

30TH **ANNUAL** REPORT



2024

Western Murray Irrigation Ltd (WMI)

A company limited by shares, proudly grower owned,
celebrating 30 years of operation.

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2024 AGM

WMI 30th Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 26 November 2024 at 6.00pm
Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club
Silver City Highway, Dareton NSW 2717

Cover Photo

Celebrating 100 years in Coomealla
Construction of irrigation channels, 1924
Courtesy of the Museums of History NSW - State Archives Collection

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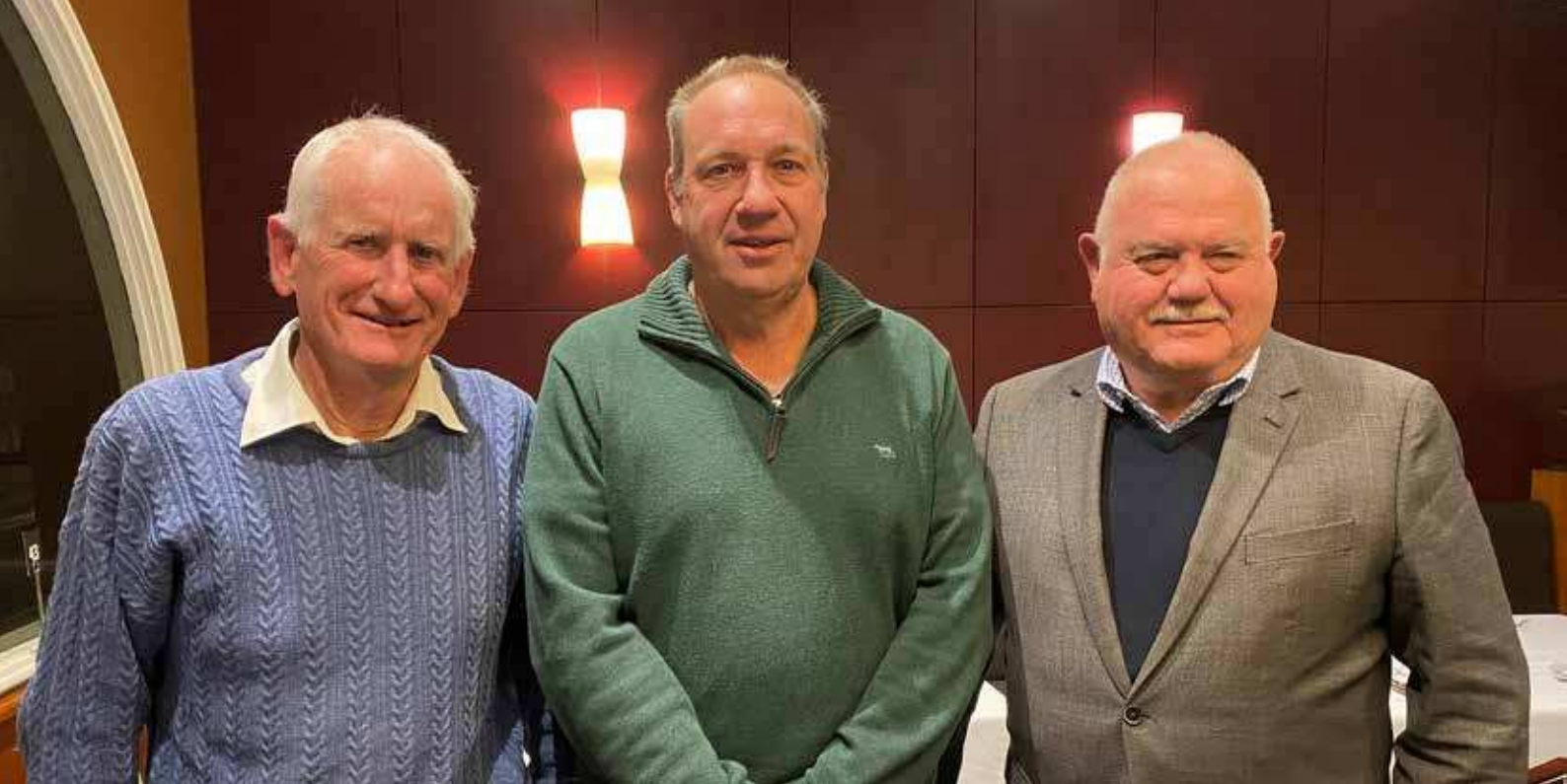
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> 30 Years of Chairmanship: Left to Right Ian Murdoch (1995-2013); Kevin Watson (2013-2020) & David Whitbread (2020-Current)

Chair's Report

The 2023-24 year was a return to more normal weather and water pumping volumes which provided a welcome background to the significant change in the way the company charges. Early in the 2023-24 financial year customers finalised their delivery entitlement terminations under the 80% discount offer and adjustments to their outlets in preparation for the new charges. The WMI staff did an incredible job of outlet works as well as educating and assisting customers through the first year despite some staff turnover.

Late in the 2023-24 year the Board of Directors completed a comprehensive review of the first year under the new charging system, aimed at assessing the impact of the new fees and charges on our operations and our customers. This review, together with sufficient reserves, has allowed us to reduce some fees for the 2024-25 year reflecting our commitment to providing value and relief to our customers particularly in the current economic climate. This result was also enabled by a diligent review of costs and cost recovery efforts including, for example, the success in obtaining a NSW flood grant.

The Board's work also included a review of COVID-related cost and supply chain learnings; post-flood operations; transition to a new audit

partner; recruitment of a Chief Financial Officer (CFO); and re-contract of our CEO.

I am pleased to report that, after nearly four years of painstaking investigation, compliance and legal actions, the NSW Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) case against a WMI customer resulted in a NSW Land and Environment Court fine of close to half a million dollars for illegally tapping into a WMI pipeline and taking water from it. It is the largest total fine achieved by NRAR since it was established in 2018. NRAR particularly acknowledged the significant contribution of WMI to this successful prosecution, from the initial detection of the offences and throughout the lengthy investigation and court case.

Additionally, WMI was able to recover all legal costs incurred over that period.

This result provides a clear message to water users within irrigation networks and has certainly sharpened the compliance policy and procedures within WMI.

Financially, WMI's surplus for the year ended 30 June 2024 was \$1,163,500. Total equity increased by 4.6% to \$64.36 million. This does not include the \$4.11 million based on the independent revaluation of WMI's water entitlements back in June 2023, which is

not allowed to be recorded based on the Australian Accounting Standards. Our main Asset Replacement Fund investment portfolio returned a pleasing 10.6%.

I would like to thank the Directors for their work and support during 2023/24, with Michael Mobilio commencing his term as the Coomealla Director in November 2023. The Board was also able to appropriately acknowledge retired Coomealla Director Kevin Watson's many years of service and leadership. I also welcomed our new CFO Lena Langanke to her role in November 2023.

Looking ahead I welcome the re-appointment of Matthew Cottrell as Buronga Director, and after a postal ballot, the appointment of Brett Hullah as General Member Director, both commencing their two-year tenure at the conclusion of the 2024 AGM. The Board also re-appointed independent Director David Walker for a further three-year term.

Dated: 10 October 2024

David Whitbread
Chair

CEO's Report

Average weather conditions returned in 2023/24 resulting in WMI pumping 25,678 ML of water, 4.5% higher than the five-year average. Summer storms resulted in damage to electrical equipment (due to lightning strike) and in January, 50mm of rain fell over two days, testing out some of our drainage infrastructure. Our team and contractors were quickly on site inspecting and repairing, reinforcing the need for well-maintained drainage infrastructure.

We then prioritised and scheduled repairs, maintenance and improvements to both surface and deep drains as well as scour points.

Coomealla/Dareton Centenary

The Coomealla Irrigation Area was officially opened with details published in the NSW Government Gazette of 30 May 1924. The first twenty five irrigation farms were offered by application to rent together with a deposit of five pounds. The Coomealla pump station and channel network were under construction.

Since then the Coomealla Irrigation Area and the township of Dareton have welcomed soldier settlers; infrastructure upgrades from channels to pipelines; privatisation (from the NSW Government to Western Murray Irrigation Ltd in 1995); land and water management planning and further on and off-farm modernisation, all through droughts and floods.

WMI was delighted to provide sponsorship to the Coomealla/Dareton Centenary Committee as well as participating in the April 2024 celebrations including opening the Coomealla pump station to the public.

