfilling life.
- Provide specialised tenancy management services for people with housing needs from a range of backgrounds.
- Increase the supply of supportive housing services that provide a preventative response for individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness.
- Through effective public, private and community partnerships, enable place-based supportive housing projects that honour local community needs.
- Advocate the benefits of the supportive housing model through participation in evidence-based research.

STRATEGIES

To achieve the stated objectives, the company has adopted the following strategies:

Purposeful Growth:

- Do more with those we serve.
- Serve more people to grow our impact.
- Grow revenue and diversify our income base streams.

Strategic Enablers:

- Articulate and refine effective partnerships.
- Conduct research to support our evidence-based model.
- Invest in our people and develop an inclusive team culture.
- Dedicate resources to optimise funds.

Place Based Opportunities:

- Expand place-based solutions across Queensland by leveraging the Common Ground model.
- Actively unlock latency in and with partners.
- Explore opportunities to include and embed First Nations Peoples support.

Focused Advocacy:

- For more supportive housing.
- For the betterment of those we serve.
- For family and domestic violence.

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The company measures performance through the establishment and monitoring of benchmarks:

	Actual	Benchmark	Achieved Yes/No
Financial Sustainability			
Common Ground Queensland Revenue and Expenditure			
Rent Revenue	7.52% on budget	=/> budget	Yes
Commercial Revenue	-1.73% on budget	=/> budget	No
Investment Revenue	153% on budget	=/> budget	Yes
Expenses	-16.18% on budget	=/< budget	Yes
Brisbane Common Ground – Tenancy Management			
Uncollected Rent	0.30%	<5% of rent	Yes
Bad Debts	0.30%	<1.5% of rent	Yes
Tenancy Mix – Between Formerly Homeless and Affordable Housing Tenants	54%/46%	50/50 with < 5% variance	Yes
Tenancy Mix – Gender	51% male/49% female	50/50 with < 10% variance	Yes
Evictions into Homelessness	0	0	Yes
Eviction Rate	10.41%	<12%	Yes
Vacancy Rate	0.03%	</=0.83%	Yes

Commercial revenue was slightly lower than budget due to less demand for function venues. In response to the housing crisis, CGQ has prioritised vacancies at Brisbane Common Ground to people who are experiencing chronic homelessness.

Information on Directors

Michael Ryall	Co-Chairperson
Qualifications	Master of Professional Accounting, post graduate qualifications in Applied Finance, Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Michael also holds qualifications in Strata Management and Hotel Management.
Experience	Director since February 2017. Over 20 years' experience in hospitality and property organisations in Australia, UK and the Middle East. Expertise in community and property management, financial management and reporting, governance, business management and project management.
Special Responsibilities	Co-Chairperson
Kate Jones	Co-Chairperson
Qualifications	Master in Environmental Law and a Bachelor of Arts, Journalism Major.
Experience	Director since February 2021. Kate has more than 20 years experience in senior government and leadership positions. Kate served as a Minister in the Queensland Government for more than eight years in a range of portfolios including State Development, Education, Tourism and Major Events and Innovation and Climate Change. Kate was also the Minister for the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.
Special Responsibilities	Co-Chairperson, Member of Supporter, Engagement and Advocacy Committee.
Peter Pearce	Director
Qualifications	Master of Public Sector Management, Graduate Diploma in Social Science, Associate Diploma in Business, Master of Ethics and Legal Studies.
Experience	Director since August 2015. Peter has over 40 years' experience in not-for-profit governance with organisations working in employment, homelessness, housing, child and family support, acute health care and childcare. He has worked in senior roles in aero-medical retrieval, aged care, health, energy, politics, public service, business development and general management.
Special Responsibilities	Member of Audit and Risk Committee, Member of Supporter Engagement and Advocacy Committee, Member of Growth and Innovation Committee.
Mark Lightfoot	Director
Qualifications	Bachelor of Commerce (Banking and Finance), Bachelor of Laws, Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland.
Experience	Director since 2013. Partner in the Banking and Financial Services Group of HWL Ebsworth. Experience includes documenting and advising on the structuring of debt finance transactions including property development and investment, construction and project financing.
Special Responsibilities	Chair of Supporter, Engagement and Advocacy Committee to October 2023.
Joanna Spanjaard	Director
Qualifications	Bachelor of Engineering, Masters of Science in Engineering, Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.
Experience	Director since October 2015. Over 20 years' experience in risk management developing, implementing and providing assurance over all aspects of risk management including risk frameworks, risk appetite, risk maturity diagnostics, risk governance, culture, and operating models. Joanna also has deep experience in many industry sectors including not-for-profits, health, public safety, energy, mining and water and regularly facilitates emerging, strategic and operational risk workshops with Boards and senior executives.
Special Responsibilities	Member of Audit and Risk Committee.

