

26 February 2024

The Directors
Earthwatch Institute
Suite G-06, 60L Green Building
60 Leicester Street
Carlton VIC 3053

Dear Directors,

DOCUMENTS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

We advise that we have completed our audit for Earthwatch Institute for the year ended 30 September 2023 and enclose the following documents for your attention.

- signed financial report including signed audit report; and
- our management letter regarding the audit.

Our fee for the audit will be separately emailed.

Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any queries in regard to this matter.

Yours faithfully

AMW AUDIT

Chartered Accountants



MARTIN SHONE

Principal

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Earthwatch Institute

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**Financial report
for the financial year ended 30 September 2023**

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Directors' Report

The Directors present their report together with the financial report of Earthwatch Institute for the year ended 30 September 2023 and the auditors' report thereon.

Directors

The Directors of the company at any time during or since the financial year and their attendance at the Board meetings during the 2023 financial year are:

Name	Particulars	FY2023 Board Meetings Attended
Mathew Nelson (Chair) (Non-executive)	BEng Mechanical, University of Melbourne MA Environment, University of Melbourne Oceania Chief Sustainability Officer, EY <i>Appointed: 15 July 2016</i>	3/4
Nuvan Aranwela (Non-executive)	PhD Science Monash University Head of Innovation, Pollination Group Former Co-CEO, Six Park <i>Appointed: 23 February 2018</i>	3/4
Shamal Dass (Non-executive)	GrDip Financial Planning, Superannuation, Investment Planning, Taxation (FINSIA) BEC (Hons) Economics, University of Sydney Head of Family Advisory & Philanthropic Services, JBWere Non-Executive Director, Two Good Foundation Non-Executive Director and Chair, Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) <i>Appointed: 4 June 2018</i>	4/4
Aaron Organ (Non-executive)	BAppSci, Natural Resource Management (Deakin University) Associate Diploma, Natural Resource Management, Chisholm TAFE MASocSci, Enviro, Planning, RMIT University Enviro Development Advisory Board Member, Urban Development Institute of Australia (Victoria) Director/Principal Ecologist, Ecology and Heritage Partners Pty Ltd <i>Appointed: 01 March 2016</i>	4/4
Andrew Thomson (Non-executive)	MBA, The University of Western Australia BSc, The University of Western Australia Principal and CEO, Kilara Energy <i>Appointed: 14 February 2020</i>	3/4
Emily Gerrard (Non-executive)	L.L.B Law, Sci (Honours) Admitted to Supreme Court of Victoria and High Court of Australia Member Carbon Market Institute Board Member Law Institute of Victoria's Environmental Issues Committee Director and Principal Lawyer at Comhar Group Pty Limited Member, The Next Economy Board <i>Appointed: 2 September 2019</i>	4/4
Belinda Kischkel (Non-executive)	Bachelor of Business in Marketing/Management Member of marketing body ADMA <i>Appointed: 22 October 2021</i>	3/4

Name	Particulars	FY2023 Board Meetings Attended
Simon Cramp (Non-executive)	Bachelor of Science Hons 1st (1997 – QUT Bachelor of Science / Ecology (1994) – UQ Bachelor of Commerce / Economics (1993 – UQ Masters International Affairs (2006) – ANU Director - Private Finance & Partnerships, D FAT - (2013-2017 and current) <i>Appointed: 16/6/22</i>	4/4
Jim Walker (Non-executive)	Lecturer: School of Environment, Faculty of Science, UQ Chair of the First Nations Advisory Team for the Cooperative Research Centre on Transformation in Mining Economies Member of the Science Advisory Committee for Australia's Terrestrial Ecosystems Research Network Member of the Board of Advice for the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation <i>Appointed: 12/8/22</i>	2/4

Directors' and key management personnel remuneration

The aggregate of income paid or payable, or otherwise made available, in respect of the financial year, to all Directors and key management personnel of the company, directly or indirectly, by the company or by any related party was \$155,078. Remuneration of Directors is included in Program Expenses. Non-executive directors receive no remuneration.

Domicile, legal form and registered address

The company is limited by guarantee and is domiciled in Australia.

The address of the registered office of the company is: Suite G-06, 60L Green Building
60 Leicester Street
Carlton VIC 3053

Principal activity

The company's principal activity during the course of the financial year was to support scientific field research and education, and the promotion of understanding and action needed for sustainable development and behaviour change.