New charging system

We continued to assist customers through the changed charges, invoicing and delivery allowance temporary trade system. Customer feedback, both positive and negative, was appreciated and

used during the Board's first year review of the new charges, and to make improvements.

New Customer Portal

Our new customer portal was launched in September 2023 giving customers easier access to their WMI outlets and accounts as well as live water use. We will continue to improve the portal based on customer feedback.

State and Federal Advocacy

Despite best efforts of the NSW Irrigators Council, National Irrigators Council and National Farmers Federation joint campaign the Australian Government's The Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Act 2023 was enacted in December 2023 making a number of changes to the Water Act 2007. This includes more time, more options, and more funding to deliver the Murray Darling Basin Plan, including the purchase of 450GL of additional environmental water.

It also implements water market reforms arising from the 2021 ACCC water market inquiry such as a water markets intermediaries code; new insider trading and market manipulation prohibitions as well as data and systems reforms.

All these regulatory amendments will have implications for WMI and its shareholders/customers, as water buybacks reduce the consumptive pool and water market compliance burden increases.

WMI continues to be involved as an active member of:

- NSW Irrigators Council
- National Irrigators Council
- WaterNSW Murray-Lower Darling Customer Advisory Group
- Murray Darling Basin Authority Sunraysia Community Forum

Importantly the review of the NSW Murray and Lower Darling Water Sharing Plan 2016 commenced with WMI submitting the following main points:

- Do not support any change that reduces the availability/reliability of water allocation to High Security entitlements
- Support greater certainty to the deliverability of water below the Barmah Choke; and
- Support increased connectivity with the Northern Basin/Darling River and other major tributaries such as the Murrumbidgee River.

Staff changes

There were significant changes to the small WMI team due to retirements and resignations. The challenges of recruiting in a tight labour market (and a small regional area) certainly played out but I'm pleased to report that our current team has settled in exceptionally well.

Looking forward

Over the next twelve months we will be reviewing our operations and services with our customers and shareholders as the Board develops a new five-year strategic plan; finalising the Mourquong acquisition and integration into WMI; investing further into our IT systems and preparing for water market reform compliance requirements.



Judith Damiani
CEO

2019-2024 Strategic Plan

VISION	Western Murray irrigators are growing and thriving			
MISSION	To provide competitive and modern irrigation services that support our customers to meet their business needs			
VALUES	CARE INTEGRITY ACCOUNTABILITY SAFETY			
OUTCOMES	LEADERSHIP	CUSTOMER SERVICE	OPTIMISED \ INFRASTRUCTURE	HIGH PERFORMANCE
	We advocate and plan for a resilient and thriving future for our customers and region	We consistently provide a high level of service which enables our customers to undertake best practice irrigation	We effectively and efficiently manage, operate and maintain our water delivery & drainage infrastructure to meet our customers' needs today and in the future	We are a high performing workforce and Board built on outstanding people, systems, governance and culture. We seek innovative ways to improve outcomes for staff and customers.
PRIORITY ACTIONS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a clear policy assessment of any external deliverability risks and work with governments and stakeholders to ensure that the risks are minimised Promote Western Murray as premium irrigation district Work with our stakeholders and partners to influence and inform State and National policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve and launch tech-driven customer service platforms Complete and implement the changes resulting from the charges review Improve customer communications by providing regular, timely and useful information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate the upgraded meters and new telemetry system into a new customer service platform Investigate alternate energy options and implement a long-term energy plan Develop asset management plans utilising the outcomes of a feasibility study/ modelling of the WMI system network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced WHS system Board and staff development underpinned by regular performance assessments and training plans Review Constitution and governance to better reflect changing circumstances
MEASURES OF SUCCESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard of service for water deliverability is improved during peak demand Irrigated land serviced by WMI increase by 10% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in customers reporting high or very high level of satisfaction with service Charges review outcome successfully implemented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term energy plan that is minimising costs and improving reliability New customer service platform with direct access to live usage data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zero time lost to injuries Increase in staff/ contractors reporting high or very high level of satisfaction with WHS Appointment of an independent Chair

Achievements During 2023-24

Summer Storm Repairs



> Surface and deep drain storm repairs: Coomealla





> Coomealla: 27 Truck loads of silt removed

Scouring, surface and deep drain maintenance



> Curlwaa Scouring



> Northern end of Keenans Drive Coomealla: New scour install



- > ABOVE LEFT: Deep drain maintenance
- > ABOVE RIGHT: Surface drain maintenance
- > RIGHT: Deep drain maintenance scale removed



> Deep drain maintenance debris

Curlwaa pump station maintenance



> Curlwaa pump D removal for service overhaul



> Curlwaa trash rack removal for cleaning



> New check valves for Curlwaa Pump C&D

Curlwaa levee maintenance



Coomealla balance tower cleaning



All six air valves replaced on Coomealla's main line - example shown.





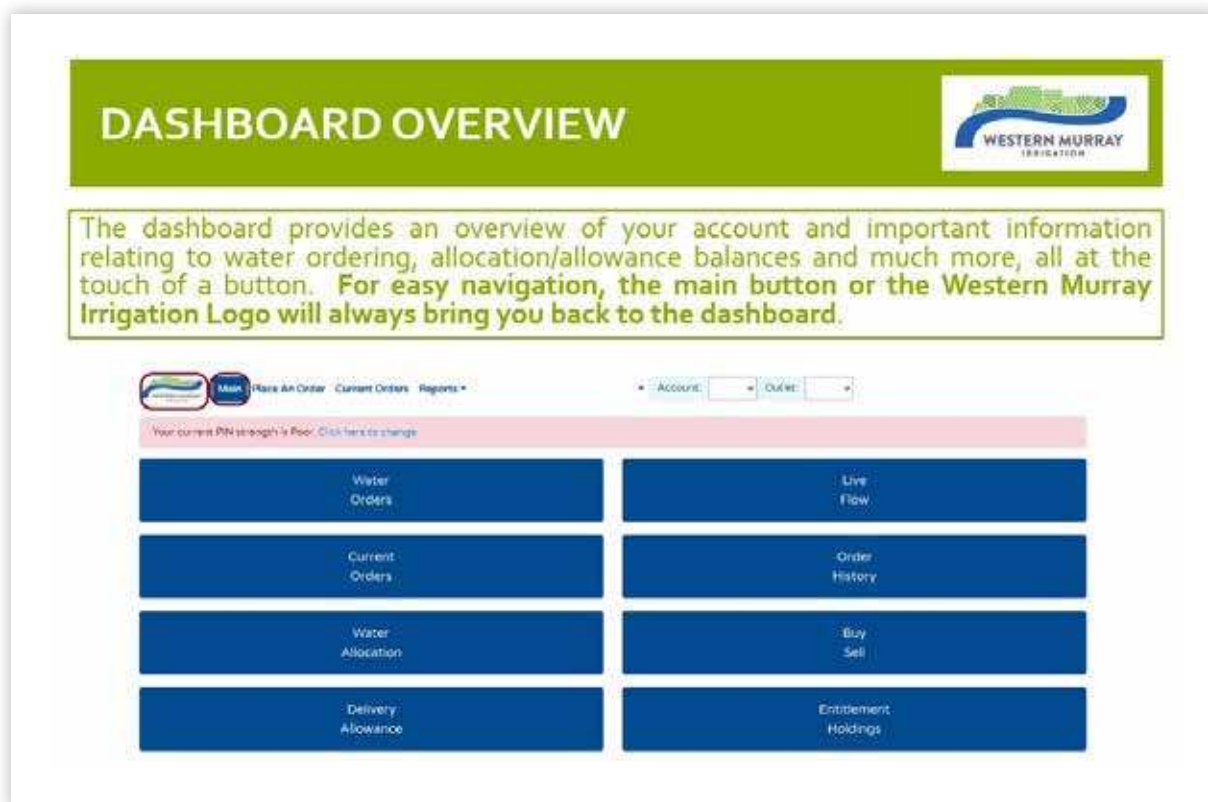
> Buronga Pump D vibration sensor location
(vibration monitoring system completed)

> WHS training, including hydrogen peroxide procedures



> Ongoing replacement
of diaphragm valves with
butterfly valves

Launch of the new customer portal with live water usage data



Mourquong maintenance – Pump 1 replacement





Honouring a century of resilience and progress from
the pioneers of the 1920's, the WWII soldier settlers,
right through to today's modern irrigators.

