



Australian Council of Superannuation Investors Limited

ABN 39 031 495 845

Statutory Annual Report
For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

October 2024



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General information

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Company Secretary

Brooke Haigh

Auditor

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Country of Incorporation

Australia

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Directors' Report

The directors present their report on Australian Council of Superannuation Investors Limited (ACSI) for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Directors

The following persons were directors of ACSI during the financial year and up to the date of signing this report:

Name		Date Appointed
Deborah Blakey (President from 5 August 2021)	Director	20 April 2015
Other roles and special responsibilities	HESTA, Chief Executive Officer International Corporate Governance Network, Director and member of Governance Committee IFM Shareholder Advisory Board, Alternative Member Member, ASIC Consultative Panel Founding Chair of the 40:40 Vision initiative Member, Chief Executive Women (CEW)	
Qualifications	Bachelor of Science with majors in Mathematics and Computer Science Certified Financial Planner Diploma of Financial Services (Financial Planning) Non-Practitioner Member - Financial Planning Association Graduate of Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD)	
Experience	Debby Blakey joined HESTA as the Executive for Member Advice in 2008 and held the role of Deputy CEO before becoming CEO in 2015. She has more than 25 years' experience in the super and financial services sector, including 12 years as founder and principal of an employee benefits consultancy.	
Nicole Bradford	Director	3 October 2023
Other roles and special responsibilities	Australian Retirement Trust, Head of Sustainable Investment Australian Sustainable Finance Institute (ASFI), Leadership Working Group	
Qualifications	Graduate Certificate in Applied Finance BSc in Resources and Environmental Management Master of Environmental Law Graduate Diploma in Psychology Graduate Australian Institute of Company Directors	
Experience	Nicole Bradford is Head of Sustainable Investment at Australian Retirement Trust. She commenced in May 2022 and is responsible for driving the strategic direction for integrating ESG, stewardship and sustainable outcomes across the investment portfolio. She has 25 years experience integrating sustainability thinking within investments, companies and government and has worked and lived in both Asia and Europe.	
Lou Capparelli	Director	29 May 2019
Other roles and special responsibilities	UniSuper, Head of ESG	
Qualifications	Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws (Hons) Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia (FINSIA)	
Experience	Lou is Head of ESG, with responsibility for UniSuper's Environmental, Social and Governance approach in Investments. He joined UniSuper in July 2015 as a Manager, Equities covering a range of domestic and international stocks. In 2018, Lou was appointed co-manager of the Sustainable Australian Equities portfolio. In 2019, he joined the ESG team and was appointed Head of ESG in July 2022. Lou has worked in equities and financial markets since 1994. Prior to joining UniSuper, he was Head of Research at Evans & Partners, a boutique investment and advisory firm. Lou's previous roles include Director, Australian Equities with BlackRock Investment Management and Partner, Senior Analyst at Goldman Sachs JBWere (now Goldman Sachs). He began his career at Freehills (now Herbert Smith Freehills), where he qualified as a solicitor in 1992.	
Russell Clarke	Director	30 August 2021 (ceased 30 June 2024)
Other roles and special responsibilities	Victorian Funds Management Corporation, Chief Investment Officer Member of the Investment Committee for the Foundation of Youna Australians Pecuniam Investments Trust, Director	
Qualifications	Bachelor of Economics Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia Senior associate of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia	
Experience	Russell Clarke joined VFMC in May 2017 as Chief Investment Officer (CIO) where he is responsible for overseeing the management of the VFMC portfolio. Russell joined VFMC from Mercer where he was the Global CIO (Mainstream Assets) since 2011 and CIO (Pacific) since 2003. This role saw him overseeing all discretionary equity, listed property, fixed income and multi-asset portfolios worldwide and was specifically responsible on a day-to-day basis for all portfolios based in the Pacific region. Russell also chaired the Mainstream Assets Global Investment Committee and Global Strategic Research Committees. Prior to this he spent six years in Mercer Australia as an investment consultant and head of Investment Research. Russell also gained eight years of investment and financial services experience working as manager of the investment research function for one of Australia's largest superannuation funds, UniSuper, and as head of Investment Performance Analytics for a major fund manager.	


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Name	Roles	Date Appointed
Vicki Doyle	Director	2 November 2019
Other roles and special responsibilities	REST Super, Chief Executive Officer Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia (ASFA), Director Member, Chief Executive Women (CEW)	
Qualifications	Graduate Diploma in Company Directors Course (GAICD) MBA, Business Administration, AGSM	
Experience	Vicki joined Rest as Chief Executive Officer in May 2018, bringing more than 20 years' senior executive leadership experience in superannuation, life insurance, wealth management and banking. Vicki is passionate about simplifying and demystifying superannuation to help all Australians achieve their best retirement outcomes. Vicki has served as an Executive Director on Trustee Boards. Vicki's experience includes executive leadership roles at some of Australia's leading organisations, such as AMP, BT, Suncorp and Commonwealth Bank of Australia. She has an extensive background in distribution, strategic marketing, digital, fund operations and contact centres, customer strategy and design and product management.	
David Elia	Director	28 July 2015
Other roles and special responsibilities	HOSPLUS, Chief Executive Officer and Company Secretary Super Members Council of Australia, Director Darling Harbour Live HoldCo 3 Pty Limited, Director and Company Secretary Darling Harbour Live HoldCo 4 Pty Limited, Director and Company Secretary Darling Harbour Live 3 Pty Limited, Director and Company Secretary Darling Harbour Live 4 Pty Limited, Director and Company Secretary Galileo Phillip Street JV Pty Limited, Director Hostplus North Fremantle Pty Ltd, Director Hostplus Peel Street Pty Ltd, Director Hostplus Phillip Street Pty Ltd, Director Industry Super Australia Pty Limited, Alternate Director North Fremantle JV Pty Ltd, Director and Company Secretary Peel Street JV Pty Ltd, Director and Company Secretary Hostplus Property Pty Limited, Director and Company Secretary Hostplus Infrastructure Pty Ltd, Director Hostplus Investments Pty Ltd, Director and Company Secretary Hostplus Helensvale Pty Limited, Director Helensvale Nominee Pty Ltd, Director Redding Ridge Asset Management LLC, Director Grangers Foundation Ltd, Director Hostplus Morphettville Pty Limited, Director Morphettville Nominee Pty Ltd, Director Hostplus Moonee Valley Pty Ltd, Director Hamton Hostplus JVMV Pty Limited, Director Delaware North Australian - Advisory Committee Member IFM Investors Pty Ltd – Member (Investor Shareholder Advisory Board) Tourism & Transport Forum (ITF), Advisory position Darling Harbour Live Partnership – Partnership Committee Member Redding Ridge Holdings LP, Advisory Kennedy Pty Ltd, Advisory Member	
Qualifications	Bachelor of Economics Professional Year, Institute of Chartered Accountants Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investments FINSIA Building and Sustaining Competitive Advantage, Harvard Business School Graduate Diploma in Company Directors Course (GAICD) Member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand	
Experience	David has more than 25 years' experience in senior positions in superannuation, finance, marketing, corporate and fund governance, taxation, risk management, audit, corporate and strategic planning and implementation.	
Kristian Fok	Director	11 January 2022
Other roles and special responsibilities	Cbus, Chief Executive Officer Australian Sustainable Finance Institute, Director Conexus Financial Investment Magazine, Advisory Board Member	
Qualifications	Bachelor of Economics Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries Fellow (Finsia) Graduate Diploma Finance	
Experience	Kristian joined Cbus in 2012 as the Executive Manager of Investment Strategy/CIO. In March 2023, he became the CEO of Cbus. Kristian has more than 30 years of superannuation and investment experience, including over 20 years providing asset consulting advice to various superannuation funds.	