Review and results of operations

The Board presents a financial outcome aligned with the forecast budget. The company's Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income shows a net loss attributable to members of \$30,894 compared with a net profit of \$8,347 in 2022. Due to some ongoing ambiguity of international travel and potential covid impacts to Australians overseas, the organisation decided not to restart the sale of international expeditions during 2023 (which are now on sale for 2024). National expeditions were fielded during 2023, education programs were delivered and new funding partnerships secured.

Changes in state of affairs

During the financial year, a strategic organisational restructure took place to prioritise program delivery and sustainability. No other affairs other than that referred to in the financial statements or notes thereto.

Events subsequent to reporting date

There have been no items, transactions or events of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the Directors of the company, to affect significantly the operations of the company, the results of these operations, or the state of affairs of the company, in future financial years.

Environmental regulation

The company's operations are not subject to any significant environmental regulations under either Commonwealth or State legislation. Nonetheless, Earthwatch Australia strives to demonstrate environmental sustainability through all its' activities, and is currently undertaking an internal audit of greenhouse gas emissions, in order to prioritise action to reduce our footprint.

Indemnification of officers and auditors

The company has not, during or since the financial year, in respect of any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company or a related party:

- (i) indemnified or made any relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability, including costs and expenses in successfully defending legal proceedings; or
- (ii) paid or agreed to pay a premium in respect of a contract insuring against a liability for the costs or expenses to defend legal proceedings.

Directors and officers are covered by the Directors & Officers Liability Insurance taken out by Earthwatch Institute.

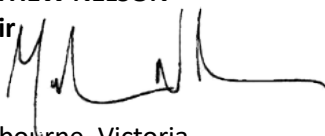
We do not disclose Insurance premiums paid under the terms of our Director policies.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

On behalf of the Directors,

MATHEW NELSON

Chair



Melbourne, Victoria

Date: 26/02/2024



FIONA SUTTON WILSON

Chief Executive Officer

Melbourne, Victoria

Date: 16/02/2024

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 30 September 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Revenue from ordinary activities	2	2,501,217	2,470,455
Interest income		25,485	1,931
		<u>2,526,702</u>	<u>2,472,386</u>
Depreciation and amortisation		(38,457)	(41,351)
Field grants		(112,817)	(121,050)
Field operations expenses		(7,222)	(5,724)
Program expenses		(1,940,056)	(1,923,772)
Other expenses from ordinary activities		(459,044)	(372,142)
Total expenses		<u>(2,557,596)</u>	<u>(2,464,039)</u>
Profit/(loss) for the year		(30,894)	8,347
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total profit/(loss) and other comprehensive income		<u><u>(30,894)</u></u>	<u><u>8,347</u></u>

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

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Statement of Financial Position
as at 30 September 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	1,680,405	2,645,980
Investments	5	689,500	39,500
Trade and other receivables	6	101,892	19,297
Other current assets		27,129	22,362
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>2,498,926</u>	<u>2,727,139</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and equipment	7	27,201	35,214
Right-of-use asset	8	68,480	98,916
Security deposit		16,000	16,000
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>111,681</u>	<u>150,130</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>2,610,607</u>	<u>2,877,269</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	135,887	60,248
Provisions	10	75,712	80,526
Deferred income	12	1,794,382	2,083,956
Lease liability	13	31,484	30,425
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>2,037,465</u>	<u>2,255,155</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	10	30,497	17,091
Lease liability	13	40,916	72,400
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>71,413</u>	<u>89,491</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>2,108,878</u>	<u>2,344,646</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>501,729</u></u>	<u><u>532,623</u></u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Reserves & development funds	17	532,623	524,276
Current year earnings		(30,894)	8,347
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u><u>501,729</u></u>	<u><u>532,623</u></u>

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Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 30 September 2023

	Funds in Reserve	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 30 September 2021	524,276	524,276
Profit for the year	8,347	8,347
Balance at 30 September 2022	<u>532,623</u>	<u>532,623</u>
Loss for the year	(30,894)	(30,894)
Balance at 30 September 2023	<u><u>501,729</u></u>	<u><u>501,729</u></u>