Information on Directors

Mark Neave **Director**

Qualifications Masters of Business Communication Studies, Graduate Diploma in Communication, and Bachelor of Social Work, Double Certificates in Social Welfare.

Experience Director since May 2021. Over 40 years' experience working within the Health and Welfare sectors as a frontline worker ranging from direct clinical work as a social worker in mental health, child safety and acute care and in Executive positions within Government and Non-Government organisations.

Special Responsibilities Member of Growth and Innovation Committee.

Christine Grose **Director**

Qualifications Bachelor of Business Communications (Public Relations).

Experience Director since May 2017. Over 3 decades of direct service delivery and management experience in the community sector – in particular in the areas of homelessness and youth at risk.

Special Responsibilities Chair of Growth and Innovation Committee, Member of Supporter, Engagement and Advocacy Committee.

Joell Ogilvie **Director**

Experience Director since May 2021. Joell is the Executive General Manager for the Flight Centre Travel Group (FCTG) and has over 30 years' experience working for Flight Centre. Joell is responsible for a diverse group of businesses within the FCTG. Joell has extensive experience in all aspects of running these businesses with a strong focus on delivering growth and development programs for her team.

Special Responsibilities Member of Supporter, Engagement and Advocacy Committee.

Justin Hogg **Director**

Qualifications Bachelor of Commerce, Graduate Diploma of Applied Corporate Governance.

Experience Director since July 2021. Justin Hogg has worked as an accountant in a number of industries including overseeing teams responsible for billion-dollar business ventures through working with charities to further their goals. Justin is passionate about the not-for-profit space and helping those who help others. Justin serves in Director and Company Secretary positions for several not-for-profits currently as well as running his own business that supports not-for-profits. Justin Hogg is a Member of CPA Australia and a Fellow Member of the Governance Institute of Australia.

Special Responsibilities Chair of Audit and Risk Committee.

Jackson Hills **Director**

Qualifications Master of Business Administration – Graduate Certificate Politics & Policy. Political Science and Government

Experience Director since May 2024. Jackson has spent more than 15 years working in non-for-profit and community organisations. This includes 12.5 years with Tennis Australia, three years with the Australian Football League (AFL) and time with the Australian Sports Commission. He has also been actively involved with the Trish MS Research Foundation, The Salvation Army, Set Free Care, and several other charities. After sport, Jackson moved into local and state government roles, supporting several state politicians and local councillors in their community work and media engagement. More recently, Jackson has been leading the policy and strategic engagement efforts at Q Shelter, Queensland's peak body for housing and homelessness services.

Special Responsibilities Member of Supporter, Engagement and Advocacy Committee.

Member Guarantee

In accordance with the Company's constitution each member is liable to contribute \$10 in the event that the company is wound up. The total amount members would contribute is \$230.

Auditor's Independence

The Auditor's declaration of independence appears on page 8 and forms part of the Directors report for the year ended 30 June 2024.

This director's report is signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Ryall', is positioned above a horizontal line.

Michael Ryall (Co-Chairperson)

Dated this 9th day of September 2024.



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Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 60 40 of the Charities and Not for profits Commission Act 2012 to the Responsible Persons of Common Ground Queensland

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2024, there have been:

- 1 No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- 2 No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Chartered Accountants

Jiahui (Jeremiah) Thum

Director
Brisbane, QLD
Dated: 9th of September 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
as 30 June 2024