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Name	Roles	Date Appointed
Kate Galvin	Director	1 July 2024
Other roles and special responsibilities	Victorian Funds Management Corporation, Chief Executive Officer The Burnet Institute, Non-Executive Director Galom Pty Ltd trustee of the Galvin Family Trust, Director	
Qualifications	Bachelor of Economics Bachelor of Laws Graduate of the Institute of Company Directors (GAICD)	
Experience	Kate joined the Victorian Funds Management Corporation as CEO in October 2021. VFMC is a public authority responsible for investing for the benefit of the Australian State of Victoria. Kate has led teams in global and Australian companies across financial advice, wealth, asset management, private, corporate and business banking. Before joining VFMC Kate was at National Australia Bank. Prior to banking, Kate held multiple roles with JBWere and Goldman Sachs JBWere including Managing Director JBWere and Executive Director and Partner Goldman Sachs JBWere.	
Donna Heffernan	Director	14 June 2019 (ceased 30 June 2024)
Other roles and special responsibilities	Active Super, Acting Chief Executive Officer and Company Secretary LIF Pty Ltd, Company Secretary LGFS Pty Ltd, Company Secretary	
Qualifications	Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) Certified Practising Accountant (CPA Australia) Graduate of the Institute of Company Directors (GAICD) RG 146 (AFSA)	
Experience	Over 35 years' experience in the finance industry, initially in accounting, auditing and taxation, holding senior positions in both the private and government sectors. Over the last 10 years with Active Super (formerly Local Government Super), senior positions held in the governance field previously as Deputy CEO & Company Secretary and currently as the Acting CEO & Company Secretary.	
Justine Hickey (Deputy President 16 September 2024)	Director	1 July 2022
Other roles and special responsibilities	Together Holdings Pty Ltd, Independent Trustee Director DNR Capital Pty Ltd, Non-Executive Director and Chair DNR AFSL Pty Ltd, Alternate Director Lotus Capital Pty Ltd, Sole Director Bartfinon Securities Pty Ltd, Director Baradja Super Fund, Joint Trustee QIC Limited, Director QIC Private Capital Pty Ltd, Director	
Qualifications	Bachelor of Commerce Graduate of the Institute of Company Directors (GAICD) Fellow, FinSIA (Financial Services Institute of Australia) Associate, CFA Institute UK (Chartered Financial Analyst Institute) Trustee Fellow, ASFA (Association of Superannuation Funds Australia)	
Experience	Justine is an Independent Trustee Director of Equip Super, holding the specific roles of Deputy Chair and Investment Committee Chair. Justine is a professional non-executive director with over 20 years' experience in corporate governance, investments and superannuation. She is also a director of QIC Ltd and DNR Capital Pty Ltd.	
Joshua Lim (Sze Tsung)	Director	19 June 2019
Other roles and special responsibilities	IFM Investors Pty Ltd, Deputy Chief Executive Chair of the IFM Investment Committee IFM Regional Head, APAC	
Qualifications	Bachelor of Laws and Commerce	
Experience	Joshua is IFM Investors' Deputy Chief Executive, responsible for developing and executing the strategy of IFM Investors in conjunction with the Chief Executive. He is the Chair of the Investment Committee and member of the Group Risk Committee. Joshua has extensive corporate, commercial and tax experience gained at PwC, Allens Arthur Robinson and Blake Dawson Waldron. His previous roles involved advising clients on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and tax implications across the financial services sector.	


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Directors' Report

Name	Roles	Date Appointed
John Livanas	Director	30 July 2013
Other roles and special responsibilities	State Super, Chief Executive Officer STC Funds Nominee Pty Ltd, Director University of Sydney, Member of the Finance & Audit Investment Sub-Committee	
Qualifications	Bachelor of Science (Engineering) MBA Graduate Diploma of Finance and Investments FINSA ASFA Accredited Investment Fiduciary Graduate of the Institute of Company Directors (GAICD)	
Experience	John Livanas, CEO of the A\$44bn fund State Super for NSW Public Servants, has transformed the organisation since joining in 2011. Under his leadership, State Super became a Top 150 global fund and top 10 in Australia by AUM. His achievements include forming an Executive Team, achieving top quartile returns, and overseeing the successful acquisition of Pillar Administration by Mercer in 2016. With over 25 years of experience in financial services, including roles at AMIST Super and FuturePlus, John's expertise has been instrumental in State Super's success.	
Rose Kerlin	Director	1 July 2024
Other roles and special responsibilities	AustralianSuper, Chief Member Officer	
Qualifications	Bachelor of Economics (Social Sciences) Diploma of Financial Planning Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors	
Experience	Rose Kerlin has over 30 years' experience in financial services, and joined AustralianSuper in 2010. Rose has held several growth roles and managed multiple industry fund mergers and corporate transitions for the Fund. She was appointed as the Group Executive Membership in December 2016 and to the role of Chief Member Officer in December 2023. She is accountable for member strategy, brand, marketing and member communications, member growth, product and pricing, member experience, financial product advice and complaints handling.	
Graeme Miller	Director	1 July 2024
Other roles and special responsibilities	TelstraSuper, Chief Investment Officer Gratam Pty Ltd, Director	
Qualification	Bachelor of Economics Certified Investment Management Analyst Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia Graduate Australian Institute of Company Directors	
Experience	Graeme leads the TelstraSuper investment management team that manages around \$26 billion in retirement savings for members. This includes a diversified range of investments, managed by internal and external investment professionals. Graeme works closely with the Investment Committee to set investment objectives, formulate investment strategies and implement investment portfolios. Graeme's team includes specialists in investment strategy, equities, fixed interest, real assets and alternative investments. It also includes a specialist sustainable investment team. Graeme has more than 30 years' experience in the financial services industry, and joined TelstraSuper in May 2016, having previously held senior roles at Willis Towers Watson and Mercer.	
Stephen Rowe	Director	1 July 2022
Other roles and special responsibilities	Vision Super Pty Ltd (Trustee of LASF), Chief Executive Officer Vision Holding Company Pty Ltd, Director	
Qualifications	B.A (Hons) (Public Administration) MA Industrial Relations Grad. Dip. Applied Finance and Investment Grad. Cert. Financial Planning Graduate Australian Institute of Company Directors	
Experience	Stephen Rowe is a versatile financial services CEO and Director, who has been leading the Vision Super team for over ten years as the Chief Executive Officer. He has been selected to continue leading the Fund after the upcoming merger with Active Super. Stephen's prior experience in senior management positions includes eight years as CEO of a medium-sized industry super fund, and four years as the General Manager of a large government superannuation scheme. During his career, he has successfully managed a number of organisational transformations, including three successful mergers. Stephen has reported to company boards since 2001 and held directorships and governance roles across both public and private sectors.	