Together we'll thrive for another 100 years.

Happy Centenary Dareton-Coomealla!

Proudly providing irrigation water and drainage services to the Curlwaa, Coomealla & Buronga irrigation areas.

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> Coomealla-Dareton Centenary

COOMEALLA IRRIGATION AREA

PARISH OF MOURQUONG - COUNTY OF WENTWORTH - LAND DISTRICT OF COOMEALLA
WESTERN DIVISION, N. S. W.

PART OF FIRST SUBDIVISION

25 IRRIGATION FARMS Available on and after 24th June 1924

Photographs, Application forms and full particulars may be obtained at the Office of THE WATER CONSERVATION AND IRRIGATION COMMISSION, UNION HOUSE, GEORGE STREET, SYDNEY, and the MANAGER, CURLWAA IRRIGATION AREA, WENTWORTH.
The Office of the Manager of the Curlwaa Irrigation Area is situated close to the Abbotsford Point on the Main Road from Mildura to Wentworth.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE ON FORM No 69 AND MUST BE LODGED WITH THE MANAGER OF THE CURLWAA IRRIGATION AREA, WENTWORTH, TOGETHER WITH A DEPOSIT OF £5 (WHICH MAY BE APPLIED TO PAYMENT OF RENT) PERSONALLY, BY POST, OR BY AUTHORISED AGENT.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BEFORE 24th JUNE 1924 CANNOT BE ACCEPTED

All applications received by the Manager of the Curlwaa Irrigation Area between 24th & 28th June 1924 inclusive, where conflicting, will be treated as simultaneous.

Further particulars as to Title Areas, Capital Values, Survey Fees, Special Conditions etc., will be found in the Government Gazette of 30th May 1924.

SCHEDULE

Area No.	Area	Total Area in Acres	Area in Acres	Area in Acres
1	1	100	100	100
2	2	100	100	100
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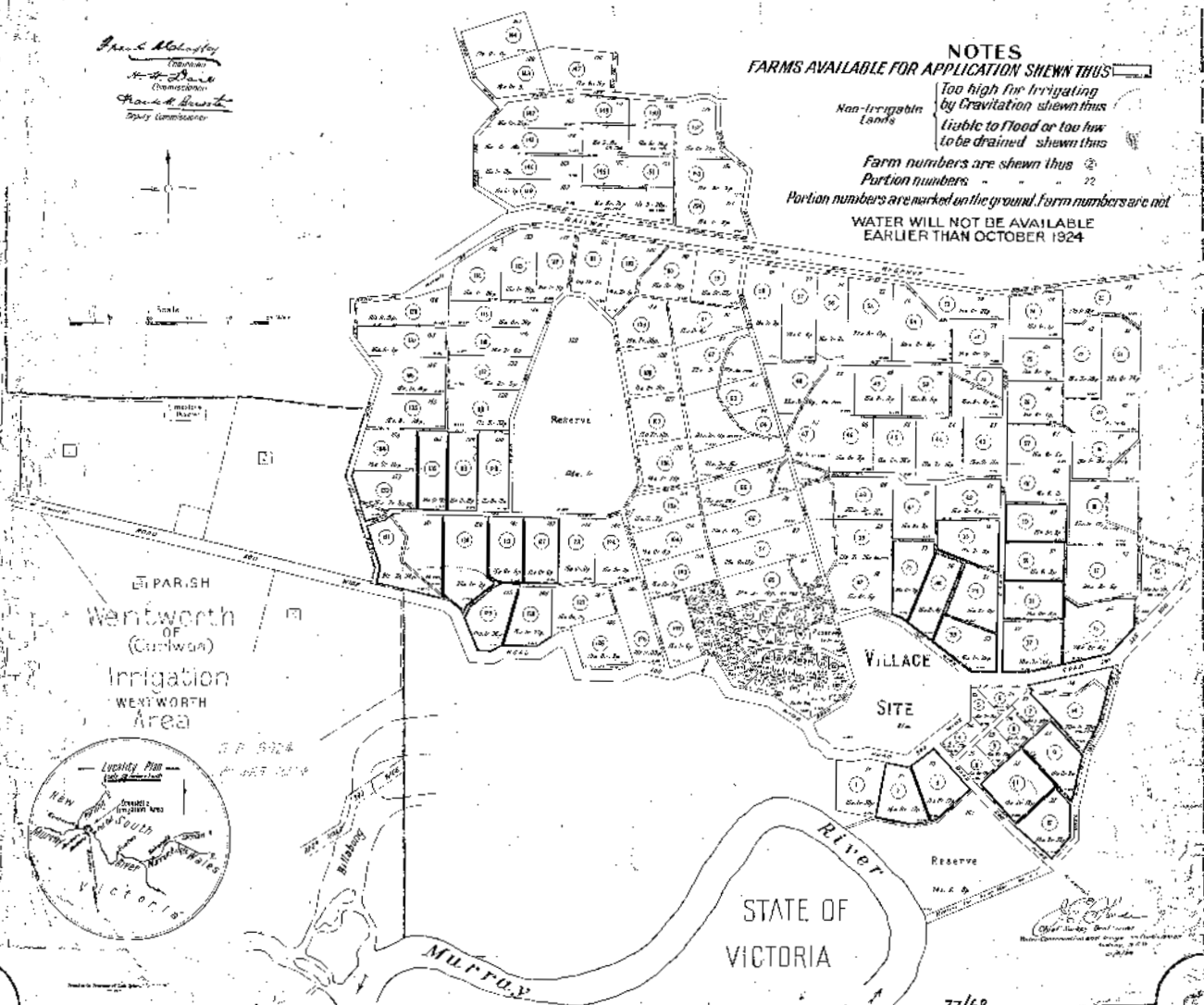
FARMS AVAILABLE FOR APPLICATION SHOWN THUS

Too high for irrigating by Gravitation shown thus
Non-irrigable Lands
Liable to flood or too low to be drained shown thus

Farm numbers are shown thus
Portion numbers " " " "

Portion numbers are marked on the ground, farm numbers are not

WATER WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE EARLIER THAN OCTOBER 1924





> **ABOVE:** Construction of channels, 1924
 > **BELOW:** Construction of the rising main, 1924





> **ABOVE:** Original pump station 1927
 > **RIGHT:** Part of the original pump station
 still being used today for storage.
 > **BELOW:** First orchards
 – dried grape (LEFT) and citrus (RIGHT), 1927



Historical photos courtesy of the Museums of History NSW – State Archives Collection



> **ABOVE:** Advocating for irrigators rights: National Irrigators Council, NSW Irrigators Council and National Farmers Federation joined forces as the Australian Government introduced new legislation allowing voluntary water buybacks. > **BELOW RIGHT:** NSW Water Minister Rose Jackson attends a NSW Irrigators Council meeting.





Director's Report

Your Directors present their report together with the financial statements of Western Murray Irrigation Limited (the company) for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 and auditor's report thereon. This financial statement has been prepared in accordance with Australian Equivalents of International Financial Reporting Standards.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of Western Murray Irrigation during the financial year were:-

- delivering water to irrigators within the Buronga, Coomealla and Curlwaa irrigation areas; and
- disposing of drainage water generated by irrigation activities undertaken by irrigators within the Buronga, Coomealla and Curlwaa irrigation areas.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year ended 30 June 2024.

Review of Operations and Results from Those Operations

A total of 25,678ML was diverted for the year 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, compared to 21,572ML in the prior financial year, and compared to 24,314ML on average over the past three years. A summary of the company's financial performance, by irrigation area, is provided in the Unaudited Financial Statements, adjusted for the Financial Instrument reclassification (for comparative purposes).

Directors

The names of the persons who have been Directors, or appointed as Directors, during the period since 1 July 2023 and up to the date of this report are: David Whitbread, Allison McTaggart, David Walker, Matthew Cottrell, Michael (Mick) Goodrem, Kevin Watson and Michael Mobilio.

Particulars of the skills, experience, expertise, and responsibilities of the Directors at the date of this report are set out opposite.



