# HOST-PLUS PTY. LIMITED ABN 79 008 634 704 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**30 JUNE 2024** 

Registered Address Level 9 114 William Street MELBOURNE VIC 3000

# HOST-PLUS PTY. LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT

We herein present our report on the affairs of Host-Plus Pty. Limited ('the Company') at 30 June 2024, and on the results for the year then ended.

#### **Directors**

The names of the directors of Host-Plus Pty. Limited in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

Independent	Member nominated by United	Employer nominated by AHA
	Workers Union	
D Frawley (Chair)	G Bullock (Deputy Co-Chair) (c)	C Laundy (Deputy Co-Chair)
J Rudd <sup>(b)</sup>	I Beynon <sup>(d)</sup>	D Attenborough
J Whiting	J Korlevska <sup>(a) (e)</sup>	D Gibson
	T Lyons <sup>(f)</sup>	B Kearney <sup>(a)</sup>
	B Myers <sup>(g)</sup>	

<sup>(</sup>a) Alternate Director

#### **Principal Activities**

The principal activity of the Company during the course of the year was to act as Trustee for the Hostplus Superannuation Fund ('the Fund') and the Hostplus Pooled Superannuation Trust ('the Trust').

Host-Plus Pty. Limited has incurred certain director related expenditure such as Directors' Fees, Trustee Indemnity Insurance and other director related expenditure in its capacity as Trustee. Host-Plus Pty. Limited provides the Fund and the Trust with Trustee services and charges a Trustee service fee as a reimbursement for director related expenditure incurred.

The Trustee charges a fee to hold on its own account against the risk of acting as trustee of the Fund and the Trust, which is referred to as a Risk Premium Charge. The Risk Premium Charge is held by the Trustee in a Risk Premium Reserve to indemnify the Trustee or Directors for non-indemnifiable liabilities.

## **Review of Operations**

The profit of the Company for the financial year after providing for income tax amounted to \$23,405,529 (2023: \$19,424,688).

#### **Significant Changes in State of Affairs**

In the opinion of the directors, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company that occurred during the financial year under review not otherwise disclosed in this report of the financial statements.

## **Events Subsequent to Balance Date**

The Trustee's Risk Premium Charge will no longer be charged to the Fund and the Trust effective from 1 September 2024. The Risk Premium Reserve is deemed fully funded as at that date or until the target funding level is reassessed in accordance with the Trustee's Risk Premium Reserve policy.

No other significant events have occurred since the end of the reporting period which would impact on the balances of the Company as disclosed in the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024 or on the results of operations of the Company for the year ended on that date.

<sup>(</sup>b) Appointed 18 September 2023

<sup>(</sup>c) Appointed Deputy Co-Chair of the Board 1 August 2023

<sup>(</sup>d) Ceased 24 November 2023

<sup>(</sup>e) Appointed 1 December 2023

<sup>(</sup>f) Ceased as Deputy Co-Chair of the Board 31 July 2023

<sup>(</sup>g) Ceased as Alternate Director 30 November 2023 and appointed Full Director 1 December 2023

# HOST-PLUS PTY. LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

#### **Likely Developments and Expected Results of Operations**

Further information on likely developments in the Company's operations and the expected results of those operations have not been included in this report because the Trustee believes it would be likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Company.

#### **Insurance of Officers**

During the financial year, the Fund paid a premium of \$25,786 (2023: \$29,141) for professional indemnity insurance for the Directors and Officers of the Company.

The liabilities insured are legal costs that may be incurred in defending civil or criminal proceedings that may be brought against the officers in their capacity as officers of the Company.

#### **Dividends and Other Payments to Shareholders**

The Company operates with a not-for-profit objective. Consistent with that objective, the Company is to act solely as trustee of the Fund and the Trust and not for any other purpose.

Consistent with its not-for-profit objective the intention of the Company is that no portion of the income or property of the Company be paid or distributed directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise to or for the benefit of its shareholders, other than for the payment of a bona fide invoice for goods or services rendered by a shareholder of an amount which is no more than what would be determined on arms' length terms (for example, a director's remuneration and expenses in respect of a director appointed by a shareholder).

As a result, no dividends were declared or paid to Shareholders.

#### Rounding of amounts

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

#### **Environmental Regulation**

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

#### **Auditor's Independence Declaration**

A copy of the Auditor's Independence Declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out on page 3.

Details of the amount paid or payable to the auditor (PwC) for audit and non-audit services during the financial year are disclosed in Note 5 – Auditors' Remuneration.

#### **Directors' Benefits**

Since the end of the previous financial year no Director of the Company has received or become entitled to receive any amounts or benefits in their capacity as Directors (other than a benefit included in the aggregate amount of remuneration paid or due and payable to Directors shown in the financial statements).