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Name	Roles	Date Appointed
Paul Schroder	Director	1 October 2021 (ceased 30 June 2024)
Other roles and special responsibilities	AustralianSuper, Chief Executive Officer IFM Shareholder Advisory Board Steering Committee Member of Melbourne Mercer Global Pension Index (MMGPI)	
Qualifications	Bachelor of Commerce Diploma in Financial Planning	
Experience	Paul has served as Chief Executive of AustralianSuper since October 1st 2021, having joined the Fund in October 2007 serving in a variety of Executive roles including as the Fund's Chief Risk Officer.	
Linda Scott (Deputy President 24 October 2022 to 16 September 2024)	Director	4 June 2022
Other roles and special responsibilities	CareSuper, Chair - Members Director, Non-Executive Director, Member of Associated Committees Director of the Alcohol and Drug Foundation Linda Margaret Scott Family Trust and Kylie Nicole Scott Family Trust, Trustee IFM Directors' Nomination Committee, Member Chief Executive Women, Member Jessie Street Womens Library, Member The Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch), Member The Community and Public Sector union (CPSU), Member Sydney Cricket Ground Trust, Member	
Qualifications	Bachelor of Science (Psych) (Hons 1) Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors	
Experience	An experienced chair and board director, Linda is currently serving as the Chair of award-winning industry superannuation fund CareSuper, and progressing a merger to create a \$50bn profit to member fund. She also serves as a Director of the Alcohol and Drug Foundation. Formerly, she has served as Deputy Lord Mayor and a Councillor of the City of Sydney, and as the elected President of the Australian Local Government Association, and the first female President of Local Government NSW. In these roles, she secured more than \$25 billion in public funding for Australian local governments and represented them on National Cabinet, with Australia's Prime Minister, Premiers and Chief Ministers, and a range of other ministerial councils. She has also formerly served on the Federal Government's Regional Banking Taskforce, CSIRO's Ending Plastic Waste Mission, and the NSW Environmental Trust.	
Deanne Stewart	Director	31 March 2021
Other roles and special responsibilities	Aware Super, Chief Executive Officer Redkite, Director UNSW Business School Advisory Board, Member University of Technology Sydney Business School Advisory Board, Member Super Members Council, Director Anacacia Capital Business Advisory Council, Member	
Qualifications	Bachelor of Commerce, Finance & Marketing Master of Business Administration	
Experience	Deanne joined Aware Super as Chief Executive Officer in 2018 and has more than 25 years of experience in financial services, both in Australia and overseas. She is an expert in super, wealth and insurance. Before leading Aware Super, Deanne was Chief Executive Officer at MetLife. Prior to this, she held senior roles at BT, Westpac, Merrill Lynch and McKinsey & Co. Deanne also serves as a Director of the Super Members Council and non-profit organisation Redkite. A hallmark of Deanne's career has been a passionate commitment to building and maintaining a strong culture and clearly defined purpose to drive business success.	



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Name	Roles	Date Appointed
Charles Woodhouse	Director	2 October 2021 (ceased 29 September 2023)
Other roles and special responsibilities	Australian Retirement Trust, Deputy Chief Investment Officer QSuper Asset Management Pty Ltd, Director QSuper Investment Company Pty Ltd, Director QS Cash Pty Ltd, Director QS Diversified Alternatives Pty Ltd, Director QS Fixed Interest Pty Ltd, Director QS Infrastructure Pty Ltd, Director QS Real Estate Pty Ltd, Director QS Iona Holdings Pty Ltd, Director QSuper RE LLC, Board Member Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital Foundation Investment Committee, Independent Member One Qsuper Pty Ltd, Director QSuper Investment Holdings Pty Ltd, Director QSuper Global Assets Pty Ltd, Director Qinvest Limited, Acting CEO	
Qualifications	Masters of Finance Bachelor of Economics	

Experience Charles was the Deputy Chief Investment Officer at Australian Retirement Trust prior to resigning from the fund on 29 September 2023. Prior to this, Charles was appointed as Chief Investment Officer of QSuper in September 2019. Prior to his role as Chief Investment Officer, Charles was Head of Funds Management for 10 years. With over 25 years of investment industry experience, Charles joined QSuper from institutional fund manager QIC, where he held the position of Head of Alpha Investments. Before QIC, he spent 11 years with Stonebridge Capital Management in Los Angeles, where he served as Managing Director and Director of Research. Charles also serves as an independent member of the Royal Brisbane and Woman's Hospital Foundation.

Company Secretary

The following person was company secretariat of ACSI during the financial year and up to the date of signing this report:

Name	
Brooke Haigh	Nil
Other roles and special responsibilities	
Qualifications	Advanced Diploma in Business (Legal Practice) All subjects satisfactorily obtained in the Graduate Diploma in Applied Corporate Governance (FGIA) Diploma of Financial Services - Superannuation RG146 Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD) Mt Eliza Business School - New Leaders Development Program Mt Eliza Business School - Leadership Development Program Member of Women in Super
Experience	Company Secretary of ACSI since January 2023 Over 20 years' corporate governance, company secretariat and compliance experience.

Directors' Meetings

The number of meetings of directors (including meetings of FRAC, Remuneration Committee and Nominations Committee) held during the financial year and the number of meetings attended by each director were as follows:

Name	Board Meetings		FRAC Meetings		Remuneration Meeting		Nominations Committee Meeting	
	Eligible to Attend	Meetings Attended	Eligible to Attend	Meetings Attended	Eligible to Attend	Meeting Attended	Eligible to Attend	Meeting Attended
Deborah Blakey	4	4	3	3	1	1	-	-
Nicole Bradford ¹	3*	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lou Capparelli	4	4	3	3	-	-	-	-
Russell Clarke	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vicki Doyle	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
David Elia	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kristian Fok	4	3	-	-	1	1	-	-
Donna Heffernan	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Justine Hickey	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Joshua Lim	4	3	3	3	-	-	-	-
John Livanas	4	3	3	3	-	-	-	-
Stephen Rowe	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paul Schroder	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Linda Scott	4	4	-	-	1	1	-	-
Deanne Stewart	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Nicole Bradford appointed to Board on 3 October 2023.