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Statement of Cash Flows
as at 30 September 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash receipts in the course of operations		2,125,877	2,083,323
Cash payments in the course of operations		(2,436,705)	(2,420,728)
Interest received		25,485	1,931
Net cash (used in)/ provided by operating activities	14(b)	<u>(285,343)</u>	<u>(335,474)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
(Investment in)/ receipts from term deposits		(650,000)	(19,500)
Payments for plant & equipment		(9)	-
Net cash (used in)/ provided by investing activities		<u>(650,009)</u>	<u>(19,500)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Payments for lease liabilities		(30,223)	(31,923)
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(30,223)</u>	<u>(31,923)</u>
Net increase in cash held		(965,575)	(386,897)
Cash at beginning of financial year		2,645,980	3,032,877
Cash at end of the financial year	14(a)	<u><u>1,680,405</u></u>	<u><u>2,645,980</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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1 Significant Accounting Policies

Earthwatch Institute is a company domiciled in Australia. The address of the company's registered office is Suite G-06, 60L Green Building, 60 Leicester Street, Carlton VIC 3053. The company is a not-for-profit organisation and is primarily involved in scientific field research and education.

The significant accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report are:

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (AASBs) adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013 (ACNC). The financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 26 February 2024.

Historical cost convention

The financial statements have been prepared on historical cost. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

Functional and presentation currency

These financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the Company's functional currency.

Significant accounting judgments, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with AASBs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

Information about critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements is included, where applicable, in the relevant notes to the financial statements.

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(b) Recognition of Revenue

Revenues are recognised at fair value of the consideration received net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST) payable to the taxation authority.

Fielded Volunteer Contributions

The company derives income by undertaking and supporting scientific research expeditions and field projects relevant to conservation and sustainable environments.

Revenue from these activities is recognised either over time as the work is performed or recognised at the point in time that the expedition is completed, which has resulted in deferral of income.

Supporter Donations and subscriptions

Supporter donations are recognised when the right to receive the cash is established and subscriptions are recognised as it accrues.

Interest

Interest revenue is recognised as it accrues.

Program Support Income

A number of Earthwatch's programs are supported by grants received from various levels of trusts and foundations.

If an agreement is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligation, recognition of the grant as revenue is either at point in time upon receipt or over time which is deferred until those performance obligations are satisfied. The grant is recognised as a liability and then recognised as revenue when the performance obligation is fulfilled.

Government Grant Income

The company receives grants from various government departments by undertaking governmental projects.

In relation to governmental projects, if an agreement is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligation, recognition of the grant as revenue is either at point in time upon receipt or over time which is deferred until the performance obligation is satisfied.

'In kind' Income

Income received on an 'in-kind' basis (i.e. receipt of non-cash goods or services) is recognised in accordance with the above policies. A corresponding expense for the goods or services provided is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

(c) Income Tax

For taxation purposes the company is classified as an approved research institute, therefore it is exempt from paying income tax pursuant to section 23(e) of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

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(d) Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST) except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of the expenses.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as a current asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

The GST components of cash flows arising from investing activity which is recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

(e) Plant & Equipment

Acquisition

Items of plant and equipment are recorded at cost and depreciated as outlined below.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all fixed assets. Depreciation is primarily calculated on a reducing balance basis as considered appropriate so as to write off the net cost of each asset over its expected useful life.

The depreciation rates and methods used for each class of asset, for previous years are as follows:

	Depreciation Rate	Depreciation Method
• Furniture & Equipment	10% - 33%	Diminishing value
• Computer Equipment	20% - 50%	Diminishing value
• Leasehold Improvement	20%	Diminishing value

(f) Employee Entitlements

Annual Leave

The liability for annual leave represents the present obligation resulting from employees' services provided to reporting date, calculated at undiscounted amounts on remuneration wage and salary rates which are expected to be paid as at reporting date, including related on-costs, such as workers compensation insurance and superannuation. All annual leave liability is expected to be realised within the next 12 months.

Long Service Leave

The provision for long service leave represents the present value of estimated future cash outflows resulting from employees' services provided to reporting date. The provision is calculated using expected increases in wage and salary rates including related on-costs and expected settlement dates based on turnover history and is discounted using the rates attached to national government bonds at reporting date which most closely match the terms of maturity of the related liabilities. The unwinding of the discount is treated as long service leave expense.

Superannuation

Contributions to employee superannuation funds are expensed when incurred.

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(g) Trade and Other receivables

Trade receivables are recorded at amounts due less any expected credit loss.

(h) Trade and Other payables

Trade payables and other payables are recognised when the company becomes obliged to make future payments resulting from the purchase of goods and services.