DIRECTOR:

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

On behalf of the Directors

Melbourne

DIRECTOR:

13 September 2024



# Auditor's Independence Declaration

As lead auditor for the audit of Host-Plus Pty. Limited for the year ended 30 June 2024, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- (b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

George Sagonas Partner

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Melbourne 13 September 2024

# HOST-PLUS PTY. LIMITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

Current Assets         \$           Cash and cash equivalents         6         52,637,864         30,311,304           Receivables         8         2,919,492         5,466,018           Total Current Assets         55,557,356         35,777,322           Non-Current Assets         1         1         1           Other assets         7(c)         159,774         239,660           Total Non-Current Assets         7(c)         159,775         239,661           Total Assets         55,717,131         36,016,983           Current Liabilities         550,958         391,044           GST Payables         550,958         391,044           GST Payable         1,165,353         1,458,935           Current Liabilities         7(e)         3,452,564         7,024,277           Total Current Liabilities         7(e)         3,452,564         7,024,277           Total Current Liabilities         50,548,256         27,142,727           Net Assets         50,548,256         27,142,727           Total Equity         4         600         600           Risk premium reserve         4         50,548,256         27,142,727           Total Equity         50,548,256         27,142,727 <th></th> <th>Notes</th> <th>2024</th> <th>2023</th>		Notes	2024	2023
Cash and cash equivalents         6         52,637,864         30,311,304           Receivables         8         2,919,492         5,466,018           Total Current Assets         55,557,356         35,777,322           Non-Current Assets         1         1           Other assets         1         1         1           Deferred tax assets         7(c)         159,774         239,660           Total Non-Current Assets         55,717,131         36,016,983           Current Liabilities         550,958         391,044           GST Payables         550,958         391,044           GST Payable in tax liabilities         7(e)         3,452,564         7,024,277           Total Current Liabilities         7(e)         3,452,564         7,024,277           Total Current Liabilities         5,168,875         8,874,256           Net Assets         50,548,256         27,142,727           Equity         4         600         600           Risk premium reserve         4         50,547,656         27,142,127		-		
Receivables         8         2,919,492         5,466,018           Total Current Assets         55,557,356         35,777,322           Non-Current Assets         3         1         1           Other assets         7(c)         159,774         239,660           Total Non-Current Assets         55,717,131         36,016,983           Current Liabilities         550,958         391,044           GST Payable         1,165,353         1,458,935           Current tax liabilities         7(e)         3,452,564         7,024,277           Total Current Liabilities         7(e)         3,452,564         7,024,277           Total Current Liabilities         50,548,256         27,142,727           Requity         4         600         600           Risk premium reserve         4         50,547,656         27,142,127		_	ED 607 064	20 244 224
Non-Current Assets         55,557,356         35,777,322           Non-Current Assets         1         1           Other assets         1         159,774         239,660           Total Non-Current Assets         159,775         239,661           Total Assets         55,717,131         36,016,983           Current Liabilities         550,958         391,044           GST Payable         1,165,353         1,458,935           Current tax liabilities         7(e)         3,452,564         7,024,277           Total Current Liabilities         7(e)         3,452,564         7,024,277           Total Current Liabilities         50,548,256         27,142,727           Net Assets         50,548,256         27,142,727           Equity         4         600         600           Risk premium reserve         4         50,547,656         27,142,127	•			
Non-Current Assets           Other assets         1         1         1           Deferred tax assets         7(c)         159,774         239,660           Total Non-Current Assets         55,717,131         36,016,983           Current Liabilities         \$55,958         391,044           GST Payable         1,165,353         1,458,935           Current tax liabilities         7(e)         3,452,564         7,024,277           Total Current Liabilities         50,548,256         27,142,727           Net Assets         50,548,256         27,142,727           Equity         4         600         600           Risk premium reserve         4         50,547,656         27,142,127		8		
Other assets         1         1         1           Deferred tax assets         7(c)         159,774         239,660           Total Non-Current Assets         159,775         239,661           Total Assets         55,717,131         36,016,983           Current Liabilities         550,958         391,044           GST Payable         1,165,353         1,458,935           Current tax liabilities         7(e)         3,452,564         7,024,277           Total Current Liabilities         5,168,875         8,874,256           Net Assets         50,548,256         27,142,727           Equity         4         600         600           Risk premium reserve         4         50,547,656         27,142,127	Total Current Assets	_	55,557,356	35,777,322
Deferred tax assets         7(c)         159,774         239,660           Total Non-Current Assets         159,775         239,661           Total Assets         55,717,131         36,016,983           Current Liabilities         550,958         391,044           GST Payable         1,165,353         1,458,935           Current tax liabilities         7(e)         3,452,564         7,024,277           Total Current Liabilities         5,168,875         8,874,256           Net Assets         50,548,256         27,142,727           Equity         4         600         600           Risk premium reserve         4         50,547,656         27,142,127	Non-Current Assets			
Total Non-Current Assets         159,775         239,661           Total Assets         55,717,131         36,016,983           Current Liabilities         \$50,958         391,044           GST Payable         1,165,353         1,458,935           Current tax liabilities         7(e)         3,452,564         7,024,277           Total Current Liabilities         5,168,875         8,874,256           Net Assets         50,548,256         27,142,727           Equity         4         600         600           Risk premium reserve         4         50,547,656         27,142,127	Other assets		1	1
Total Assets         55,717,131         36,016,983           Current Liabilities         \$55,958         391,044           GST Payables         1,165,353         1,458,935           Current tax liabilities         7(e)         3,452,564         7,024,277           Total Current Liabilities         5,168,875         8,874,256           Net Assets         50,548,256         27,142,727           Equity         4         600         600           Risk premium reserve         4         50,547,656         27,142,127	Deferred tax assets	7(c)	159,774	239,660
Current Liabilities           Payables         550,958         391,044           GST Payable         1,165,353         1,458,935           Current tax liabilities         7(e)         3,452,564         7,024,277           Total Current Liabilities         5,168,875         8,874,256           Net Assets         50,548,256         27,142,727           Equity         4         600         600           Risk premium reserve         4         50,547,656         27,142,127	Total Non-Current Assets	-	159,775	239,661
Current Liabilities           Payables         550,958         391,044           GST Payable         1,165,353         1,458,935           Current tax liabilities         7(e)         3,452,564         7,024,277           Total Current Liabilities         5,168,875         8,874,256           Net Assets         50,548,256         27,142,727           Equity         4         600         600           Risk premium reserve         4         50,547,656         27,142,127	Total Assets	-	55,717,131	36,016,983
GST Payable       1,165,353       1,458,935         Current tax liabilities       7(e)       3,452,564       7,024,277         Total Current Liabilities       5,168,875       8,874,256         Net Assets       50,548,256       27,142,727         Equity <ul> <li>Contributed equity</li> <li>Risk premium reserve</li> <li>4             600             600               Risk premium reserve             4             50,547,656             27,142,127</li></ul>	Current Liabilities	_		
Current tax liabilities         7(e)         3,452,564         7,024,277           Total Current Liabilities         5,168,875         8,874,256           Net Assets         50,548,256         27,142,727           Equity <ul> <li>Contributed equity</li> <li>Risk premium reserve</li> <li>4                       <li>50,547,656</li> <li>27,142,127</li> </li></ul>	Payables		550,958	391,044
Total Current Liabilities         5,168,875         8,874,256           Net Assets         50,548,256         27,142,727           Equity	GST Payable		1,165,353	1,458,935
Net Assets         50,548,256         27,142,727           Equity         Contributed equity 4 600 600             Risk premium reserve 4 50,547,656 27,142,127	Current tax liabilities	7(e)	3,452,564	7,024,277
Equity       4       600       600         Risk premium reserve       4       50,547,656       27,142,127	Total Current Liabilities	_	5,168,875	8,874,256
Contributed equity         4         600         600           Risk premium reserve         4         50,547,656         27,142,127	Net Assets	-	50,548,256	27,142,727
Contributed equity         4         600         600           Risk premium reserve         4         50,547,656         27,142,127	Equity			
Risk premium reserve 4 50,547,656 27,142,127		4	600	600
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		4	50,547,656	27,142,127
	Total Equity	_	50,548,256	27,142,727