* Ms. Bradford was ineligible to attend one meeting due to a defect in the notice of meeting.

The Directors of the Company do not receive any remuneration for the performance of their duties as Directors.



Directors' Report

Incorporation

ACSI was incorporated on 12 April 2001 as an Incorporated Association. On 1 July 2013, the organisation became a public company limited by guarantee, domiciled in Australia. The address of its registered office and principal place of business is Tenancy 1, Level 15, 2 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000, Australia.

Principal Activities

ACSI's principal activities are:

- undertake or commission research into relevant ESG issues;
- provide information to members that assists them with the development and implementation of ESG policy;
- provide educational activities, training, materials, seminars and conferences related to ESG issues;
- engage with ASX300 companies in order to understand and, where appropriate, improve the management of ESG risks and opportunities;
- provide voting alert services to subscribers on the ESG practices of Australia's ASX300 companies and large overseas listed companies to aid with voting and engagement decisions;
- provide fee-for-service consulting services on ESG policy development and disclosure;
- coordination of the provision of information from and to international service providers for subscribers of international engagement services; and
- advocate for improved ESG practices and standards.

Strategy, objectives and measuring performance

ACSI provides a strong voice on environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues for the benefit of Australian and international institutional investors. ACSI's vision, mission and beliefs, as articulated in its strategic plan, encapsulate what ACSI stands for and what ACSI is trying to achieve. They serve as reference points for the goals, initiatives and measures set by ACSI.

ACSI's vision is to drive strong ESG performance in companies because ESG creates long-term value.

ACSI's mission is to influence companies and financial markets in the interests of long-term investors.

ACSI's business activities in each year, which represent a series of shorter-term goals and deliverables aimed at achieving the company's long-term objectives of providing ESG leadership, influencing companies' ESG performance, education, international offerings and maintaining our governance and sustainability, are coordinated through the annual business plan. The business plan contains the major actions and projects to achieve the goals outlined in the strategic plan. Where relevant, the business plan documents key performance indicators for the actions and projects.

ACSI's business activities are managed by the company's CEO with oversight from the Board and with reference to the company's strategic plan and annual business plan. ACSI's management team reports progress to the Board against the strategic and annual business plan on an interim and end-of-year basis. The financial management of the company is overseen by the Board, through the Board's Finance, Risk and Audit Committee (FRAC).

Significant changes in the state of affairs and likely developments

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company during the financial year.

Review of Operations

The operating surplus after tax for the year amounted to \$324,532 (2023: \$518,606).

Events since the end of the financial year

No significant events have occurred since the end of the reporting period that would impact upon the financial position of the Company disclosed in the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2024 or on the results and cash flows of the Company for the year ended on that date.

Environmental regulation

The Company is not subject to significant environmental regulation in respect of its activities.

Insurance of Officers

During the financial year, the Company paid a premium of \$53,961 (2023: \$53,851) to insure the Directors and Officers of the Company.



Directors' Report

Executive Remuneration

Remuneration packages for ACSI executive staff are set out in the table below and include base salary and superannuation only. Total remuneration benefits for the period reflects the aggregate of short-term benefits, which comprises salary adjusted for additional annual leave purchased where staff have elected to do so, statutory leave (annual and long-service leave where current) and annual leave loading costs of 17.5 per cent. Post employment benefits includes superannuation on all staff benefits. Other long-term benefits includes long-service leave not yet current based on staff tenure. Amounts shown have been pro-rated for part-time staff based on the hours they work. ACSI does not pay bonuses to any staff.

2023/2024			Total remuneration benefits			
Executive	Position title	Remuneration Package (\$)	Short term benefits (\$)	Post employment benefits (\$)	Other LT benefits (\$)	Total (\$)
Louise Davidson	Chief Executive Officer	522,500	517,976	40,228	-	558,204
Ed John	Executive Manager, Stewardship	430,000	444,746	39,843	-	484,589
Kate Griffiths ¹	Executive Manager, Research and Policy	387,000	397,277	36,146	-	433,423
Brooke Haigh ²	Company Secretary	127,743	124,711	12,744	-	137,455
Nathan Robertson	Executive Manager, Corporate Affairs	260,000	256,706	25,706	8,543	290,955
Karen Griffiths ¹	Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operating Officer	270,000	265,840	26,042	6,495	298,377
			2,007,256	180,709	15,038	2,203,003

2022/2023			Total remuneration benefits			
Executive	Position title	Remuneration Package (\$)	Short term benefits (\$)	Post employment benefits (\$)	Other LT benefits (\$)	Total (\$)
Louise Davidson	Chief Executive Officer	475,000	511,056	27,289	-	538,345
Ed John	Executive Manager, Stewardship	350,000	373,396	33,616	-	407,012
Kate Griffiths	Executive Manager, Research and Policy	340,000	337,383	31,567	9,685	378,635
Carole Alt ²	Company Secretary	118,058	42,993	4,484	-	47,477
Brooke Haigh ²	Company Secretary	120,000	51,862	5,044	-	56,906
Nathan Robertson	Executive Manager, Corporate Affairs	210,000	206,854	19,761	16,946	243,561
Karen Griffiths ¹	Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operating Officer	243,000	240,086	22,451	17,066	279,603
			1,763,630	144,212	43,697	1,951,539

¹ Kate Griffiths Part-time 0.9 FTE from 1/07/2023. Karen Griffiths Part-time 0.9 FTE.

² Carole Alt Part-time 0.6 FTE to 15/12/2022. Brooke Haigh Part-time 0.6 FTE from 16/01/2023.

Director Remuneration

Members of the Board, Board committees and the Member Advisory Council are not paid for their services.

Contribution in Winding Up

The Company is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* and is a company limited by guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$100 each towards any outstanding obligations of the entity. At 30 June 2024, the number of members was 27 (2023: 26).

Auditors Independence Declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under s.307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is included in page 11.

Following the completion of an audit tender program, acknowledging the tenure of PricewaterhouseCoopers Australia (PwC) as the Company's previous audit firm, Ernst & Young (EY) was appointed as the Company's auditor at the Annual General Meeting on 21 November 2023.