DAVID WHITBREAD

Non-Member Director

Director since: Appointed Director and Chair on 06 February 2020 **Current term of office expires:** November 2026

Skills, experience, and

expertise: David is a highly experienced professional Director and Chair, and Board advisor to medium to large private family groups. He is a Director of several businesses and currently the Chair of St Andrew's Hospital (SA), meeting Chair of Roben Menz Confectioners and has Chaired the Mitolo Agricultural and Wine Groups. David is a Chartered Accountant and former Partner and Board Member of Deloitte Australia. He holds a Bachelor of Economics from Adelaide University, is a Foundation Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (FAICD) and was the first SA State Chair of the AICD on its inception.

Board Committee Membership:

Chair of the Charges Review Project; Member of the Audit, Risk, Finance & Investment Committee; and Member of the Remuneration & Governance Committee.



ALLISON McTAGGART

Non-Member Director

Director since: October 2010, appointed Deputy Chair in December 2020 **Current term of office expires:** November 2026

Skills, experience, and

expertise: Allison is an experienced Company Director, Chair of Mallee CMA, a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, affiliate of the Governance Institute of Australia, member of the Institute of Community Directors Australia and a member of the Australian Human Resources Institute. She provides a range of business, governance, recruitment, human resource management, and work health and safety consultancy services in her business Allison McTaggart & Associates – Human Capital Solutions.

Board Committee Membership:

Chair of the Remuneration & Governance Committee; and Member of the Charges Review Project.



DAVID WALKER,

BBus (Acc), FCPA, CA, RTA

Non-Member Director

Director since: August 2018 **Current term of office expires:** November 2027

Skills, experience, and

expertise: David is a Certified Practising Accountant (CPA) and is currently a Partner for Business Services (Tax & Accounting) with Findex Mildura. He is also Secretary for the Euston Co-operative Rural Society Ltd which comprises around 60 table grape growers covering 1,600 acres at Euston, NSW. The Co-op's primary function is to deliver water from the River Murray via high pressure pipeline to the growers for irrigation purposes. David oversees the financial and administrative functions of the Co-op and has held that position since 1994.

Board Committee Membership:

Chair of the Audit, Risk, Finance & Investments Committee; Member of the Remuneration & Governance Committee; and Member of the Charges Review Project.



MATTHEW COTTRELL
Buronga Representative
Director

Director since: November 2012
Current term of office expires: November 2024

Skills, experience, and expertise: Matthew is a citrus, wine and table grape grower in Buronga, is a grower delegate to Australian Citrus Propagation Incorporated (AusCitrus) and a former Director of Sunraysia Citrus Growers Incorporated.

Board Committee Membership: Chair of the Infrastructure & Service Committee; and Member of the Audit, Risk, Finance & Investments Committee.



MICHAEL (MICK) GOODREM
Curlwaa Representative
Director

Director since: November 2018
Current term of office expires: November 2026

Skills, experience, and expertise: Mick is a citrus and wine grape grower in Curlwaa with a strong executive management background in the acute and community health sector, after several years as a Registered Nurse and General Manager.

Board Committee Membership: Member of the Audit, Risk, Finance & Investments Committee; Member of the Remuneration & Governance Committee; and Member of the Infrastructure & Service Committee.



KEVIN WATSON
Coomealla Representative
Director

Director since: November 2002
(Chair from November 2013 to February 2020)
Current term of office expired: November 2023

Skills, experience, and expertise: Kevin is a former wine grape grower in Coomealla.

Board Committee Membership: Member of the Infrastructure & Service Committee.



MICHAEL MOBILIO
Coomealla Representative
Director

Director since: November 2023
Current term of office expires: November 2026

Skills, experience, and expertise: Michael farms stone fruit and table grapes in Coomealla, having gained practical experience through involvement in his family's horticultural properties. Michael has experience in horticultural, hydroponic and viticultural properties benefitted by water entitlements, valuing significant agribusiness assets throughout Australia and internationally. Michael has a Bachelor of Applied Science (Property) working as a valuer from 2008 up to Associate Director of CBRE in 2020. Michael has been a Director of Infinity Farms based in Coomealla since 2016; Director of Redland Fruit (Lake Boga Victoria) since 2021 and was WMI Director between 2016-2019.

Board Committee Membership: Member of the Infrastructure & Service Committee.

Meetings of Directors

Each Director attended the following meetings of the Board and Committees of the Board during the financial year ended 30 June 2024

Director	Board		Audit, Risk, Finance & Investments Committee		Infrastructure & Service Committee		Remuneration & Governance Committee		Charges Review Project	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
Matthew Cottrell	8	8	5	4	2	2	-	-	-	-
Michael Goodrem	8	8	5	5	2	2	1	1	-	-
Allison McTaggart	8	8	-	2 #	-	-	1	1	2	2
Michael Mobilio *	5	3	-	1 #	1	0	-	-	-	-
David Walker	8	7	5	4	-	-	1	1	2	2
Kevin Watson **	3	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
David Whitbread	8	8	5	5	-	-	1	1	2	2

A - Meetings eligible to attend as a Member B - Meetings attended as a Member

* Michael Mobilio was appointed on 27 November 2023 ** Kevin Watson retired on 27 November 2023 # Attended as an observer

Director's Interests

The relevant interests of the directors in the share capital, water entitlements, and delivery entitlements of the company, as at 30 June 2024, are as follows:

Current Directors	Shareholding	Water Entitlements	Delivery Entitlements
Matthew Cottrell	319	319	319
Michael Goodrem	144	160	288
Allison McTaggart	-	-	-
Michael Mobilio	1874	1543.60	2219
David Walker	-	-	-
Kevin Watson	-	-	-
David Whitbread	-	-	-

A Director's interest represents those held directly and indirectly, including where a Director is an authorised representative of a corporate entity.

Non-shareholder Directors Allison McTaggart, David Walker and David Whitbread hold no company shares, water entitlements or delivery entitlements.

Company Secretary

Our Company Secretary as at 30 June 2024 was as follows:

Judith Damiani was appointed Chief Executive Officer in January 2018 and a Company Secretary in February 2018. Judith has over 20 years of local, national, and international agribusiness executive experience with her last role as CEO of Mildura-based Citrus Australia Ltd. Judith holds a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Business and is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Officers

The person who was an officer of the company during the financial year to 30 June 2024 whose role involves making decisions affecting the whole or a substantial part of the company was Ms Judith Damiani.

Dividends

The Company is a not-for-profit entity, and no operating surplus may be paid or transferred by way of a distribution to the members.

Environmental Regulation

The company is committed to ensuring that the water supply and drainage disposal activities undertaken are sustainable. The environmental monitoring program has as its key component, the gathering of information to ensure compliance with the company's licences governing the supply and disposal of water.

Events Subsequent to Reporting Date

No events have arisen in the interval between the end of the year and the date of this report. No item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature is likely, in the opinion of the directors of the company, to affect significantly the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company, in future financial years.

Likely Developments

It is not foreseen that the company will undertake any change in its general direction during the coming financial year.

Options

No options over unissued shares or interests in the company were granted during or since the end of the financial year and there were no options outstanding at the end of the financial year.

No director has received or become entitled to receive during or since the financial year, an interest because of a contract made by the company or a related entity with the director, a firm of which the director is a member, or an entity in which the director has a substantial financial interest.

Proceedings on Behalf of the Company

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings.

The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Indemnification and Insurance of Officers

Each Director has signed a Deed of Access, Indemnity, and Insurance with the Company, and, during the financial year, the Company has paid premiums in respect of an insurance contract to indemnify officers against liabilities that may arise from their position as officers of the Company. Officers indemnified include the Company Secretary, all Directors and all executive officers participating in the management of the Company.

Further disclosure required under Section 300(9) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) is prohibited under the terms of the contract.

Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the Auditor's Declaration under section 307C in relation to the audit for the financial year is provided with this report.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the Directors.