# HOST-PLUS PTY. LIMITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
Income from ordinary activities	-	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Trustee services income		1,824,848	1,958,891
Risk premium charge		31,800,839	27,724,830
Interest on cash at bank	_	1,637,898	56,647
Total income from ordinary activities	_	35,263,585	29,740,368
Expenses			
Salary expenses		1,538,295	1,506,520
Trustee expenses		286,553	452,371
Finance charges		1,586	22,345
Total expenses	_	1,826,434	1,981,236
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax	-	33,437,151	27,759,132
Income tax expense relating to ordinary activities	7(a)	(10,031,622)	(8,334,444)
Profit from ordinary activities after income tax expen	se	23,405,529	19,424,688
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income	<del>-</del>	23,405,529	19,424,688

# HOST-PLUS PTY. LIMITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
	=	<u> </u>	\$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Risk premium charge received		34,213,695	27,218,853
Interest received		1,637,898	56,647
Finance charges		(1,586)	(22,345)
Income tax paid		(13,523,447)	(6,900,267)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	6	22,326,560	20,352,888
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		22,326,560	20,352,888
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		30,311,304	9,958,416
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	6	52,637,864	30,311,304

# HOST-PLUS PTY. LIMITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Notes		2024		2023
		Contributed Equity	Risk Premium Reserve	\$ Contributed Equity	\$ Risk Premium Reserve
Total equity at the beginning of the financial year		600	27,142,127	600	7,717,439
Total comprehensive income for the year  Transactions with equity holders in their capacity as equity holders		-	23,405,529 -		19,424,688 -
Total equity at the end of the financial year	4	600	50,547,656	600	27,142,127

#### **NOTE 1. NATURE OF THE COMPANY**

Host-Plus Pty. Limited ('the Company') is the Trustee of the Hostplus Superannuation Fund ('the Fund') and the Hostplus Pooled Superannuation Trust ('the Trust'). During the year, the principal activities of the Company consisted of providing trustee services to the Fund and Trust. It holds the Australian Financial Services and the Registrable Superannuation Entity licences.