Rounding of amounts

The Company is of a kind referred to in ASIC Legislative Instrument 2016/191, relating to the 'rounding off' of amounts in the directors' report and the financial report and the financial statements have been rounded off in accordance with the instrument to the nearest dollar.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

Deborah Blakey
President

Melbourne, 29 October 2024

John Livanas
Director

Melbourne, 29 October 2024



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Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Australian Council of Superannuation Investors Limited

As lead auditor for the audit of the financial report of Australian Council of Superannuation Investors Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2024, I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit;
- b. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit; and
- c. no non-audit services provided that contravene any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Partner
Melbourne
29 October 2024



Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
Revenue from ordinary activities			
Membership subscription fees		6,276,198	5,761,939
Voting alert subscription fees		1,337,721	1,254,992
International engagement service fees		305,340	332,064
Conference and events		810,644	695,919
Interest		461,433	218,000
Other income		938	3,539
Total revenue from ordinary activities		<u>9,192,274</u>	<u>8,266,453</u>
Expenses from ordinary activities			
Staff cost including superannuation		5,147,222	4,378,206
Finance and office expenses		917,744	925,127
Legal, compliance and consulting expenses		458,948	238,578
Research costs		286,904	251,950
Events and communication		492,744	388,170
Travel expenses		87,654	137,648
Promotion and development costs		20,051	24,100
Voting alert services		1,264,608	1,213,520
International engagement		191,867	190,548
Total expenses from ordinary activities		<u>8,867,742</u>	<u>7,747,847</u>
Profit/(loss) from ordinary activities before income tax		<u>324,532</u>	<u>518,606</u>
Income tax expense	3	-	-
Profit/(loss) from ordinary activities after income tax		<u>324,532</u>	<u>518,606</u>
Other comprehensive income			
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total Comprehensive surplus/(loss) for the period		<u><u>324,532</u></u>	<u><u>518,606</u></u>

This statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.



Balance Sheet

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	14a	7,076,043	3,258,087
Term Deposits		7,900,000	7,400,000
Receivables	4	329,495	280,323
Prepayments and other assets	5	556,952	311,186
Total current assets		<u>15,862,490</u>	<u>11,249,596</u>
Non current assets			
Property, plant & equipment and right-of-use assets	6	1,115,400	664,849
Intangible assets	7	56,236	112,472
Total non current assets		<u>1,171,636</u>	<u>777,321</u>
Total assets		<u>17,034,126</u>	<u>12,026,917</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Other payables	8	1,104,864	522,892
Employee benefit obligations	9	784,117	621,220
Lease liabilities	10	136,826	146,688
Income received in advance	11	7,356,202	3,853,178
Total current liabilities		<u>9,382,009</u>	<u>5,143,978</u>
Non current liabilities			
Employee benefit obligations	9	69,572	67,131
Lease liabilities	10	941,258	499,053
Total non current liabilities		<u>1,010,830</u>	<u>566,184</u>
Total liabilities		<u>10,392,839</u>	<u>5,710,162</u>
NET ASSETS			
Equity			
Reserves	12	4,950,000	4,465,240
Retained earnings		1,691,287	1,851,515
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>6,641,287</u>	<u>6,316,755</u>

This statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.



Statement of Changes in Equity

	Reserves	Retained	Total
	\$	Earnings	\$
	\$	\$	\$
2024			
Balance as at 1 July 2023	4,465,240	1,851,515	6,316,755
Profit for the year	-	324,532	324,532
Transfer to/(from) reserves	484,760	(484,760)	0
Balance as at 30 June 2024	<u>4,950,000</u>	<u>1,691,287</u>	<u>6,641,287</u>
	12		
2023			
Balance as at 1 July 2022	4,273,453	1,524,696	5,798,149
Profit for the year	-	518,606	518,606
Transfer to/(from) reserves	191,787	(191,787)	-
Balance as at 30 June 2023	<u>4,465,240</u>	<u>1,851,515</u>	<u>6,316,755</u>
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This statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.



Statement of Cash Flows

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash receipts in the course of operations		12,183,755	5,592,474
Cash receipts from other revenue		-	2,394
Cash payments in the course of operations		(8,040,574)	(7,887,697)
Interest expense on lease liabilities		(18,621)	(18,005)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	14(b)	<u>4,124,560</u>	<u>(2,310,834)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		461,433	218,000
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		938	-
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(37,730)	(38,308)
Investment in term deposits		(659,859)	(3,400,000)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities		<u>(235,218)</u>	<u>(3,220,308)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of principal lease liabilities		(71,386)	(134,729)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		<u>(71,386)</u>	<u>(134,729)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		<u>3,817,956</u>	<u>(5,665,871)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		3,258,087	8,923,958
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	14(a)	<u><u>7,076,043</u></u>	<u><u>3,258,087</u></u>

This statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.



Notes to the Financial Statements

1. REPORTING ENTITY

General Information

The Australian Council of Superannuation Investors Limited ("Company") (ACN: 164 568 610) was incorporated on 12 April 2001 as an Incorporated Association. On 1 July 2013, the organisation became a public company limited by guarantee, domiciled in Australia. The address of its registered office and principal place of business is Tenancy 1, Level 15, 2 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000, Australia.

ACSI's principal activities are:

- undertake or commission research into relevant environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues;
- provide information to members that assists the development and implementation of ESG policy;
- provide educational activities, training, materials, seminars and conferences related to ESG issues;
- engage with ASX300 companies in order to understand and, where appropriate, improve the management of ESG risks and opportunities;
- provide voting alert services to subscribers on the ESG practices of Australia's ASX300 companies and large overseas listed companies to aid with voting and engagement decisions;
- provide fee-for-service consulting services on ESG policy development and disclosure;
- coordination of the provision of information from and to international service providers for subscribers of international engagement services; and
- advocate for improved ESG practices and standards.

The financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 29 October 2024.

Basis of Preparation

ACSI is a not-for profit entity for the purposes of preparing these financial statements and these have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Corporations Act 2001*. Disclosure of subsidiaries and their country of tax residency, as required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, does not apply to the company as the company does not have any subsidiaries. The financial statements of ACSI comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities requirements as issued by the AASB.

The financial report has been prepared on the basis of historical cost. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. All amounts are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Company's functional currency.

The Company is of a kind referred to in ASIC Legislative Instrument 2016/191, relating to the 'rounding off' of amounts in the directors' report and the financial statements. Amounts in the directors' report and the financial statements have been rounded off in accordance with the instrument to the nearest dollar.

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Company has consistently applied the accounting policies set out in Note 2 to all periods presented in these financial statements, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Revenue

Revenue is measured on the consideration specified in a contract with a customer and the company recognises revenue when control of a good or service is transferred. The nature of the company's performance obligations, timing, payment terms and related revenue recognition policies are detailed in the following table. Revenue is recognised over time, spreading recognition across the period when the performance obligation is progressively satisfied, or at a point in time such as when events are delivered or goods are transferred.