	Note	2024	2023
<u>Assets</u>			
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank & on Hand		2,054,636	2,423,466
Receivables & Prepayments	4	716,843	345,092
Total Current Assets		2,771,479	2,768,558
<u>Property Plant & Equipment</u>			
Plant Equipment & Chattels	5	143,052	190,469
Total Property Plant & Equipment		143,052	190,469
Total Assets		2,914,531	2,959,027
<u>Liabilities</u>			
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Creditors & Accruals	6	588,700	691,229
Provisions	7	217,712	153,958
Total Current Liabilities		806,412	845,187
<u>Non-Current Liabilities</u>			
Provisions	7	7,350	8,323
Total Non-Current Liabilities		7,350	8,323
Total Liabilities		813,762	853,510
Net Assets		2,100,769	2,105,517
<u>Accumulated Funds</u>			
<i>Accumulated Funds –</i>			
Retained Earnings		735,964	728,518
Maintenance Reserve		1,364,805	1,376,999
Total Accumulated Funds		2,100,769	2,105,517

The accompanying Notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024	2023
<u>Operating Income</u>			
Revenue	8	2,609,998	2,567,578
Grants Utilised – Recurrent	9	1,521,741	1,917,805
Grants Utilised – Non Recurrent		-	1,404
Finance income – interest		20,933	2,921
Other income		181,008	527
Gross Income		<u>4,333,680</u>	<u>4,490,235</u>
<u>Operating Expenses</u>			
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		63,992	89,185
Finance expenses – interest		559	869
Administration expenses		700,732	499,000
Planned maintenance expenses		172,578	280,912
Responsive maintenance expenses		174,356	146,094
General building expenses		1,056,517	1,105,903
Tenant charges		107,177	115,992
Human resources		2,062,517	1,981,968
Total Operating Expenses		<u>4,338,428</u>	<u>4,219,923</u>
Net Ordinary Surplus (Deficit)		<u>(4,748)</u>	<u>270,312</u>

The accompanying Notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024	2023
Cash Flows From Operating Activities			
Receipts from trading, fund raising and donations		3,467,887	4,075,055
Payments to suppliers and employees including GST input credits paid		(3,841,641)	(4,066,993)
Interest received		20,933	2,921
(Payment to) refund from ATO (net GST payable or receivable)		566	-
Net cash provided by operating activities		(352,255)	10,983
Cash Flows From Investing Activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment, including expensed equipment		(16,575)	(57,547)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		(16,575)	(57,547)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		(368,830)	(46,564)
Cash as at 1 July 2023		2,423,466	2,470,030
Cash as at 30 June 2024		2,054,636	2,423,466

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	Retained Earnings	Reserves	TOTAL
Balance at 1 July 2022		746,499	1,088,706	1,835,205
Add				
Surplus for the year		270,312	-	270,312
Transfer to Reserves		(288,293)	288,293	-
Balance at 30 June 2023		728,518	1,376,999	2,105,517
Add				
Deficit for the year		(4,748)	-	(4,748)
Transfer from Reserves		12,194	(12,194)	-
Balance at 30 June 2024		735,964	1,364,805	2,100,769

The accompanying Notes form part of the financial statements.

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Company is a not-for-profit, Company limited by guarantee. The financial statements are tier 2 general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards –Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-For Profit tier 2 entities adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the Corporation Act 2001 and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*.

REPORTING BASIS AND CONVENTIONS

The report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and financial assets and financial liabilities on which the fair value basis accounting has been applied.

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

(a) INCOME TAX

As a not for profit entity, the company is entitled to an exemption from the Australian Taxation Office from the payment of Income Tax on income derived by it and from the lodgement of income tax returns.

(b) REVENUE

If conditions are attached to a grant which must be satisfied before the company is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue is deferred until those conditions are satisfied. Revenue is recognised as services are performed and at year end until the service is delivered. Where a grant may be required to be repaid if certain conditions are not satisfied, a liability is recognised at year end to the extent that conditions remain unsatisfied. The Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works has advised that part of the annual surplus can be retained by the company and used for future maintenance. This has been transferred to a reserve for the 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 financial years.

The Revenue – Other is a reimbursement from the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works for planned maintenance expenses 2023-2024.

Interest revenue is recognised upon receipt. All revenue is stated net of the amount of GST.

Contracts with tenants are REIQ leases for residential tenancies. Revenue is recognised monthly.

The nature and terms of the building lease includes:

(i) Lease payments - \$1 per annum

(ii) Lease term – 7.5 years commencing from 5 February 2016

(iii) Description of the underlying asset – building with 146 units

(iv) CGQ is required to use the building to provide accommodation to residents who meet the eligibility requirements set out by the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works and any other lawful use of the premises including the non-residential space to meet the objectives of the Program that is also specified by the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works.