The Company is a company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The registered office of the Company is Level 9, 114 William Street, Melbourne, Victoria.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors on 13 September 2024. The directors of the Company have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

#### **NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### (a) Basis of Preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001. The Company is a for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements. However, as the Company only exists for the purposes of being the trustee of the Fund and the PST, it operates with a not-for-profit objective, as per rule 3.1 of the Company's Constitution.

The Company's financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention. Where applicable, comparatives have been reclassified to reflect current year disclosures.

The Company's financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

### (b) Functional and Presentation Currency

The financial statements are presented in Australian Dollars which is the functional currency of the Company.

#### (c) Change in accounting policies

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous year unless otherwise stated.

#### (d) Income Recognition

Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

#### Trustee Services Income

Under the terms of the Trust Deed(s), the Trustee is entitled to be reimbursed out of Fund and Trust assets for all expenses and liabilities it incurs in connection with the Fund and the Trust or in performing its obligations, where permitted by relevant legislation. This reimbursement is otherwise referred to as a Trustee Services Fee. The performance obligations associated with the Trustee Services Revenue are satisfied at a point in time, which is the point that the reimbursable expense is incurred by the Company. Expenses incurred by the Company on behalf of the Fund and Trust are typically settled quarterly by the Fund and Trust directly. As a result, Trustee Services Income and the related Trustee Expenses are non-cash transactions.

The Trustee recognises the Trustee Services Fee when it is probable that it will collect the consideration to which it will be entitled in exchange for the goods or services that will be transferred to the Fund and Trust.

#### Risk Premium Charge Income

The Trustee is entitled to charge an annual fee to hold on its own account against the risk of acting as trustee of the Fund and the Trust, which is otherwise referred to as a Risk Premium Charge. The Risk Premium Charge is held by the Trustee in a Risk Premium Reserve to indemnify the Trustee or Directors for non-indemnifiable liabilities. The performance obligations associated with the Risk Premium Revenue are satisfied over time and are typically invoiced monthly.

The Trustee recognises Risk Premium Charge revenue when it is probable that it will collect the consideration to which it will be entitled in exchange for the goods or services that will be transferred to the Fund and Trust.

#### NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

### (e) Cash and Cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise deposits with banks and highly liquid financial assets with maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in their fair value and are used by the Company in the management of short-term commitments.

#### (f) Trustee Liabilities and Right of Indemnity

The Company acts as trustee of the Fund and the Trust and the assets of these entities are held in trust on behalf of members, investors, and other beneficiaries. The Company incurs liabilities on behalf of the Fund and the Trust in its capacity as trustee. Liabilities incurred on behalf of the Fund and the Trust are not recognised in the financial statements when it is not probable that the Company will have to meet any of these liabilities from its own resources. When it is probable that the Company will have to meet some of these liabilities, a liability is recognised by the Company for the probable amount payable.

The Company has a right of indemnity for liabilities incurred in performing its fiduciary duties as a trustee, where permitted by relevant legislation. The assets of the Fund and the Trust, which lie behind the right of indemnity, are not directly available to meet any liabilities of the Company acting in its own right.

Details of the Fund and the Trust liabilities, the offsetting right of indemnity, any deficiency in the right of indemnity and any liabilities of the Company acting in its own right are disclosed in Note 3 to the financial statements.

## (g) New accounting standards and interpretations

There are no standards, interpretations or amendments to existing standards that are effective for the first time for the year ending 30 June 2024 that would be expected to have a material impact on the Company.

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the 30 June 2024 financial year and have not been early adopted by the Company. These standards and interpretations are not expected to have a material impact on the Company.

# (h) Significant accounting judgements and estimates and assumptions

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates, and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and 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 estimate is revised and in any future periods affected.

Judgement is required in determining the provision for income taxes. There are transactions for which the ultimate tax determination may be uncertain. The Company recognises liabilities for anticipated tax based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due. Where the final tax outcome is different from the amounts initially recorded, these differences will impact the income tax and deferred tax provisions in the year in which such a determination is made.

# (i) Receivables and payables

Receivables are recognised at the amounts receivable, which approximate fair value. Payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Company prior to the end of the financial year and which remain unpaid. The amounts are unsecured.

#### NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### (j) Income tax

#### Income tax

Income tax for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax expense is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income

#### Current tax

Current tax comprises the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year and any adjustment to the tax payable or receivable in respect of previous years. The amount of current tax payable or receivable is the best estimate of the tax amount expected to be paid or received that reflects uncertainty related to income taxes, if any. It is measured using the tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is accounted for using the liability method in respect of temporary differences arising from differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax base of those items.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that sufficient taxable amounts will be available against which deductible temporary differences or unused tax losses and tax offsets can be utilised. However, deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary differences giving rise to them arise from the initial recognition of assets and liabilities, which affects neither taxable income nor accounting profit.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates expected to apply to the period(s) when the asset and liability giving rise to them are realised and settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at reporting date. The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Company expects, at the reporting date, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

#### (k) Goods and services tax (GST)

Where applicable GST incurred by the Company that is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office, has been recognised as part of the expense to which it applies. Receivables and payables are stated with any applicable GST included in their carrying amounts.

The amount of any GST recoverable from, or payable to, the Australian Taxation Office is included as an asset or liability in the Statement of Financial Position.

# (I) Reserves

The Company maintains a Risk Premium Reserve which is held to indemnify the Trustee or its Directors for any non-indemnified liabilities that may arise in respect of the risk of acting as trustee of the Fund and the Trust.

#### **NOTE 3. RIGHT OF INDEMNITY**

Liabilities of the Fund not recorded in the financial statements of the Company were \$1,476,084,787 as at 30 June 2024 (2023: \$1,228,307,034). The assets of the Fund were sufficient to discharge all of its liabilities at 30 June 2024 and 2023.

Liabilities of the Trust not recorded in the financial statements of the Company were \$2,640,595,020 as at 30 June 2024 (2023: \$2,423,480,049). The assets of the Trust were sufficient to discharge all of its liabilities at 30 June 2024 and 2023.

As at 30 June 2024, the Company has liabilities from acting in its own right of \$5,168,875 (2023: \$8,874,256).

## **NOTE 4. EQUITY**

	2024 \$	2023 \$
300 "A" and 300 "AA" ordinary shares each fully paid (2023: 300 "A" and 300 "AA" ordinary shares each fully paid)	600	600
Risk Premium Reserve	50,547,656	27,142,127
	50,548,256	27,142,727

## **Ordinary Shares**

For both "A" class and "AA" class ordinary shares, the holder is not entitled to any dividends from the Company and upon winding up, shareholders are not entitled to any of the Risk Premium Reserve which may have been set aside.

On a show of hands every holder of "A" class and "AA" class ordinary shares present at a meeting, in person or by proxy, is entitled to one vote, and in a poll each share is entitled one vote.

"A" class and "AA" class ordinary shares have a par value of \$1 each and the Company has a limited amount of authorised capital.

#### **NOTE 5. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION**

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Remuneration paid or payable for services provided by the auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers		
- Audit of Financial Statements	22,777	19,859
- Other Assurance Services	9,257	8,808
- Other Services - Consulting	19,747	15,300
	51,781	43,967

Auditor's remuneration is paid by the Fund.

### **NOTE 6. CASH FLOW STATEMENT RECONCILIATION**

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:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash and cash equivalents	52,637,864	30,311,304
Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		
Profit/(loss) for the year after income tax <b>Adjustments for:</b>	23,405,529	19,424,688
(Increase) / Decrease in current receivables	2,546,526	(3,265,110)
Increase / (Decrease) in GST payable	(133,668)	716,166
(Increase) / Decrease in deferred tax liabilities	79,886	(239,660)
Increase / (Decrease) in current tax liabilities	(3,571,713)	3,716,804
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	22,326,560	20,352,888

#### **NOTE 7. INCOME TAX**

Major components of income tax expense are:

	<b>2024</b> \$	2023 \$
(a) Recognised in the statement of comprehensive income:	<u> </u>	Ψ_
Current tax Deferred tax Adjustments in respect of income tax of previous years:	9,951,736 79,886	8,254,557 (239,660)
Current tax Deferred tax	10,031,622	319,547 <b>8,334,444</b>
(b) Reconciliation between income tax expense to prima facie tax payable:		
Profit/(loss) from operating activities for the period before income tax	33,437,151	27,759,132
Income tax expense at 30% (2023: 30%)	(10,031,146)	(8,327,740)
Timing differences between tax and accounting	-	319,547
Tax effect of amounts which are not deductible in calculating taxable income:		
Non-deductible expenses	(476)	(6,704)
(Under)/Over provision prior year Income tax benefit/(expense)	(10,031,622)	(319,547) <b>(8,334,444)</b>
(c) Deferred Tax Assets		
The balance comprises temporary differences attributable to:		
Expenditure deductible under s. 40-880 of the ITAA 1997	159,774 <b>159,774</b>	239,660 <b>239,660</b>
(d) Franking Credits		
Franking credits available for subsequent reporting periods based on a tax rate of 30% (2023: 30%)	21,833,312	11,881,579
	21,833,312	11,881,579

The above amounts are calculated from the balance of the franking account as at the end of the reporting period, adjusted for franking credits and debits that will arise from the settlement of liabilities or receivables for income tax after the end of the year.