Dated: 10 October 2024



David Whitbread
Chair
Board of Directors



David Walker
Chair
Audit, Risk, Finance & Investments Committee

Financial Statements

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
Revenue	2	6,892,524	6,196,556
Depreciation expense	7(a)	(1,216,697)	(1,227,289)
Employee benefits expense		(1,359,629)	(1,365,551)
Utility expense		(820,637)	(639,821)
Repairs & maintenance expense		(614,928)	(1,151,533)
Government charges		(567,096)	(542,657)
Finance costs		(62,147)	(77,248)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets		(205,995)	(435,682)
Other expenses from operations		(881,895)	(1,055,206)
Total expenses		(5,729,024)	(6,494,987)
Surplus / (Loss) for the year		1,163,500	(298,431)
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss when specific conditions are met:			
Unrealised fair value gain on Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income (FVTOCI) financial assets		1,302,433	1,602,259
Realised fair value gain on FVTOCI financial assets		374,934	362,655
Total other comprehensive income for the year		1,677,367	1,964,914
Total comprehensive income for the year		2,840,867	1,666,483

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	4,772,148	3,440,541
Receivables	4	1,255,601	1,649,289
Other assets	5	804,255	892,567
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		6,832,004	5,982,397
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Financial assets	6	30,353,208	27,988,139
Property, plant and equipment	7	27,756,677	28,641,437
Intangible assets	8	575,900	575,900
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		58,685,785	57,205,476
TOTAL ASSETS		65,517,789	63,187,873
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	438,212	625,389
Borrowings	10	294,463	276,862
Provisions	11	91,988	117,610
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		824,663	1,019,861
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings	10	313,183	607,646
Provisions	11	18,417	39,707
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		331,600	647,353
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,156,263	1,667,214
NET ASSETS		64,361,526	61,520,659
EQUITY			
Contributed equity	12	39,095,400	39,095,400
Reserves	13	3,659,076	1,981,709
Accumulated surplus	14	21,607,050	20,443,550
TOTAL EQUITY		64,361,526	61,520,659

Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
Total equity at the beginning of the financial year		61,520,659	59,854,176
Surplus / (Loss) for the year		1,163,500	(298,431)
Other comprehensive income		1,677,367	1,964,914
Total equity at the end of the financial year		64,361,526	61,520,659

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from operations		6,213,547	5,439,325
Payments for operations		(4,572,923)	(5,570,669)
Dividends received		767,700	968,541
Interest received		476,854	302,053
Borrowing costs		(62,147)	(72,831)
Net cash provided by operating activities	15	2,823,031	1,066,419
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of financial assets		7,805,778	8,323,418
Payments for financial assets		(8,483,771)	(10,042,202)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		127,721	216,939
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(664,290)	(1,628,849)
Net cash used in investing activities		(1,214,562)	(3,130,694)
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayment of state government loans		(276,862)	(260,313)
Net cash used in financing activities		(276,862)	(260,313)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		1,331,607	(2,324,588)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		3,440,541	5,765,129
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	3	4,772,148	3,440,541

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Consolidated Entity Disclosure Statement for the year ended 30 June 2024

Subsection 295(3A)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001 does not apply to the company as the company is not required to prepare consolidated financial statements by Australian Accounting Standards.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Directors as at the date of the Directors' Declaration.

a) Basis of Preparation of the Financial Statements

Western Murray Irrigation Limited applies Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosure Requirements as set out in AASB 1060: Simplified Disclosures for for-profit and not-for-profit tier 2 entities.

The financial statements are general-purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards Disclosures issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*. The company is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the Australian Accounting Standards Board has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events, and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets, and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

b) Revenue

Revenue from Contracts with Customers

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. Revenue is recognised by applying a five-step model as follows:

1. Identify the contract with the customer
2. Identify the performance obligations
3. Determine the transaction price
4. Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations
5. Recognise revenue as and when control of the performance obligations is transferred.

Specific Revenue Streams

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

- i) Supply of water charges
Revenue from the supply of water and drainage services comprise both access and usage-based charges which are billed GST-free to all customers. Revenue from fixed water charges is recognised on a pro-rata basis throughout the year. Fixed water charges

include asset replacement fund contributions which are separately disclosed. Water usage charges by measure are recognised as revenue when the water is provided.

- ii) Termination Charges

Termination charges are levied at the time Western Murray Irrigation Limited receives written Notice of Termination. This charge is calculated in accordance with ACCC water charge rules.

- iii) Contract Services

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

- iv) Interest

Interest revenue is recognised when it becomes receivable on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

- v) Dividends

Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

c) Income Tax

The entity is exempt from income tax under section 50-1 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 (Cth)* on the basis that it is a public authority.

d) Trade and Other Receivables

Trade receivables are recognised at their fair value. Water charges are billed on a quarterly basis and are due within 45 days from date of invoice. Interest is charged on overdue amounts at the rate of 10.35% (2023: 10.1%) per annum. As receivables are short term in nature the invoice amount is not materially different to amortised cost.

Collectability of trade debtors is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off. A provision for doubtful debts is raised when some doubt as to collection exists.

Chapter 7, Part 4, clauses 354 to 362 of the *Water Management Act 2000 (NSW)* ('the Act') provides that a rate or charge imposed on the owner of any land by an irrigation corporation is a charge on the land to which it relates, thereby securing the debts.

Chapter 4, Part 1, Division 6, paragraph 136 of the Act further provides that on a change of ownership of land, the new landholder is liable to the irrigation corporation for the amount of any charges levied by the irrigation corporation in relation to the land and unpaid by the previous landholder as if the new landholder had entered into a contract with the irrigation corporation for the supply of service or services to which the unpaid services relate.

e) Financial Instruments

A financial liability cannot be reclassified.

Financial Assets

Financial assets are subsequently measured at:

- amortised cost;
- fair value through other comprehensive income; or
- fair value through profit or loss.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 continued

Measurement is on the basis of two primary criteria:

- the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset; and
- the business model for managing the financial assets.

A financial asset that meets the following conditions is subsequently measured at amortised cost:

- the financial asset is managed solely to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms within the financial asset give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding on specified dates.

A financial asset that meets the following conditions is subsequently measured at fair value through other comprehensive income:

- the contractual terms within the financial asset give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding on specified dates; and
- the business model for managing the financial asset comprises both contractual cash flows collection and the selling of the financial asset.

By default, all other financial assets that do not meet the measurement conditions of amortised cost and fair value through other comprehensive income are subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Company initially designates a financial instrument as measured at fair value through profit or loss if:

- it eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency (often referred to as an “accounting mismatch”) that would otherwise arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognising the gains and losses on them on different bases;
- it is in accordance with the documented risk management or investment strategy and information about the groupings is documented appropriately, so the performance of the financial liability that is part of a group of financial liabilities or financial assets can be managed and evaluated consistently on a fair value basis; and
- it is a hybrid contract that contains an embedded derivative that significantly modifies the cash flows otherwise required by the contract.

The initial designation of the financial instruments to measure at fair value through profit or loss is a one time option on initial classification and is irrevocable until the financial asset is derecognised.

Equity Instruments

At initial recognition, as long as the equity instrument is not held for trading or not a contingent consideration recognised by an acquirer in a business combination to which AASB 3 applies, the Company made an irrevocable election to measure any subsequent changes in fair value of the equity instruments in other comprehensive income, while the dividend revenue received on underlying equity instruments investment will still be recognised in profit or loss.

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised and derecognised at settlement date in accordance with the Company's accounting policy.

Impairment of Financial Assets

The Company recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses on:

- financial assets that are measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income;
- lease receivables;
- contract assets;
- loan commitments that are not measured at fair value through profit or loss; and
- financial guarantee contracts that are not measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Loss allowance is not recognised for:

- financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss; or
- equity instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income.

Expected credit losses are the probability-weighted estimate of credit losses over the expected life of a financial instrument. A credit loss is the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due and all cash flows expected to be received, all discounted at the original effective interest rate of the financial instrument.

The Company uses the following approaches to impairment, as applicable under AASB 9: Financial Instruments:

- the general approach;
- the simplified approach;
- the purchased or originated credit impaired approach; and
- low credit risk operational simplification.

General Approach

Under the general approach, at each reporting period, the Company assesses whether the financial instruments are credit-impaired, and:

- if the credit risk of the financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Company measures the loss allowance of the financial instruments at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses; and
- if there is no significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, the Company measures the loss allowance for that financial instrument at an amount equal to 12months expected credit losses.

Simplified Approach

The simplified approach does not require tracking of changes in credit risk at every reporting period, but instead requires the recognition of lifetime expected credit loss at all times.

This approach is applicable to:

- trade receivables; and
- lease receivables.

In measuring the expected credit loss, a provision matrix for trade receivables is used taking into consideration various data to get to an expected credit loss (i.e. diversity of its customer base, appropriate groupings of its historical loss experience, etc).

Purchased or Originated Credit Impaired Approach

For financial assets that are considered to be credit impaired (not on acquisition or originations), the Company measures any change in its lifetime expected credit loss as the difference between the asset's gross carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. Any adjustment is recognised in profit or loss as an impairment gain or loss.