Stream of Revenue	Nature and timing of satisfaction of performance obligations, including significant payment terms.	Revenue recognition
Membership Subscription Fees	Services provided to members, including but not limited to research into relevant ESG issues, information to assist the development and implementation of ESG policy and engagement with ASX300 companies in order to understand and improve ESG risks and opportunities. Annual membership fees are aligned to the financial year 1 July to 30 June and are due prior to the commencement of the new financial year.	Membership subscription fee income is recognised on an accrual basis and recognised in profit or loss over the membership period.
Voting Alert Subscription fees	Provides subscribers with voting alert services on the ESG practices of Australia's ASX300 companies and large overseas listed companies to aid with voting and engagement decisions. Voting alert fees are either paid annually or half yearly at the beginning of the calendar year and/or at the beginning of the financial year.	Voting alert subscription fee income is recognised on an accrual basis and recognised in profit or loss over the subscription period.
International Engagement Service fees	Service to coordinate the provision of information from and to international service providers for subscribers of international engagement services. Income includes service fees from small member subscribers, paid annually at the beginning of the financial year and service fees from Hermes EOS which are paid quarterly.	International engagement service income is recognised on an accrual basis and recognised in profit or loss over the period of the engagement.
Conference and events	The Company organises seminars, conferences and events for members and other attendees interested in matters related to ESG issues. Income includes registration fees, sponsorship income and other income associated with these events.	Conference and event income and any associated sponsorship income is recognised when the event takes place. Monies received in advance are recognised as income received in advance in the balance sheet.



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Stream of Revenue	Nature and timing of satisfaction of performance obligations, including significant payment terms.	Revenue recognition
Other Revenue	Other revenue, including but not limited to interest income.	Other revenue is recognised when the right to receive the revenue has been established. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST). Other revenue includes, but is not limited to, government grants and assistance such as small business tax relief that the Company is eligible for and is disclosed on a gross presentation basis. There are no unfulfilled conditions or other contingencies attaching to grants. Rent concession or relief received is also included in other revenue.

Although the company is a Not-for-profit entity, it does not have any transactions where assets are acquired for less than fair value or receive volunteer services and as such revenue is recognised as performance obligations are met.

(b) Goods and services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except:

- (i) where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority, it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as a non-income tax expense.
- (ii) for receivables and payables which are recognised inclusive of GST. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables.

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

(c) Income Tax

The income tax expense in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income is matched with the accounting surplus after allowing for permanent differences. In determining the extent to which the accounting surplus is subject to income tax, reliance has been placed on an interpretative advice received from the Australian Taxation Office which indicated that the entity is subject to the principle of mutuality. On the basis of this interpretative advice, only the non-mutual income of entity is subject to income tax. As such;

- (i) receipts from members are deemed to be mutual income and not subject to income tax
- (ii) expenses connected with mutual activities are therefore not deductible for taxation purposes
- (iii) all other receipts and payments are classified in accordance with taxation legislation in the relevant tax jurisdiction.

(d) Leases

(i) Lease payments

For any new contracts entered into the Company considers whether a contract is or contains a lease. A lease is defined as 'a contract, or part of a contract, that conveys the right to use an asset (the underlying asset) for a period of time in exchange for consideration'.

To apply this definition the Company assesses whether the contract meets three key evaluations which are whether:

- a) the contract contains an identified asset, which is either explicitly identified in the contract or implicitly specified by being identified at the time the asset is made available to the Company;
- b) the Company has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the identified asset throughout the period of use, considering its rights within the defined scope of the contract; and
- c) the Company has the right to direct the use of the identified asset throughout the period of use.

The Company assesses whether it has the right to direct 'how and for what purpose' the asset is used throughout the period of use.

(ii) Measurement and recognition of leases as a lessee

At lease commencement date, the Company recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability on the balance sheet. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which is made up of the initial measurement of the lease liability, any initial direct costs incurred by the Company, an estimate of any costs to dismantle and remove the asset at the end of the lease, and any lease payments made in advance of the lease commencement date (net of any incentives received).

The Company depreciates the right-of-use assets on a straight-line basis from the lease commencement date to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right-of-use asset or the end of the lease term. The Company also assesses the right-of-use asset for impairment when such indicators exist.

At the commencement date, the Company measures the lease liability at the present value of the lease payments unpaid at that date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease if that rate is readily available or the Company's incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are made up of fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), variable payments based on an index or rate that is in effect at the lease commencement date, amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee and payments arising from options reasonably certain to be exercised.

The lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. It is remeasured to reflect any reassessment or modification, or if there are changes in in-substance fixed payments.

When the lease liability is remeasured, the corresponding adjustment is reflected in the right-of-use asset, or profit and loss if the right-of-use asset is already reduced to zero.

The Company has elected to account for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets using the practical expedients. Instead of recognising a right-of-use asset and lease liability, the payments in relation to these are recognised as an expense in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term.



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(d) Leases (continued)

(ii) Measurement and recognition of leases as a lessee (continued)

On the balance sheet, right-of-use assets have been included in property, plant and equipment and lease liabilities have been presented as standalone financial statement items as lease liabilities.

(iii) Application of Rent Concessions

The Company has elected to apply the practical expedient to any rent concession received in recognition of the criteria under an amendment to AASB16. There was no rent concession for the reporting period 30 June 2024 (2023: \$2,708 rent concession was included in other revenue).

(e) Impairment of intangible assets

All intangible assets have a finite life. Should any indicator of an impairment arise, the asset valuation will be reviewed and any impairment adjusted for accordingly.

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash at bank and short term deposits if they have a maturity of three months or less from balance sheet date. The 2023 comparative information has been restated as a result of the reclassification of term deposits >3 months at balance sheet date from cash and cash equivalents (\$7,400,000) to term deposits. See note 14 for the Company's reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents.

(g) Term Deposits

Term deposits are presented as a current asset if they have a term of 3-12 months from balance sheet date. Term deposits with a maturity date of 12 or more months from balance sheet date are presented as non-current assets. Term deposits are invested in maturity period to take advantage of the best interest rates available at the time of investment in line with the Company's financial policies. The 2023 comparative information has been restated as a result of the reclassification of term deposits >3 months at balance sheet date from cash and cash equivalents to term deposits (\$7,400,000).

(h) Receivables

Receivables and other contract assets are impaired where there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include, amongst others, the failure to make contractual payments for a period of greater than 120 days past due. Impairment losses on receivables and other contract assets are presented as net impairment losses within other expenses. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off against receivables are credited against the same line item.

(i) Property, plant & equipment

Property, plant & equipment is measured at historical cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated using a straight-line method over an asset's estimated useful life as follows from the time an asset is held ready for use. Where eligible, the Company will apply Government or Regulatory body relief for small businesses.

Office Equipment	2 - 5 years
Furniture and Fittings	3 - 5 years
Leasehold Improvements	2.5 years
Right-of-use leased asset(s)	Over the term of the lease agreement

(j) Intangibles

Intangible assets are measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment. Amortisation is calculated using a straight-line method over an asset's estimated useful life as follows from the time an asset is held ready for use.