# (e) Current tax asset and liability

The current tax liability of \$3,452,564 (2023: \$7,024,277) represents the amount of income tax payable in respect of current and prior periods.

#### **NOTE 8. RECEIVABLES**

	2024 \$	2023 \$
GST Receivable Risk Premium Charge	22,492 2,897,000 <b>2,919,492</b>	17,972 5,448,046 <b>5,466,018</b>

All of the Company's receivables are due from either (1) the Fund or the Trust, or (2) the Australian Tax Office. As a result, an Expected Credit Loss has not been recognised as it is considered immaterial to the financial statements.

#### **NOTE 9. RELATED PARTIES**

#### (a) Trustee

Host-Plus Pty. Limited is the Trustee for both the Hostplus Superannuation Fund ('Fund') and the Hostplus Pooled Superannuation Trust ('Trust'), collectively known as 'Hostplus'. The Trust is the Fund's primary investment vehicle.

The shareholders of the Trustee are United Workers Union and Australian Hotels Association ('AHA').

Under the terms of the Trust Deed(s), the Trustee is entitled to be reimbursed out of Fund and Trust assets for all expenses and liabilities it incurs in connection with the Fund and the Trust, or in performing its obligations. This reimbursement is otherwise referred to as a Trustee Services Income and the amount paid and payable by the Fund and the Trust to the Company during the year is set out in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Amongst other things, this income is used for the remuneration of Directors for services rendered to the Board and Committees of the Board as set out in the tables below.

The Trustee is also entitled to charge a fee to hold on its own account against the risk of acting as Trustee of the Fund and the Trust, which is otherwise referred to as a Risk Premium Charge. The Risk Premium Charge is held by the Trustee in a Risk Premium Reserve to indemnify the Trustee or Directors for non-indemnifiable liabilities. The Risk Premium Charge paid and payable by members of the Fund for the year is \$17,963,771 (2023: \$15,219,299) and investors of the Trust for the year is \$17,017,152 (2023: \$15,278,014), inclusive of GST.

#### (b) Key management personnel

Directors and Alternate Directors of Host-Plus Pty. Limited during the financial year were as follows:

Independent	Date change in position
D Frawley (Chair)	
J Rudd	Appointed 18 September 2023
J Whiting	

Employer nominated by AHA	Date change in position
C Laundy (Deputy Co-Chair)	
D Attenborough	
D Gibson	
B Kearney <sup>(a)</sup>	

Member nominated by United Workers Union	Date change in position
G Bullock (Deputy Co-Chair)	Appointed Deputy Co-Chair of the Board 1 August 2023
I Beynon	Ceased 24 November 2023
J Korlevska <sup>(a)</sup>	Appointed 1 December 2023
T Lyons	Ceased as Deputy Co-Chair of the Board 31 July 2023
B Myers	Ceased as Alternate Director 30 November 2023
	Appointed Full Director 1 December 2023

<sup>(</sup>a) Alternate Director

## **NOTE 9. RELATED PARTIES (continued)**

### (b) Key management personnel (continued)

A review of the organisational structure was conducted during the financial year to ensure Hostplus is set up for continued future success. The outcome of this review achieved the following:

- To introduce a senior leadership (C-suite) structure, reporting into the CEO that highlights the strategic focus required in line with our vision;
- To ensure that the Fund's operations are being run as efficiently and effectively as possible;
- To increase transparency and reduce silos within closely aligned departments; and
- Improved efficiency and reduce duplication and bureaucracy within and across functions, roles and teams.

Other executive key management personnel during the financial year were as follows:

Name of Executive	Role	Date change in position
D Elia	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	
K Cantwell	Chief Administration and Insurance Officer (CAIO)	Appointed 1 January 2024
	Group Executive – Administration Optimisation, Service & Insurance	Ceased 31 December 2023*
J Dutton	Chief Technology Officer (CTO)	Appointed 4 March 2024
A Graham	Chief Operating Officer (COO)	Appointed 29 January 2024
	and specially amountains	Ceased 19 June 2024
U Mecchi	Chief Member Officer (CMO)	Appointed 23 November 2023
	Group Executive – Marketing, Corporate Affairs, Stakeholder Management, Policy & Advocacy	Ceased 22 November 2023*
J Muir	Chief Risk Officer (CRO)	
S Sicilia	Chief Investment Officer (CIO)	
N Strickland	Chief People Officer (CPO)	Appointed 1 January 2024
	Group Executive – People, Performance & Culture	Ceased 31 December 2023*
S Fuller	Group Executive – Legal & Compliance	Ceased 4 September 2023*
M French	Acting Group Executive – Legal & Compliance	Appointed Acting Group Executive 4 September 2023
		Ceased 28 January 2024*
L Tassone	Group Executive – Finance, Technology & Investment Operations	Ceased 15 September 2023
P Watson	Group Executive – Member Experience	Ceased 23 November 2023
S Wilkinson	Group Executive – Strategy & Transformation	Ceased 28 January 2024*