Evidence of credit impairment includes:

- significant financial difficulty of the issuer or borrower;
- a breach of contract (e.g. default or past due event);
- a lender has granted to the borrower a concession, due to the borrower's financial difficulty, that the lender would not otherwise consider;
- the likelihood that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; and
- the disappearance of an active market for the financial asset because of financial difficulties.

Low Credit Risk Operational Simplification Approach

If a financial asset is determined to have low credit risk at the initial reporting date, the Company assumes that the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition and, accordingly, can continue to recognise a loss allowance of 12 months expected credit loss.

In order to make such a determination that the financial asset has low credit risk, the Company applies its internal credit risk ratings or other methodologies using a globally comparable definition of low credit risk.

A financial asset is considered to have low credit risk if:

- there is a low risk of default by the borrower;
- the borrower has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term; and
- adverse changes in economic and business conditions in the longer term may, but will not necessarily, reduce the ability of the borrower to fulfil its contractual cash flow obligations.

A financial asset is not considered to carry low credit risk merely due to existence of collateral, or because a borrower has a lower risk of default than the risk inherent in the financial assets, or relative to the credit risk of the jurisdiction in which it operates.

Recognition of Expected Credit Losses in Financial Statements

At each reporting date, the Company recognises the movement in the loss allowance as an impairment gain or loss in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

The carrying amount of financial assets measured at amortised cost includes the loss allowance relating to that asset.

Assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income are recognised at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income. The amount in relation to change in credit risk is transferred from other comprehensive income to profit or loss at every reporting period.

For financial assets that are unrecognised (e.g. loan commitments

yet to be drawn, financial guarantees), a provision for loss allowance is created in the statement of financial position to recognise the loss allowance.

Derecognition

A financial asset is derecognised when the holder's contractual rights to its cash flows expires, or the asset is transferred in such a way that all the risks and rewards of ownership are substantially transferred.

All the following criteria need to be satisfied for the derecognition of a financial asset:

- the right to receive cash flows from the asset has expired or been transferred;
- all risk and rewards of ownership of the asset have been substantially transferred; and
- the Company no longer controls the asset (i.e. has no practical ability to make unilateral decision to sell the asset to a third party).

On derecognition of a financial asset measured at amortised cost, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received, and receivable is recognised in profit or loss. On derecognition of a debt instrument classified as fair value through other comprehensive income, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the investment revaluation reserve is reclassified to profit or loss. On derecognition of an investment in equity which the Company elected to classify under fair value through other comprehensive income, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the investment revaluation reserve is not reclassified to profit or loss but is transferred to retained earnings.

f) Property, Plant and Equipment

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

Property

Freehold land and buildings are measured at cost.

Plant, Equipment and Water Distribution Works

Plant, equipment, and water distribution works are measured on the cost basis and are therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. In the event the carrying amount of plant, equipment and water distribution works is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses are recognised either in profit or loss or as a revaluation decrease if the impairment losses relate to a revalued asset. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present (refer to Note 1(i) for details of impairment).

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 continued

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, including buildings but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the Company commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of assets are:

Class of Non-Current Asset	Rate/s	Basis
Buildings	4 - 10%	Straight line
Plant and Equipment	6 - 20%	Straight line
Motor Vehicles	20%	Straight line
Office Equipment	10 - 50%	Straight line
Water Distribution Works	1 - 20%	Straight line

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

Purchases of assets for less than \$5,000 are fully depreciated in the year they are acquired.

Gains and losses are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income in the period in which they arise.

g) Construction in Progress

Costs associated with construction works in progress are maintained in the Construction in Progress account until such time as the works have been completed and the assets are identifiable.

h) Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Company assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount in accordance with another Standard (e.g. in accordance with the revaluation model in AASB 116: Property, Plant and Equipment). Any impairment loss of a revalued asset is treated as a revaluation decrease in accordance with that other Standard.

Where the future economic benefits of the assets are not primarily dependent upon the asset's ability to generate net cash inflows and when the entity would if deprived of the asset, replace its remaining future economic benefits, value in use is determined as the depreciated replacement cost of an asset.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Impairment testing is performed annually for goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives.

i) Intangibles

Water Entitlements

After initial recognition, an intangible asset is carried at its cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment costs. Water entitlements have an indefinite useful life, and are thus not subject to amortisation, but are tested for impairment by comparing their recoverable amount with their carrying amount.

j) Borrowings

Non-interest bearing (NSW State Government) loans are measured at amortised cost being the present value of the annual loan payments based on market interest rates at the time of commencement of the loan. Loan payments are allocated between the reduction in the loan liability and interest expense. There is no actual interest payable, and the annual repayments remain the same for the life of the loan.

k) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The Directors evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the entity.

Account balances that are subject to estimates and judgments are:

- Doubtful debts;
- Depreciation; and
- Employee entitlements.

l) New or Amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations Adopted

No new Australian Accounting Standards have been issued that are mandatory for the 30 June 2024 reporting period.

Note	2024	2023
	\$	\$

NOTE 2 – REVENUE

Operating and non-operating activities

Water charges	3,917,880	3,167,650
Interest – non asset replacement fund	126,446	94,494
Contract service	82,101	192,403
Temporary water trade	51,853	25,104
Installation of outlets	55,164	17,338
Other revenue	189,097	73,080
	<u>4,422,541</u>	<u>3,570,069</u>

Investing Activities

Termination fees	681,557	1,130,658
Interest – asset replacement fund	373,318	207,088
Dividends	1,031,662	692,961
Asset replacement fund contributions	283,926	554,298
Other income	99,520	41,482
	<u>2,469,983</u>	<u>2,626,487</u>

Total Revenue

<u>6,892,524</u>	<u>6,196,556</u>
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NOTE 3 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash on hand	700	700
Operating accounts	387,865	682,861
Investment accounts	2,820,816	1,518,690
Asset replacement fund cash account	1,331,273	974,400
General reserve account cash account	231,494	263,890
	<u>4,772,148</u>	<u>3,440,541</u>

NOTE 4 – RECEIVABLES

Current

Water debtors	766,250	980,210
Provision for doubtful debts	(79,478)	(56,444)
	<u>686,772</u>	<u>923,766</u>
Accrued income	550,223	263,351
Sundry debtors	18,606	462,172
	<u>1,255,601</u>	<u>1,649,289</u>

NOTE 5 – OTHER ASSETS

Current

Water distribution supplies	694,912	785,469
Provision for obsolescence	(65,285)	(63,338)
	<u>629,627</u>	<u>722,131</u>
Prepayments	174,628	170,436
	<u>804,255</u>	<u>892,567</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 continued

	Note	2024	2023
	\$	\$	
NOTE 6 – FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Non-Current			
Equity investments		<u>30,353,208</u>	<u>27,988,139</u>
NOTE 7 – PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
Buildings			
At cost		854,566	791,539
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(708,172)</u>	<u>(703,128)</u>
		<u>146,394</u>	<u>88,411</u>
Land			
At cost		<u>863,218</u>	<u>863,218</u>
Total Land and Buildings		<u>1,009,612</u>	<u>951,629</u>
Plant and Equipment			
At cost		2,301,975	2,273,839
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(848,473)</u>	<u>(770,331)</u>
		<u>1,453,502</u>	<u>1,503,508</u>
Water Distribution Works			
At cost		49,772,121	49,812,753
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(24,657,745)</u>	<u>(23,918,561)</u>
		<u>25,114,376</u>	<u>25,894,192</u>
Motor Vehicles			
At cost		333,992	333,992
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(290,741)</u>	<u>(244,609)</u>
		<u>43,251</u>	<u>89,383</u>
Office Equipment			
At cost		280,490	249,685
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(198,616)</u>	<u>(180,017)</u>
		<u>81,874</u>	<u>69,668</u>
Construction in Progress			
At cost		<u>54,062</u>	<u>133,057</u>
Total plant and equipment		<u>26,747,065</u>	<u>27,689,808</u>
Total property, plant and equipment		<u>27,756,677</u>	<u>28,641,437</u>