(i) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise of cash at bank, cash on hand, funds in trust and deposits. These deposits are short-term and highly liquid cash deposits that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(j) Investments

Held to maturity (HTM) investments are non-derivative financial assets, with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity (other than loans and receivables). Investments are classified as HTM if Earthwatch has the intention and ability to hold them until maturity. Earthwatch currently holds term deposits which are designated into this category.

(k) Related Party Transactions

Earthwatch has charitable affiliates internationally to extend its scientific and education programs abroad. The Earthwatch Institute operates under a Trademark License Agreement with Earthwatch Institute Inc. (Earthwatch US).

In the 2023 financial year, the Earthwatch Institute has transacted with Earthwatch US and Earthwatch Europe.

Earthwatch does not control these affiliates, and therefore their operating results are not included within these financial statements. These affiliates share contributions from volunteers and derive staff support and subsidies from Earthwatch. All outstanding balances from these related parties are priced on an arm's-length basis.

The following are amounts owed by affiliates/(payable to) affiliates as of 30 September:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Earthwatch Europe	(28,477)	(3,162)
Earthwatch US	(3,263)	-
	<u>(31,740)</u>	<u>(3,162)</u>

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(k) Related Party Transactions (continued)

The following revenue is derived from affiliates and is reflected as contributions from overseas volunteers in the accompanying statements of activities for the years ended 30 September:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Earthwatch US	-	-
	-	-

(l) Lease

At inception of a contract, the Company assesses if the contract contains a lease. If there is a lease present, a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability is recognised by the Company where the Company is a lessee. However, all contracts that are classified as short-term leases (i.e., a lease with a remaining lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low-value assets are recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line bases over the term of the lease.

Initially, the lease liability is measured at the present value of the lease payments still to be paid at commencement date. The lease payments are discounted at the interest rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the Institute uses the incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are as follows:

- fixed lease payments less any lease incentives;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate, initially measured using the index or rate at the commencement date;
- the amount expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees;
- the exercise price of purchase options, if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise the options;
- lease payments under extension options, if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise the options; and
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the exercise of an option to terminate the lease.

The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability as mentioned above, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, as well as any initial direct costs. The subsequent measurement of the right-of-use assets is at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the lease term or useful life of the underlying asset, whichever is the shortest. Where a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Company anticipates to exercise a purchase option, the specific asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset.

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	2023	2022
	\$	\$
2 Revenue from ordinary activities		
Fielded volunteer contributions	8,336	-
Supporter donations and subscriptions	150,687	182,582
Program support income	2,104,546	2,087,786
'In-kind' income	228,660	165,631
Other income	8,988	34,456
	<u>2,501,217</u>	<u>2,470,455</u>
3 Auditor's remuneration		
Audit of the financial report	7,250	7,150
4 Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at bank and on hand	1,137,917	1,252,797
Research Fund-Cash at Bank	542,488	1,361,989
Volunteers Funds in trust	-	31,194
	<u>1,680,405</u>	<u>2,645,980</u>

All gifts of money that are made for scientific research are received into the Research bank account. Volunteer funds in trust are cash received in advance from participants of Earthwatch public programmes.

5 Investments

Bank Term Deposits	689,500	39,500
	<u>689,500</u>	<u>39,500</u>

These cash investments are held within Australian Banks. The term deposits as at 30 September 2023 were earning interest rates of 4.25 % - 4.35 % per annum. At 30 September 2023 the average time to maturity was 12 months. These term deposits are classified as investments as the deposits cannot be immediately accessed and quickly converted to cash by Earthwatch at any point without foregoing accrued interest.

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	2023	2022
	\$	\$
6 Trade and other receivables		
Trade debtors	101,892	19,297
	<u>101,892</u>	<u>19,297</u>
7 Plant and equipment		
Furniture & Equipment	99,893	99,893
Accumulated depreciation	(88,811)	(86,164)
	<u>11,082</u>	<u>13,729</u>
Computer Equipment	173,702	173,693
Accumulated depreciation	(170,575)	(168,448)
	<u>3,127</u>	<u>5,245</u>
Leasehold Improvement	23,882	23,882
Accumulated depreciation	(10,890)	(7,642)
	<u>12,992</u>	<u>16,240</u>
	<u>27,201</u>	<u>35,214</u>
Movements of plant and equipment during the year:		
Carrying amount at beginning of year	35,214	46,129
Additions	8.00	-
Depreciation	(8,021)	(10,915)
Carrying amount at end of year	<u>27,201</u>	<u>35,214</u>
8 Right-of-use Asset		
Right-of-use asset	152,178	152,178
Accumulated Amortisation	(83,698)	(53,262)
	<u>68,480</u>	<u>98,916</u>
9 Trade and other payables		
Trade payables	38,347	22,267
Related party payables	31,740	3,162
Other payables and accruals	65,800	34,819
	<u>135,887</u>	<u>60,248</u>