<sup>\*</sup> A review of the organisational structure was conducted during the financial year to ensure Hostplus is set up for continued future success. The outcome of this review achieved the following:

- To introduce a senior leadership (C-suite) structure, reporting into the CEO that highlights the strategic focus required in line with our vision;
- To ensure that Hostplus are operating as efficiently and effectively as possible;
- To increase transparency and reduce silos within closely aligned departments; and
- Improved efficiency and reduce duplication and bureaucracy within and across functions, roles and teams.

# **NOTE 9. RELATED PARTIES (continued)**

# (c) Remuneration of key management personnel

Board of Directors	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Short-term benefits	1,339,798	1,311,026
Post-employment benefits	198,497	195,494
Total	1,538,295	1,506,520
Other executive key management personnel		
Short-term benefits	6,045,434	5,578,312
Post-employment benefits	249,827	256,892
Long-term benefits	226,032	205,097
Termination benefits	602,977	-
Total	7,124,270	6,040,301

# (i) Board of Directors

Short-term benefits include fee.

Post-employment benefits consist of superannuation payments.

The Director Fee (Salary) in relation to the services provided by G Bullock, I Beynon, J Korlevska, and B Myers are paid to their nominating association United Workers Union.

# (ii) Other executive key management personnel

Short-term benefits include salary, annual leave, short-term incentive payments and non-monetary benefits. Post-employment benefits consist of superannuation payments.

Long-term benefits include long service leave, and long-term incentive payments.

# **NOTE 9. RELATED PARTIES (continued)**

# (d) Directors' attendance at Board and Committee meetings

#### Year ended 30 June 2024

			Meeting of Committees													
Director/ Alternate Director		Board ing of ctors	Au	dit	Con	Risk & Claims		People & Special Invest -ments Group			Operations		Nomina- tions and Board Renewal Committee			
	Α	В	Α	В	Α	В	Α	В	Α	В	Α	В	Α	В	Α	В
Directors																
D Frawley	8	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	3	3	-	-	1	1
J Whiting	9	9	4	4	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D Gibson	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	3	3	-	-	-	-
C Laundy	6	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	3	4	-	1
D Attenborough	9	9	4	4	4	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	1(*)	-	1(*)	-
T Lyons	1	9	1	4	1	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
G Bullock	8	9	1(*)	-	1(*)	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	1	1
I Beynon	4	4	2(*)	-	2(*)	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
J Rudd	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
B Myers	5	9	-	-	-	-	9	10	-	ı	-	-	2	2	-	-
Alternate Directo	ors															
B Myers	2	-	-	-	-	-	7	8	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
B Kearney	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
J Korlevska	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Observers																
D Frawley	-	ī	1(*)	-	1(*)	-	-	-	-	ı	-	-	2(*)	-	-	-
B Myers	1(#)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1(*)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B Kearney	7(#)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
J Whiting	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2(*)	-	-	-	-	-
T Lyons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2(*)	-	-	-	-	-
J Rudd	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1(*)	-	1(*)	-	1(*)	-
J Korlevska	3(#)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

# **A** Number of meetings attended

**B** Number of meetings held during the time the Director held office or was a member of the Committee during the year

<sup>(#)</sup> Alternate Directors are invited to attend Board Meetings as an Observer

<sup>(\*)</sup> All Directors and alternates are invited to attend Committee meetings and receive full Committee papers Where a non-committee member has attended a Committee, attendance has been noted.

# **NOTE 9. RELATED PARTIES (continued)**

# (d) Directors' attendance at Board and Committee meetings (continued)

#### Year ended 30 June 2023

			Meeting of Committees													
Director/ Alternate Director	Meeti	Board ing of ctors	Au	dit	Con	k & npli- nce	Claims People		Remunera-		Special Invest -ments Group		Operations		Nomina- tions and Board Renewal Committee	
	Α	В	Α	В	Α	В	Α	В	Α	В	A B A B			Α	В	
Directors										•						
D Frawley	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	4	4	-	-	2	2
J Whiting	8	8	4	4	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A Grayson	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-
D Gibson	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4	4	-	-	-	-
C Laundy	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	5	5	1	2
D Attenborough	8	8	4	4	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T Lyons	7	8	4	4	2	3	-	-	-	-	2	4	-	-	2	2
G Bullock	7	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
I Beynon	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alternate Directo	rs															
B Myers	2	-	-	-	-	-	18	19	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-
B Kearney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Observers										_						
D Frawley	-	-	2(*)	-	2(*)	-	-	-	-		-	-	2(*)	-	-	-
B Myers	5(#)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2(*)	-	-	-	-	-
G Bullock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1(*)	-	-	-	-	-
B Kearney	8(#)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1(*)	-	-	-	-	-
D Attenborough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2(*)	-	5(*)	-	2(*)	-
J Whiting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4(*)	-	-	-	-	-
I Beynon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1(*)	-	1(*)	-	-	-
A Grayson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1(*)	-	-	-	-	-