NOTE 7 – PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

a) Movements in Carrying Amounts

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

	Buildings	Land	Plant and Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Office Equipment	Water Distribution Works	Construction in Progress	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2024								
Balance at 01/07/2023	88,411	863,218	1,503,508	89,383	69,668	25,894,192	133,057	28,641,437
Additions	-	-	48,500	-	3,189	-	612,601	664,290
Disposals	(5,858)	-	(3,512)	-	-	(322,983)	-	(332,353)
Transfers	70,057	-	4,100	-	35,085	582,354	(691,596)	-
Depreciation expense	(6,216)	-	(99,094)	(46,132)	(26,068)	(1,039,187)	-	(1,216,697)
Written-off	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying amount at 30/06/2024	146,394	863,218	1,453,502	43,251	81,874	25,114,376	54,062	27,756,677
2023								
Balance at 01/07/2022	73,971	441,567	1,601,015	148,992	58,330	25,868,987	731,399	28,924,261
Additions	-	421,651	1,870	-	33,308	24,461	1,115,795	1,597,085
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	(652,620)	-	(652,620)
Transfers	19,531	-	-	-	-	1,694,606	(1,714,137)	-
Depreciation expense	(5,091)	-	(99,377)	(59,609)	(21,970)	(1,041,242)	-	(1,227,289)
Written-off	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying amount at 30/06/2023	88,411	863,218	1,503,508	89,383	69,668	25,894,192	133,057	28,641,437

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 continued

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
NOTE 8 – INTANGIBLE ASSETS			
Water entitlements		575,900	575,900
A formal valuation was conducted in June 2023 for the water entitlements held by the Company. The market value is estimated to be \$4,110,000. Under AASB 138, an active market must exist for intangible assets to be revalued. Per guidance received from ASIC, the water market is not deemed to be an active market. Therefore, the water entitlements are carried at cost and not revalued in the accounts at 30 June 2024.			
NOTE 9 – TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES			
Current			
Trade creditors and accruals		438,212	625,389
NOTE 10 – BORROWINGS			
Current - Unsecured Liabilities			
Borrowings		294,463	276,862
Non-Current - Unsecured Liabilities			
Borrowings		313,183	607,646
Total borrowings		607,646	884,508
Funds borrowed are in relation to the NSW State Government loan for the Coomealla Rehabilitation Joint Venture Project. There is no security provided in relation to these borrowings.			
NOTE 11 – EMPLOYEE BENEFITS			
Current			
Annual leave		54,484	96,613
Long service leave		34,621	16,552
Other employee provisions		2,883	4,445
		91,988	117,610
Non-Current			
Long service leave		18,417	39,707
Aggregate Employee Benefits Liability		110,405	157,317
NOTE 12 – CONTRIBUTED EQUITY			
Issued and paid-up capital			
9,241 (2023: 9,241) Class A shares	12(a)	11,516,811	11,516,811
3,858 (2023: 3,858) Class B shares	12(b)	2,032,810	2,032,810
20,101 (2023: 20,121) Class C shares	12(c)	25,545,779	25,545,779
		39,095,400	39,095,400
(a) Class A shares			
At the beginning of the reporting period		11,516,811	11,516,811
At reporting date		11,516,811	11,516,811
(b) Class B shares			
At the beginning of the reporting period		2,032,810	2,032,810
At reporting date		2,032,810	2,032,810

	2024	2023
	\$	\$

NOTE 12 – CONTRIBUTED EQUITY - CONTINUED

(c) Class C shares

At the beginning of the reporting period	25,545,779	25,545,779
At reporting date	25,545,779	25,545,779

Shares in Western Murray Irrigation Limited are issued to landholders within the Buronga, Coomealla and Curlwaa Irrigation Areas.

NOTE 13 – RESERVES

Intangible asset deemed cost reserve	13(a)	575,900	575,900
Financial assets reserve	13(b)	3,083,176	1,405,809
		<u>3,659,076</u>	<u>1,981,709</u>

a) The intangible asset deemed cost reserve records initial recognition of the water entitlements disclosed in Note 8.

There have been no movements recorded to this reserve account during the year.

b) The financial assets reserve records revaluation increments and decrements, and gains or losses on disposals, for the financial assets that are classified as equity investments in Note 6.

Movements during the financial year:

Opening balance	1,405,809	(559,105)
Fair value re-measurement gain	1,302,433	1,602,259
Gain on disposals	374,934	362,655
Closing balance	<u>3,083,176</u>	<u>1,405,809</u>

NOTE 14 – ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

Accumulated surplus at the beginning of the financial year	20,443,550	20,741,981
Net surplus attributable to members of the entity	1,163,500	(298,431)
Accumulated surplus at the end of the financial year	<u>21,607,050</u>	<u>20,443,550</u>

NOTE 15 – CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with surplus from operations after income tax

Surplus / (Loss) from operations after income tax	1,163,500	(298,431)
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Non-cash flows in surplus from operations:

• Depreciation	1,216,697	1,227,289
• Increase / (Decrease) in provision for obsolescence	1,947	(365)
• Increase in provision for doubtful debts	23,034	41,294
• Net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	204,632	467,445
• Written-off property, plant and equipment		-
• (Gain) / Loss on sale of financial asset	(9,709)	25,250

Changes in assets and liabilities:

• Decrease in receivables and accrued income	370,652	20,668
• Decrease / (Increase) in water distribution supplies	90,557	(284,299)
• (Increase) in prepayments and other assets	(4,192)	(19,094)
• (Decrease) in creditors and accruals	(187,176)	(80,367)
• (Decrease) in employee benefits	(46,911)	(32,971)

Cash flows from operations	<u>2,823,031</u>	<u>1,066,419</u>
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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 continued

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$

NOTE 16 – FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company's investment activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including fair value, interest risk and price risk), credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow interest rate risk. The overall risk management program is to use an independent financial advisor, currently JBWere (JBW) and follow the investment guidelines for a low-risk investment portfolio.

The Company's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, local money market instruments, listed shares, short-term investments, accounts receivable and payable and borrowings.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 9 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

Financial Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	3	4,772,148	3,440,541
Trade receivables	4	1,255,601	1,649,289
Equity investments	6	30,353,208	27,988,139
Total Financial Assets		36,380,957	33,077,969

Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities at amortised cost:

Trade and other payables	9	438,212	625,389
Borrowings	10	607,646	884,508
Total Financial Liabilities		1,045,858	1,509,897

a) Net Fair Values

The Company's equity investments are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI) on a recurring basis after their initial recognition under AASB 9. The net fair values for FVTOCI financial assets have been valued at the quoted market bid price at balance date adjusted for transaction costs expected to be incurred.

The Company does not subsequently measure any liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis and has no assets or liabilities that are measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis.

There has been no change in valuation techniques used to calculate the fair values disclosed in the financial statements.

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$

NOTE 17 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

a) Key Management Personnel

Key management are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of the Company either directly or indirectly. The key management personnel of the Company comprise the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer.

b) Key Management Personnel's Remuneration

Key management personnel remuneration	407,031	373,106
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c) The relevant interests of the Key Management Personnel of the Company are:

	Total Qty	Total Qty
Total number of shares	2,337	463
Total number of water entitlements	2,022.6	479
Total number of delivery entitlements	2,826	607

d) Other transactions

During the year the Company raised fees and charges to Directors or their related entities on commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those which it is reasonable to expect would have been adopted if dealing with them at arm's length in the same circumstances. The value of transactions totalled \$319,715 (2023: \$68,504).

Aggregate amounts receivable from Directors or their related entities as at balance date:

Water accounts receivable	31,849	12,800
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NOTE 18 – REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS

Audit services	34,700	32,500
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NOTE 19 – CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 30 June 2024 the Company had no contingent liabilities (2023: \$0.00).

NOTE 20 – COMMITMENTS

Capital expenditure commitments contracted for:

Coomealla Pump #5	-	39,567
AC Pipe Condition Assessment Program	-	30,415
BillNow software	40,000	80,000
WaterNow software	45,000	
Coomealla Upgrade of Drains and Scour (Portion 159)	23,200	
	<u>108,200</u>	<u>149,982</u>

NOTE 21 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or could significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 continued

Directors' Declaration

The Directors of the Company declare that:

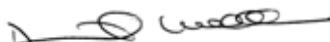
1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 22 to 41 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) and:
 - a) Comply with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements; and
 - b) Give a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and performance for the financial year ended on that date of the Company.
2. In the Directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

The Declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Dated: 10 October 2024



David Whitbread
Chair
Board of Directors



David Walker
Chair
Audit, Risk, Finance & Investments Committee

Auditor's Independence Declaration



Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

To the directors of Western Murray Irrigation Limited

As lead auditor for the audit of Western Murray Irrigation Limited for the year ended 30 June 2024, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

William Buck

William Buck (SA)
ABN 38 280 203 274

M.D. King

M.D. King
Partner
Adelaide

Dated this 10th day of October 2024

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Independent Auditor's Report



Independent auditor's report to the members of Western Murray Irrigation Limited

Report on the audit of the financial report



Our opinion on the financial report

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Western Murray Irrigation Limited (the Company), is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- 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 then ended; and
- complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

What was audited?