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	2023	2022
	\$	\$
10 Provisions		
Current		
Annual leave	75,712	80,526
Long service leave	-	-
	<u>75,712</u>	<u>80,526</u>
Non-Current		
Long service leave	30,497	17,091
	<u>30,497</u>	<u>17,091</u>
11 Deferred income		
Expedition deposits received in advance	26,214	28,004
Grants received under obligation	1,768,168	2,055,952
	<u>1,794,382</u>	<u>2,083,956</u>
12 Lease liability		
Current		
Lease liability	31,484	30,425
	<u>31,484</u>	<u>30,425</u>
Non-Current		
Lease liability	40,916	72,400
	<u>40,916</u>	<u>72,400</u>
13 Members guarantee		

If the company is wound up, the articles of association state that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$50 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the company. Each member holds one voting right. At 30 September 2023 the number of members was 73 (2022: 64).

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14 Notes to the cash flow statement

(a) Reconciliation of cash

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks and short-term deposits at call, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>1,680,405</u>	<u>2,645,980</u>
(b) Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to operating surplus		
Operating (deficit) / surplus	(30,893)	8,347
Add non-cash item:		
Depreciation and amortisation	38,457	41,351
Interest on lease liability	2,969	3,997
Other income	(3,170)	(1,103)
Changes in net assets and liabilities:		
Decrease / (increase) in trade receivables	(82,595)	(247)
Decrease / (increase) in other assets	(4,768)	(6,009)
(Decrease) / increase in trade and other payables	75,640	7,265
(Decrease) / increase in deferred income	(289,575)	(382,071)
(Decrease) / increase in provisions	8,592	(7,004)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>(285,343)</u>	<u>(335,474)</u>

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15 Financial instruments

(a) Interest Rate Risk

The following details the company's exposure to interest rate risk as at 30 September:

	Note	Effective interest rate %	Floating interest rate \$	1 year or less \$	1 to 5 years \$	More than 5 years \$	Non- interest bearing \$	Total \$
2023								
Financial assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	4	0.01%	1,137,917	-	-	-	542,488	1,680,405
Investments	5	0.21%	-	689,500	-	-	-	689,500
Trade Receivable	6	-					101,892	101,892
			1,137,917	689,500	-	-	644,380	2,471,797
Financial liabilities								
Trade and other Payables	9	-					135,887	135,887
			-	-	-	-	135,887	135,887
2022								
Financial assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	4	0.01%	1,252,797	-	-	-	1,393,183	2,645,980
Investments	5	0.27%	-	39,500	-	-	-	39,500
Trade Receivable	6	-					19,297	19,297
			1,252,797	39,500	-	-	1,412,480	2,704,777
Financial liabilities								
Trade and other Payables	9	-	-	-	-	-	60,248	60,248
			-	-	-	-	60,248	60,248

(b) Net Fair Value

The net fair value as at the reporting date of each class of financial asset and financial liability is represented by the amounts recorded in the statement of financial position determined in accordance with the accounting policies disclosed in Note 1 of the financial statements.

(c) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counter party will not meet its obligations under a financial instrument or customer contract. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amount of the financial assets.

The financial risk policy of the Earthwatch Institute states that investments are limited to bank deposits and board approved fund management trusts.

(d) Foreign currency risk

Earthwatch is exposed to transactional foreign currency risk to the extent that there is a mismatch between the currencies in which transactions are denominated and the respective functional currencies of its business partners. The functional currencies of its trading partners are primarily the United States of America Dollars (USD) and the British Pound.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 September 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
16 Members' Funds		
Retained surplus at the beginning of the year	532,623	524,276
Net profit/ (loss)	(30,894)	8,347
Retained surplus at the end of the year	<u>501,729</u>	<u>532,623</u>

17 Events after the reporting date

The Directors are not aware of any significant events since the end of the reporting period.