#### **A** Number of meetings attended

**B** Number of meetings held during the time the Director held office or was a member of the Committee during the year

<sup>(#)</sup> Alternate Directors are invited to attend Board Meetings as an Observer

<sup>(\*)</sup> All Directors and alternates are invited to attend Committee meetings and receive full Committee papers Where a non-committee member has attended a Committee, attendance has been noted.

#### **NOTE 9. RELATED PARTIES (continued)**

### (e) Transactions with Directors, Management Personnel and Shareholders

The following Directors and Management Personnel were also members of the Fund during the year:

Trustee Directors	Other Executive Key Management Personnel						
Imogen Beynon	David Elia	Sam Sicilia					
Gary Bullock	Kelly Cantwell	Natalie Strickland					
David Gibson	Meera French	Lewis Tassone					
Brian Kearney	Sharon Fuller	Paul Watson					
Julie Korlevska	Andrew Graham	Stuart Wilkinson					
Timothy Lyons	Umberto Mecchi						
Beverley Myers	Jason Muir						

Their membership terms and conditions were the same as those applied to other members of the Fund.

#### Marketing initiatives

The shareholders of the Trustee, Host-Plus Pty Limited, are United Workers Union and Australian Hotels Association ('AHA'). As part of the Fund's ongoing marketing initiatives, the Fund has agreements in place with both shareholders to support the marketing, advocacy and promotion of the Fund. The agreements include specific obligations of each party and provide for attendance and speaking opportunities at various industry events and forums, name and logo exposure opportunities at industry events or through industry publications and use of other stipulated mediums to promote and advertise the Fund.

The Fund measures and monitors the benefits derived against the benefits stipulated in the above agreements, which are subject to annual testing by the Fund's internal auditor, KPMG. The objectives of the internal audit include considering whether the delivery of stipulated benefits have been received. Based on the procedures they have undertaken, the internal auditor has not reported any significant control weaknesses in the processes, procedures, and controls in respect of the arrangements.

The agreements with the AHA include the National body of the AHA and the following State based affiliates (Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia). The agreement with the United Workers Union is with the National body of the United Workers Union which incorporates the following State based affiliates (Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia). During the year, the Trustee paid the Australian Hotels Association \$822,828 (2023: \$608,617) and United Workers Union \$431,819 (2023: \$247,727), excluding GST.

From time to time, the Fund will partner with its shareholders and related industry partners for the purposes of engaging with members and employers. These are further marketing opportunities that fall outside the agreements noted above. During the year, the Trustee paid the Australian Hotels Association \$850 (2023: \$1,468) and United Workers Union \$nil (2023: \$nil) excluding GST in relation to these activities.

#### Office lease

The Fund has a contract with United Workers Union for the lease of office premises at Level 3, 54 Cheriton Street, Perth. The initial lease commenced on 1 May 2017 and terminated on 30 April 2023. The lease was renewed with the same contractual arrangement for a further 3 years and terminates on 30 April 2026. During the year, the Fund paid the United Workers Union \$50,151 (2023: \$56,231), excluding GST in relation to all lease expenditures.

#### **NOTE 10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Trustee's Risk Premium Charge will no longer be charged to the Fund and the Trust effective from 1 September 2024. The Risk Premium Reserve is deemed fully funded as at that date or until the target funding level is reassessed in accordance with the Trustee's Risk Premium Reserve policy.

No other significant events occurred since the end of the financial year to date of this report which would impact the operations and the financial position of the Company in the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2024 or in the results of the operations and the cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2024.

# HOST-PLUS PTY. LIMITED DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In the directors' opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 4 to 18 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
  - complying with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
  - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date.
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

On behalf of the Directors

DIRECTOR

Melbourne 13 September 2024 DIRECTOR



# Independent auditor's report

To the members of Host-Plus Pty. Limited

# **Our opinion**

In our opinion:

The accompanying financial report of Host-Plus Pty. Limited (the Company) is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

#### What we have audited

The financial report 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
- the notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information
- 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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Independence

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.

# Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Directors' 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 through our opinion on the financial report.

PricewaterhouseCoopers, ABN 52 780 433 757 2 Riverside Quay, SOUTHBANK VIC 3006, GPO Box 1331, MELBOURNE VIC 3001 T: 61 3 8603 1000, F: 61 3 8603 1999



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 on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, 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 that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001*, and for 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 ability of the Company 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.

### 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 the 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: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

PricewaterhouseCoopers

George Sagonas Partner Melbourne 13 September 2024