We have audited the financial report of the Company, which comprises:

- the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024,
- the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended,
- the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended,
- the 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.

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 & 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.

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Other information

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 June 2024, 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 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 related 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.

Independent Auditor's Report cont...

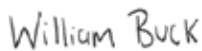
Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

https://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of our auditor's report.



William Buck (SA)
ABN: 38 280 203 274



M.D. King
Partner

Dated this 10th day of October, 2024 in Adelaide, South Australia.

Unaudited Financial Statements

Statement of Comprehensive Income - Irrigation Area Summary - for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Buronga	Coomealla	Curlwaa	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue				
<i>Operating Activities - Water Revenue</i>				
Account Fee	8,800	49,000	35,700	93,500
Meter Service Fee	27,913	253,950	149,410	431,273
Delivery Entitlement Fee	185,700	1,078,800	199,080	1,463,580
Electricity Usage Fee	149,528	557,488	61,289	768,305
Usage Above Delivery Allowance Fee	95,205	365,803	12,856	473,864
Fixed Government Charges	35,055	284,332	70,109	389,496
Variable Government Charges	14,930	121,101	29,861	165,892
Infrastructure Loan Replacement	37,133	-	-	37,133
Joint Venture Repayment	-	93,490	-	93,490
Additional Water Fee – Fee for Service	121	984	242	1,347
Total Water Revenue	554,385	2,804,948	558,547	3,917,880
<i>Non-Operating Activities</i>				
Gross Distribution of Managed Funds – General Reserves	-	89,366	39,673	129,039
Interest – Non-Asset Replacement Fund	6,687	133,663	21,980	162,330
Profit on Sale of Assets	136	886	342	1,364
Sales – Water Allocation	1,429	12,844	37,580	51,853
Fee for Services	3,892	30,714	16,060	50,666
Contract Services	7,389	59,934	14,778	82,101
Sundry Income	4,542	150,599	37,090	192,231
Total Non-Operating Activities Revenue	24,075	478,006	167,503	669,584
Total Operating and Non-Operating Revenue	578,460	3,282,954	726,050	4,587,464

Note: This statement is not subject to audit

Statement of Comprehensive Income – Irrigation Area Summary
– for the year ended 30 June 2024 continued

	Buronga	Coomealla	Curlwaa	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Expenses from Operating Activities				
Consulting & Advisory	21,457	126,821	21,950	170,228
Contract Labour & Services	5,608	33,796	8,770	48,174
Depreciation	138,934	849,990	227,773	1,216,697
Employee Related Costs	134,425	965,204	260,000	1,359,629
Electricity	148,693	573,131	73,271	795,095
Government Charges	51,039	413,980	102,077	567,096
Motor Vehicles	3,139	25,463	6,278	34,880
Insurance	13,275	107,670	26,549	147,494
Interest	35,884	56,231	-	92,115
Loss on Sale of Assets / Written Off PP&E	26,674	167,890	31,158	225,722
Provisions – Doubtful Debts & Obsolescence	23,544	1,641	437	25,622
Repairs & Maintenance	38,628	411,391	164,909	614,928
Contract Services	5,855	47,492	11,710	65,057
Other Operating Expenses	27,005	159,990	42,189	229,184
Total Operating Activities Expense	674,160	3,940,690	977,071	5,591,921
 Profit / (Loss) from Ordinary Activities	 (95,700)	 (657,736)	 (251,021)	 (1,004,457)

Note: This statement is not subject to audit

Statement of Comprehensive Income - Irrigation Area Summary
- for the year ended 30 June 2024 continued

	Buronga	Coomealla	Curlwaa	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Investment Revenue				
Asset Replacement Fund Contribution	54,461	179,790	49,675	283,926
Gross Distribution of Managed Funds – Asset Replacement Fund	-	662,751	239,872	902,623
Interest – Asset Replacement Fund	1,007	279,501	92,810	373,318
Termination Fees	175,947	394,457	111,153	681,557
Other Portfolio Income	-	72,602	26,918	99,520
Total Investment Revenue	231,415	1,589,101	520,428	2,340,944
Investment Expenses				
Asset Replacement Fund Management	-	68,046	16,273	84,319
Other Portfolio Expenses	-	64,287	24,381	88,668
Total Investment Expense	-	132,333	40,654	172,987
Profit / (Loss) from Investment Activities	231,415	1,456,768	479,774	2,167,957
Total Net Profit / (Loss) Before Income Tax Expense	135,715	799,032	228,753	1,163,500
Income Tax Expense - Continuing Activities	-	-	-	-
Total Net Profit / (Loss) After Income Tax Expense	135,715	799,032	228,753	1,163,500
Total Changes in Equity	135,715	799,032	228,753	1,163,500
Accumulated Profit at beginning of financial year	887,759	15,919,745	3,636,050	20,443,554
Rounding	-	(2)	(2)	(4)
Accumulated Profit at end of financial year	1,023,474	16,718,775	3,864,801	21,607,050

Note: The State Government Loan for the Coomealla Joint Venture rehabilitation project is a 30 year non interest bearing loan. In order to comply with Accounting Standard AASB 139 the annual loan repayment of \$333,093 is split between interest and principal.

Note: This statement is not subject to audit

Statement of Financial Position – Irrigation Area Summary for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Buronga	Coomealla	Curlwaa	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Current Assets				
Cash & Cash Equivalents	-	3,798,942	1,610,530	5,409,472
Accounts Receivable	73,193	536,859	95,327	705,379
Buronga Loan Receivable	-	-	-	-
Water Distribution Supplies	120,523	412,794	96,310	629,627
Accrued Income & Interest	-	406,990	143,233	550,223
Other Assets & Prepayments	22,980	137,692	36,334	197,006
Total Current Assets	216,696	5,293,277	1,981,734	7,491,707
Non-Current Assets				
Water Entitlement	-	14,300	561,600	575,900
Land	18,636	203,464	641,118	863,218
Water Distribution Works	3,444,829	16,292,162	5,377,385	25,114,376
Construction - Work in Progress	5,321	34,587	14,155	54,063
Buildings	14,642	95,152	36,600	146,394
Plant and Equipment	18,328	1,302,126	133,048	1,453,502
Office Equipment	9,915	51,912	20,047	81,874
Motor Vehicles	4,326	28,114	10,812	43,252
Buronga Loan Receivable	-	-	-	-
Other Financial Assets	-	22,288,613	8,064,594	30,353,207
Total Non-Current Assets	3,515,997	40,310,430	14,859,359	58,685,786
Total Assets	3,732,693	45,603,707	16,841,093	66,177,493
Current Liabilities				
Overdraft	637,324	-	-	637,324
Accounts Payable & Accruals	29,148	361,403	70,041	460,592
Loan – Buronga Expansion	-	-	-	-
Loan – State Government	-	294,463	-	294,463
Payroll Provisions	8,279	67,151	16,558	91,988
Total Current Liabilities	674,751	723,017	86,599	1,484,367
Non-Current Liabilities				
Payroll Provisions	1,658	13,444	3,315	18,417
Loan – Buronga Expansion	-	-	-	-
Loan – State Government	-	313,183	-	313,183
Total Non-Current Liabilities	1,658	326,627	3,315	331,600
Total Liabilities	676,409	1,049,644	89,914	1,815,967
Net Assets	3,056,284	44,554,063	16,751,179	64,361,526
Shareholder Equity				
Shareholder Equity	2,032,810	25,545,779	11,516,811	39,095,400
Asset Revaluation Reserve	-	14,300	561,600	575,900
Share Valuation Reserve	-	2,275,209	807,967	3,083,176
Accumulated Surplus	1,023,474	16,718,775	3,864,801	21,607,050
Total Shareholder Equity	3,056,284	44,554,063	16,751,179	64,361,526

Note: This statement is not subject to audit

Notes