(c) GST

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these cases, GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or the expense. Receivables and Payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis.

(d) PROPERTY, PLANT and EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment are brought to account at cost, less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation or amortisation. The carrying amount of property, plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the Directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The Directors have determined an Asset Recognition Threshold of \$1,000.

The recoverable amount is expected to be materially the same as fair value under AASB13.

(e) DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is charged to the accounts using general rates for each category of plant, equipment and chattels.

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Units Contents	20%
Common Area Furniture and Equipment	5% to 20%
Office Furniture and Equipment	15% to 35%
Operational Plant and Equipment	10% to 20%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the statement of profit or loss.

(f) EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS

Provision is made for the company's liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date.

Employee entitlements expected to be settled within one year together with entitlements arising from wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave which will be settled after one year have been measured at their nominal amount. Other employee entitlements payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those entitlements. Sick leave provision has been capped at two weeks entitlement.

(g) PROVISIONS

Provisions are recognised when the entity has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

(h) ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

The preparation of the entity's financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the accompanying disclosures, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets or liabilities affected in future periods.

Significant estimates have been the rate of depreciation for furniture and whitegoods assets, the recognition of Grant Revenue and electricity rebates.

(i) VOLUNTEER SERVICES

The company has recognised volunteer services received as the fair value of those services can be measured reliably. The entity's financial statements have recognised material volunteer services from HWL Ebsworth and other advisors. For more information refer to note 8.

(j) GRANTS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE

The liability for grants received in advance is the unutilised amounts of grants received on the condition that specified services are delivered or conditions are fulfilled. The services are usually provided, or the conditions usually fulfilled within twelve months of receipt of the grant. Where the amount received is in respect of services to be provided over a period that exceeds twelve months after the reporting date or the conditions will only be satisfied more than twelve months after the reporting date, the liability is presented as long term.

NOTE 2: Profit from Ordinary Activities

	2024	2023
Profit from ordinary activities has been determined after		
(a) Expenses - Remuneration of Auditor	6,800	6,500
(b) Expenses - Depreciation & Amortisation (refer note 5)	63,992	89,185
(c) Expenses - Bad & Doubtful Debts	14,990	24,592

NOTE 3: Legal Status

The company is a company limited by guarantee and subject to the regulation of the Australian Securities & Investments Commission and Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012.

At 30 June 2024 the number of members was 23 (2023:22).

The principal place of business is 15 Hope Street, South Brisbane, Qld 4101.

NOTE 4: RECEIVABLES & PREPAYMENTS

	2024	2023
Trade & Other Debtors	547,495	203,576
Prepayments	169,348	141,516
Total Receivables & Prepayments	716,843	345,092

NOTE 5: FIXED ASSETS

At Cost 30 June 2024		Units Contents	Common Area	Office Furniture & Equipment	Operational Plant & Equipment	Total Plant & Equipment
Cost		745,527	192,166	271,354	94,659	1,303,706
Additions		-	-	16,575	-	16,575
Disposals		-	-	-	(10,464)	(10,464)
Closing		745,527	192,166	287,929	84,195	1,309,817
Accumulated Depreciation	Opening	-742,927	-104,770	-215,948	-49,592	-1,113,237
	Disposals	-	-	-	10,464	10,464
	Depreciation	-2,600	-9,446	-33,825	-18,121	-63,992
	Closing	-745,527	-114,216	-249,773	-57,249	-1,166,765
	Written Down Value	-	77,950	38,156	26,946	143,052
At Cost 30 June 2023		Units Contents	Common Area	Office Furniture & Equipment	Operational Plant & Equipment	Total Plant & Equipment
Cost		745,527	189,776	249,054	100,821	1,285,178
Additions		-	2,390	22,300	32,857	57,547
Disposals		-	-	-	-39,019	-39,019
Closing		745,527	192,166	271,354	94,659	1,303,706
Accumulated Depreciation	Opening	-729,927	-95,358	-176,422	-61,364	-1,063,071
	Disposals	-	-	-	39,019	39,019
	Depreciation	-13,000	-9,412	-39,526	-27,247	-89,185
	Closing	-742,927	-104,770	-215,948	-49,592	-1,113,237
	Written Down Value	2,600	87,396	55,406	45,067	190,469

The company has little history of estimating its assets useful lives. Initially depreciation was calculated by reference to accommodation rates for similar businesses. As the company has now a history of ten years, estimated useful lives of assets have been reassessed based upon actual timing of replacements. The assets primarily comprise furniture and whitegoods used in each dwelling unit.