Computer software	3 - 5 years
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Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates. All other expenditure is recognised in finance & office expenses of the Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

(k) Payables

Payables are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

(l) Employee benefit obligations

A liability is recognised for benefits accruing to employees in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and long service leave when it is probable that settlement is required and they are capable of being measured reliably.

Liabilities recognised in respect of employee benefits expected to be settled within 12 months are measured at their nominal values using the remuneration rate expected to apply at the time of settlement.

Liabilities recognised in respect of employee benefits which are not expected to be settled within 12 months are measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made by the Company in respect of services provided by employees up to reporting date.

(m) Income received in advance

Income received in advance comprises proceeds received for services which have not yet been performed and is recorded in the balance sheet, consistent with the revenue recognition policy (refer Note 2(A)).

(n) New and amended standards adopted

There are no new standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the financial year beginning 1 July 2023 that have a material impact on the amounts recognised in the prior periods or will affect the current or future periods.

(o) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

The standards and interpretations that are issued, but not yet effective, up to the date of issuance of ACSI's financial statements are disclosed below, except for those standards which, in the opinion of the Board, will clearly not impact ACSI. ACSI intends to adopt these standards, if applicable, when they become effective.

AASB 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements

In June 2024, the AASB issued AASB 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements to improve how entities communicate in their financial statements, with a particular focus on information about financial performance in the income statement. AASB 18 will replace AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements.



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(o) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted (continued)

The key presentation and disclosure requirements established under AASB 18 include the presentation of newly defined subtotals in the income statement and enhanced requirements for aggregating information. AASB 18 applies to public sector entities for the annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027.

ACSI is yet to fully assess the disclosure impacts of applying AASB 18 however expects this will not materially affect ACSI's financial statements

3	INCOME TAX	2024	2023
		\$	\$
	Income Tax Expense		
	Accounting profit before income tax	324,532	518,606
	Prima facie income tax expense at 25% (2023: 25%)	81,133	129,652
	Income exempt from tax under the principle of mutuality	(49,449)	(129,652)
	Other items	(4,666)	-
	Utilisation of previously unrecognised tax losses	(27,018)	-
	Income tax expense	-	-
4	RECEIVABLES	2024	2023
		\$	\$
	Current		
	Outstanding subscriptions	-	103,255
	Other receivables	329,495	177,068
	Total receivables	329,495	280,323
5	PREPAYMENTS AND OTHER ASSETS	2024	2023
		\$	\$
	Current		
	Restricted Cash*	159,859	-
	Prepayments	397,093	311,186
	Total prepayments and other assets	556,952	311,186
	*Term deposit pledged as a guarantee for the office lease, maturing 16 April 2025		
6	PROPERTY PLANT & EQUIPMENT AND RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS	2024	2023
		\$	\$
	OFFICE EQUIPMENT		
	At cost		
	Balance as at 1 July	96,233	57,925
	Additions	34,360	38,308
	Disposals	(53,192)	-
	Balance as at 30 June	77,401	96,233
	Accumulated depreciation		
	Balance as at 1 July	64,711	47,154
	Charge during the year	22,181	17,557
	Disposals	(53,192)	-
	Balance as at 30 June	33,700	64,711
	Office equipment net book value	43,701	31,522
	FURNITURE & FITTINGS		
	At cost		
	Balance as at 1 July	63,940	63,940
	Additions	-	-
	Disposals	(63,940)	-
	Balance as at 30 June	-	63,940
	Accumulated depreciation		
	Balance as at 1 July	6,580	5,091
	Charge during the year	1,241	1,489
	Disposals	(7,821)	-
	Balance as at 30 June	-	6,580
	Furniture & fittings net book value	-	57,360
	LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS		
	At cost		
	Balance as at 1 July	-	-
	Additions	3,370	-
	Disposals	-	-
	Balance as at 30 June	3,370	-
	Accumulated depreciation		
	Balance as at 1 July	-	-
	Charge during the year	9	-
	Disposals	-	-
	Balance as at 30 June	9	-
	Leasehold improvements net book value	3,361	-



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6 PROPERTY PLANT & EQUIPMENT AND RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS (continued)

RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS (LEASED)

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Office Building		
Balance as at 1 July	1,095,291	1,095,291
Additions	1,093,287	-
Disposals	(1,095,291)	-
Balance as at 30 June	<u>1,093,287</u>	<u>1,095,291</u>
Accumulated depreciation		
Balance as at 1 July	527,072	385,012
Charge during the year	77,719	142,060
Disposals	(574,421)	-
Balance as at 30 June	<u>30,370</u>	<u>527,072</u>
ROU - Office Building net book value	<u>1,062,917</u>	<u>568,219</u>
Photocopier		
Balance as at 1 July	11,626	11,626
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
Balance as at 30 June	<u>11,626</u>	<u>11,626</u>
Accumulated depreciation		
Balance as at 1 July	3,878	1,552
Charge during the year	2,327	2,326
Disposals	-	-
Balance as at 30 June	<u>6,205</u>	<u>3,878</u>
ROU - Photocopier net book value	<u>5,421</u>	<u>7,748</u>
Property, Plant & Equipment owned	43,701	88,882
Leasehold Improvement	3,361	-
Property, Plant & Equipment leased	1,068,338	575,967
PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT AND RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS NET BOOK VALUE	<u>1,115,400</u>	<u>664,849</u>

7 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

COMPUTER SOFTWARE

At cost

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Balance as at 1 July	281,180	281,180
Additions	-	-
Balance as at 30 June	<u>281,180</u>	<u>281,180</u>

Amortisation

Balance as at 1 July	168,708	112,472
Charge during the year	56,236	56,236
Balance as at 30 June	<u>224,944</u>	<u>168,708</u>

INTANGIBLE ASSETS NET BOOK VALUE

	<u>56,236</u>	<u>112,472</u>
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8 OTHER PAYABLES

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Trade and other payables	349,233	189,529
GST payables	606,977	232,376
Accrued expenses	148,654	100,987
Total other payables	<u>1,104,864</u>	<u>522,892</u>

9 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

Current

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Annual leave obligations	302,703	236,175
Long service leave obligations	481,414	385,045
Total current employee benefit obligations	<u>784,117</u>	<u>621,220</u>

Non-current

Long service leave obligations	69,572	67,131
Total non current employee benefit obligations	<u>69,572</u>	<u>67,131</u>



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10 LEASE LIABILITIES

Future lease payments that are due within one year are \$136,826 (2023: \$146,688), one to five years \$740,631 (2023: \$499,053), more than five years \$200,627 (2023: \$NIL).