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Directors' Declaration

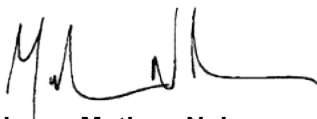
In the opinion of Earthwatch Institute:

- a) The financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:
 - (i) giving true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 30 September 2023 and of its performance, as represented by the results of its operations and its cashflows, for the financial year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and with Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013; 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.
- c) The provisions of, and the regulations under the; Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW), and Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2015 (NSW), and the conditions attached to the authority have been complied with by the company,
- d) The company's internal controls are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the company from fundraising appeals.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



Name: Fiona Sutton Wilson
Position: Chief Executive Officer



Name: Mathew Nelson
Position: Chair of the Board

Melbourne, Victoria
Date 26 February 2024



AUDITORS' INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

To: the Members of Earthwatch Institute

In accordance with Subdivision 60-C of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the Board of Directors of Earthwatch Institute. As the lead audit principal for the audit of the financial report of Earthwatch Institute for the year ended 30 September 2023, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 September 2023 there have been no contraventions of:

- the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Dated this 26th day of February 2024

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AMW AUDIT
Chartered Accountants

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MARTIN SHONE
Principal

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EARTHWATCH INSTITUTE

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Earthwatch Institute ("the Company") which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2023, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the Directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Earthwatch Institute has been prepared 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 Company's financial position as at 30 September 2023 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022*.

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

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

Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's annual report for the year ended 30 September 2023, 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.

Directors' Responsibilities for the Financial Report

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Directors' responsibility also include such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Directors are responsible for assessing 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 to do so.

The Directors are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditors' 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 this 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 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.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the Company or business activities within the Company to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.



We communicate with the Directors regarding, amongst 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.

Independence

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act), which has been given to the Directors of Earthwatch Institute, would be in the same terms if given to the Directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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Chartered Accountants

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MARTIN SHONE

Principal & Registered Company Auditor

Dated at Perth, Western Australia this 26th day of February 2024

26 February 2024

The Directors
Earthwatch Institute
Suite G-06, 60L Green Building
60 Leicester Street
Carlton VIC 3053

Dear Directors,

MANAGEMENT LETTER 2023

We advise that we have recently completed the audit of Earthwatch Institute for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. While our procedures are designed to identify any material weaknesses and detect misstatements from fraud and error, there is an unavoidable risk that even some material misstatements may remain undiscovered. This unavoidable risk is due to the test nature and other inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of any accounting and internal control system.

We have the no matters to report to you arising from our audit.

Audit Adjustments

Differences identified during the audit, whether adjusted or not must be communicated to management and those charged with governance of an entity. We therefore include the following items which **were adjusted** subsequent to the start of the audit:

	Description	Debit	Credit
		\$	\$
1	Depreciation	3,247.95	
	Leasehold improvement – accum depreciation		3,247.95
	<i>To recognise depreciation on leasehold improvement</i>		
2	Lease Liability - non-current	33,393.96	
	Rent		31,923.48
	Other Income		1,470.48
	<i>To reverse lease payments from lease liability and recognise income from rent reduction</i>		
3	Interest Expense	2,968.99	
	Lease Liability - non-current		2,968.99
	<i>To record interest on lease liability</i>		
4	Amortisation expense	30,435.54	
	Right-of-use asset accum. amortisation		30,435.54
	<i>To record amortisation of Right of Use asset</i>		

	Description	Debit	Credit
		\$	\$
5	Lease Liability – non-current	1,059.16	
	Lease liability - Current		1,059.16
	<i>Current versus non-current split for lease liability</i>		
6	FBT Payable	7,591.32	
	FBT Expense		7,591.32
	<i>To reverse prior year accrual</i>		
7	Long Service Leave expense	4,193.27	
	Long Service Leave provision		4,193.27
	<i>To correct long service leave provision value at yearend</i>		

Unadjusted Differences

The following items are the differences identified during the audit which were **not adjusted** and are considered immaterial and do not impact our opinion of the financial statements:

	Description	Debit	Credit
		\$	\$
1	Advances to Suppliers	4,116.94	
	Creditors		4,116.94
	<i>Being reallocation of a negative creditor balance</i>		
2	Accrued Interest Income	3,164.62	
	Interest Income		3,164.62
	<i>Being missed unaccrued interest income</i>		

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Alison and Nikita for the assistance provided during the course of our audit. Should you have any queries regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours sincerely
AMW AUDIT
Chartered Accountants



MARTIN SHONE
Principal