NOTE 6: CREDITORS, ACCRUALS & TAX LIABILITIES

	2024	2023
Trade Creditors & Accruals		
Current		
Trade & Other Creditors	428,111	341,814
Accrued Expenses	11,425	86,832
GST Paid	566	-
Grant monies received in advance	148,598	262,583
Total Current Creditors & Accruals	588,700	691,229
Non-Current Grants received in advance	-	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities	-	-

NOTE 7: PROVISIONS

	2024	2023
Annual Leave	83,574	78,133
Sick Leave	35,930	29,314
Unpaid Employee Entitlements	1,547	1,002
Long Service Leave	104,011	53,832
Total Provisions	225,062	162,281
Current Component	217,712	153,958
Non-Current Component	7,350	8,323

NOTE 8: REVENUE

	2024	2023
Rental Revenue (Over time)	1,965,745	1,917,081
Tenant Payments (Over time)	42,926	111,578
Commercial Revenue (Over time)	167,024	179,043
Fundraising Event Revenue	131,162	181,734
Commission Income	1,112	1,144
Donations	33,695	108,673
Volunteer Income (Refer Note 1(h))	268,334	68,325
Total Revenue	2,609,998	2,567,578

NOTE 9: GRANTS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE

	2024	2023
Balance at beginning of year	262,583	497,135
Received for 2024	1,521,741	1,683,253
Total received	1,784,324	2,180,388
Taken to P&L	(1,635,726)	(1,917,805)
Unexpended (Refer Note 6)	148,598	262,583

A portion of the unexpended funds have been applied to fund operating costs, the balance of surplus funds is required to be utilised in accordance with Surplus Funding Guidelines provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works.

GRANT FUNDING

The company receives grant funding from Queensland Government through the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works which provides operational funding under agreements.

Operational grant funding amounts utilised under the agreement are being brought to revenue in the Statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive income; unexpended funds (in advance of requirements) are recorded as liabilities as shown at Note 9. Initial funding was also provided for the acquisition of furniture and whitegoods assets and these funds are brought to revenue in line with depreciation of the related assets. The Queensland Government has leased the Brisbane Common Ground Building to Common Ground Queensland with minimal consideration.

NOTE 10: RELATED PARTIES

	2024	2023
TRANSACTIONS WITH KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL		
Board members are not remunerated.		
Total Key Management Personnel Remuneration	550,473	498,603

NOTE 11: CONTINGENCIES AND CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There are no contingent liabilities that have been incurred by the company in relation to 2024 or 2023.

The company does not have any significant capital commitments at year end.

NOTE 12: POST-REPORTING DATE EVENTS

No adjusting or significant non-adjusting events have occurred between the reporting date and the date of authorisation.

NOTE 13: MEMBER'S GUARANTEE

The Company is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* and is a company limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum \$10 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the entity. At 30 June 2024, the total amount that members of the Company are liable to contribute if the Company wound up is \$230 (2023: \$220).

NOTE 14: ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

Common Ground Queensland is dependent on the ongoing receipt of financial assistance from the Queensland State Government to continue delivering its charitable programs. The Directors have no reason to believe that the government will discontinue its support of Common Ground Queensland.

FINANCIAL DECLARATION FOR RESPONSIBLE PERSONS

per section 60.15 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022

The Responsible Persons declare that in the Responsible People's opinion:

- (a) there are [are not] reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- (b) the financial statements and notes satisfy [do not satisfy] the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulations 2022*.



Michael Ryall (Co-Chairperson)

Dated this 9th day of September 2024.



Justin Hogg (Chairman, Audit and Risk Committee)

Dated this 9th day of September 2024.



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Independent Audit Report to the members of Common Ground Queensland

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Common Ground Queensland, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the financial report of Common Ground Queensland is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Entity's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Entity's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance

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

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In preparing the financial report, the responsible persons are responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the responsible entities either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the responsible entities.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the responsible entities' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

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Dated: 9th of September 2024