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current		
Lease liabilities	136,826	146,688
Total current lease liability	<u>136,826</u>	<u>146,688</u>
Lease liabilities	941,258	499,053
Total non current lease liability	<u>941,258</u>	<u>499,053</u>

11 INCOME RECEIVED IN ADVANCE

Subscriptions received in advance - Voting alert
Subscriptions received in advance - Memberships
Other Income received in advance
Total income received in advance

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Subscriptions received in advance - Voting alert	620,153	615,449
Subscriptions received in advance - Memberships	6,506,049	3,197,729
Other Income received in advance	230,000	40,000
Total income received in advance	<u>7,356,202</u>	<u>3,853,178</u>

12 RESERVES

OPERATING RESERVE

Opening balance
Transfer in
Transfer out
Closing balance

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Opening balance	4,400,000	4,000,000
Transfer in	500,000	400,000
Transfer out	-	-
Closing balance	<u>4,900,000</u>	<u>4,400,000</u>

STRATEGIC RESERVE

Opening balance
Transfer in
Transfer out
Closing balance

Opening balance	65,240	273,453
Transfer in	50,000	115,000
Transfer out	(65,240)	(323,213)
Closing balance	<u>50,000</u>	<u>65,240</u>

TOTAL RESERVE

	<u>4,950,000</u>	<u>4,465,240</u>
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The Company's Operating Reserve is to hold an adequate level of funds to support the organisation in the event of significant operational losses. It is reviewed annually by the Board. The Company's Strategic Reserve is for setting aside funds for ACSI's strategic projects that assist ACSI to achieve its strategic goals and must be of a non-recurring nature. The Board are required to approve the use of the Strategic Reserve.



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13 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Key Management Personnel

The names of the directors and personnel that were key management personnel during the periods reported and up to the date of signing these financial statements are as follows:

Name	Role	Date (where not inclusive of the entire period reported and up to date of signing)
Deborah Blakey	President	
Linda Scott	Deputy President	Resigned as Deputy President 16 September 2024
Charles Woodhouse	Director	to 29 September 2023
David Elia	Director	
Deanne Stewart	Director	
Donna Heffernan	Director	to 30 June 2024
Graeme Miller	Director	from 1 July 2024
John Livanas	Director	
Joshua Lim	Director	
Justine Hickey	Director	from 1 July 2022 (Appointed Deputy President 16 September 2024)
Kate Galvin	Director	from 1 July 2024
Kristian Fok	Director	
Lou Capparelli	Director	
Nicole Bradford	Director	from 3 October 2023
Paul Schroder	Director	to 30 June 2024
Rose Kerlin	Director	from 1 July 2024
Russell Clarke	Director	to 30 June 2024
Stephen Rowe	Director	from 1 July 2022
Vicki Doyle	Director	
Louise Davidson	CEO	
Carole Alt	Company Secretary	to 15 December 2022
Brooke Haigh	Company Secretary	from 17 January 2023
Ed John	Executive Manager	
Karen Griffiths	Executive Manager	
Karen Griffiths	Company Secretary	from 15 December 2022 to 17 January 2023
Kate Griffiths	Executive Manager	
Nathan Robertson	Executive Manager	

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Short-term employee benefits	2,007,256	1,763,630
Post employment benefits (Superannuation)	180,709	144,211
Other long-term benefits (LSL)	15,038	43,698
	<u>2,203,003</u>	<u>1,951,539</u>

The Directors of the Company do not receive any remuneration for the performance of their duties as Directors.



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14 NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

(a) Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand and in banks and short term deposits if they have a maturity of three months or less from balance sheet date.

Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and in hand	7,076,043	3,258,087

(b) Reconciliation of operating profit after income tax to net cash provided by operating activities

Profit for the period	324,532	518,606
Adjustment of non operating items:		
Investment income	(461,433)	(218,000)
Unconditional forgiveness of lease payment	-	(2,709)
Adjustment of non cash items:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment, leasehold improvement, ROU assets and intangible assets	159,715	219,668
Loss/(gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment, leasehold improvement, ROU assets and intangible assets	(13,512)	-
Net cash provided by operating activities before changes in assets and liabilities	<u>9,302</u>	<u>517,565</u>
Changes in net Assets and Liabilities		
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	(49,171)	(9,169)
(Increase)/decrease in other assets	(85,906)	(118,105)
Increase/(decrease) in accruals and other payables	581,972	(367,923)
Increase/(decrease) in employee benefits obligations	165,339	110,066
Increase/(decrease) in income received in advance	3,503,024	(2,443,267)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	<u><u>4,124,560</u></u>	<u><u>(2,310,834)</u></u>

The 2023 comparative information has been restated as a result of the reclassification of term deposits >3 months from cash and cash equivalents to term deposits (\$7,400,000)

15 AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

During the year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by Ernst & Young (EY) and PricewaterhouseCoopers Australia (PwC) as the auditor of the Australian Council of Superannuation Investors Limited, by EY and PwC's related network firms and by non-related audit firms:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Ernst & Young (EY):		
Audit of financial statements	62,000	-
Audit and review of AFSL	8,000	-
	<u>70,000</u>	<u>-</u>
PricewaterhouseCoopers Australia (PwC):		
Audit of financial statements	-	46,189
Audit and review of AFSL	-	7,271
	<u>-</u>	<u>53,460</u>

16 COMMITMENTS

There is no significant capital expenditure contracted for at the end of the reporting period not recognised as a liability (2023: Nil).

17 CONTINGENCIES

There were no known contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2024 (2023: Nil).

18 EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

No significant events have occurred since the end of the reporting period that would impact upon the financial position of the Company disclosed in the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2024 or on the results and cash flows of the Company for the year ended on that date.

Consolidated Entity Disclosure

Disclosure of subsidiaries and their country of tax residency, as required by the Corporations Act 2001, does not apply to the company as the company is not required by accounting standards to prepare consolidated financial statements.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Australian Council of Superannuation Investors Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Australian Council of Superannuation Investors Limited (the Company), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2024, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, the consolidated entity disclosure statement and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Company is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a. Giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

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 Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* 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.

Information other than the financial report and auditor's report thereon

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

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

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

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

Responsibilities of the directors for the financial report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of:

- ▶ The financial report (other than the consolidated entity disclosure statement) that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the *Corporations Act 2001*; and
- ▶ The consolidated entity disclosure statement that is true and correct in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*; and

for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of:

- ▶ The financial report (other than the consolidated entity disclosure statement) that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- ▶ The consolidated entity disclosure statement that is true and correct and is free of misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

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

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment 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 Company's internal control.
- ▶ Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

- ▶ Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' 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 Company'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 Company 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 the 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 during our audit.

Ernst & Young

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Maree Pallisco
Partner
Melbourne
29 October 2024



Directors' Declaration

In the directors' opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 13 to 25 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
 - (ii) the consolidated entity disclosure statement required by section 295(3A) of the *Corporations Act 2001* is true and correct; and
 - (iii) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date, and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

Deborah Blakey
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deborah Blakey'.

Melbourne, 29 October 2024

John Livanas
Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Livanas'.

Melbourne, 29 October 2024