



Annual Report

November 2023



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Who we are

The Eastern Star Foundation is a philanthropic foundation whose focus is helping to improve outcomes for the aged.

Our history of caring for the aged dates back to 1954, when a group of Order of the Eastern Star members established the organisation with a mission to provide a home for their aged members. The organisation later become an aged and community care provider, known as Star Aged Living and was based at Beaudesert in Brisbane.

The aged and community care business was sold in 2018, and the organisation transitioned into a philanthropic foundation in 2019.

The Eastern Star Foundation's activities are underpinned by its values of dignity, independence and hope.

Through our grant-funding, and partnerships with charities and other philanthropists, we help the aged to: remain independent, practice choice, participate in their community, have a support network, and experience healthy ageing.



Remain independent



Practice choice



Participate in their community



Have a support network



Experience healthy ageing

The Australian Communities Foundation and independent consultants support the Eastern Star Foundation with their grant-making, administration, and marketing activities.

To keep up to date with the Eastern Star Foundation go to:
www.easternstarfoundation.org.au



The Eastern Star (Australia) Foundation Ltd trading as Eastern Star Foundation

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Eastern Star Foundation's Vision, Mission, and Values



Vision

To empower those who enhance the quality of life for our ageing communities.



Mission

We provide financial assistance to help initiatives become a reality for charities who care for our ageing communities, support their independence, and who are committed to helping them live well.



Values

Dignity: We believe everyone should be honoured and respected.

Independence: We enable people to make their own choices.

Hope: We encourage people to have ambition for the future.



Report from the Chair

In our fourth year of philanthropic giving, the Eastern Star Foundation provided \$302,000 to four charities, empowering them to help the elderly in our communities live well. The Board also continued its ongoing commitment to good governance practices, including a strong attendance at Board meetings and closely monitoring granting activities and the financial performance of the investment portfolio.

Our philanthropy in the community

The largest grant awarded this past year will empower Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) seniors on Brisbane's Northside to build a support network and participate in their local community by connecting them to each other, to information, resources, and culturally appropriate and safe social activities. The \$100,000 grant awarded to World Wellness Group is funding their Multicultural Healthy Ageing Social Link Program and is already breaking down the barriers to isolation for multicultural seniors.

Palliative Care Queensland received a \$98,828 grant to fund a Yarning Circles and Getting out on Country Program for 14 months. This co-designed program with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities is allowing members of their community, who are nearing end of life, to Get out on Country and participate in their community through Yarning Circles.

People Living with Dementia (PLWD) and their families in Brisbane and Gold Coast have benefited from an additional \$53,346 grant to Dementia Australia to fund the evaluation of their Wellness and Enablement Program Queensland Pilot. The Wellness and Enablement Program was developed with four pilots launched across Brisbane thanks to a \$70,000 grant from the Foundation in the 2022 grant round. This latest grant is supporting the external evaluation of the Program so it can be formally included in their national suite of dementia support programs.

Elderly War Widows are continuing to stay connected thanks to a renewed commitment of support from the Eastern Star Foundation to Australian War Widows Queensland this year. A further \$50,000 grant was provided this year to help pay for the fuel and running costs of a minivan which was funded through a \$100,000 grant from the Foundation in 2021. The grant is also helping to cover the costs of running the annual Sub-branch Taxi Subsidy Program. This is the third year that the Eastern Star Foundation has provided this support.

In January, we were also able to see the impact the \$100,000 grant given in 2020 to Blackall Range Care Group had on the elderly living in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. Directors attended a celebration event and a tour to inspect the refurbished Day Respite Centre in Nambour that was made possible thanks to the grant, which, as a result, allowed them to expand the services they were able to offer to the elderly in their community.

Summary of key financials 2022 - 23:

Profit or Loss Statement

Income	\$708,317
Expenditure	(\$461,001)
Operating surplus/(deficit)	\$247,316
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	\$248,261
Total Comprehensive income/(deficit)	\$495,577

Balance Sheet

Total Assets	\$11,752,998
Total Liabilities	(\$25,642)
Net Assets	\$11,727,356

The primary asset for Eastern Star Foundation is the investment corpus. The market value of the portfolio (excluding cash) at 30 June 2023 was \$11.23 million.

The investment markets continue to be volatile as a result of increasing interest rates and inflation, however, the Board and Eastern Star's investment managers continue to monitor the portfolio on a regular basis.

See our full Audited Financial Results from page 10 of this Annual Report

A visit to Gunther Village in Gayndah in August allowed members of the Board to see how the lives of the village residents were being enhanced thanks to the new HiAce minibus that was purchased with a \$98,000 grant in 2022, empowering them to enjoy more adventures and outings and connecting them with their community.

Applications are currently being sought for the 2023–24 financial year grand round, which opened on 2 October 2023. Applications will be accepted until 1 December 2023 from registered charities that operate within Queensland and enhance the quality of life for the aged.

Investment portfolio

The Net Assets of the Foundation's investment portfolio increased from \$10.6 million as of 30 June 2022 to \$11.23 million as of 30 June 2023.

Our investment strategy maintains a conservative risk profile to ensure our portfolio can withstand market fluctuations over the long term and provide ongoing granting proceeds annually. Investment advisors, Ord Minnett, continue to provide the Foundation with a very valuable service.

Administration and marketing support

I would like to acknowledge and thank The Australian Communities

Foundation, who are a national charity administration and governance support provider, for their administration and granting support this past year. Thank you also to the continued support of our independent Marketing Consultant.

We look forward to announcing the outcome of our next grant round and seeing the impact our philanthropic funding is making to enhance the lives of our ageing communities.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Watt
Chair, The Eastern Star (Australia)
Foundation Ltd

2022-23 Highlights

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Grant
Recipients

\$302,000
Funding
Distributed

\$11.23m
Net
Assets



Eastern Star Foundation 2023 grant recipients with Eastern Star Foundation Directors at the Grand Chapter of Queensland Installation.

Our board and governance

The Eastern Star (Australia) Foundation Ltd is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). Our board oversees the Foundation's governance, prudential responsibilities, and strategy, and received management, administration and marketing support from The Australian Communities Foundation and independent consultants.



Elizabeth Watt
Chair



John Howard
Deputy Chair



Beth Littler
Secretary



Roslynn (Roz) Black
Director



Leigh Kennedy
Director



Victoria Lister
Director



Jonathan Nantes
Director

Elizabeth Watt Chair

Commenced November 2012

Through her extensive 35-year career at Centrelink, and 12 years as a part time lecturer for the Securities Institute of Australia, Elizabeth brings a wealth of knowledge in the areas of policy and finance to the board.

A member of the Order of the Eastern Star since 1980, Elizabeth has served as Worthy Matron of Sunny South Chapter for 10 terms and as Deputy Grand Matron of South

Australia from 1995-1997. Elizabeth's commitment and excellence in service were recognized in 2007-2009 when she was honoured to be the Most Worthy Grand Matron of the United Grand Chapter of Australia.

John Howard Deputy Chairman

Commenced November 2014

John has had extensive experience in aged care management as a manager of Aged Care Facilities and Retirement Villages for over 30 years. He joined the board in

November 2014 and brought a wealth of knowledge to the board as a qualified director. He has extensive governance, finance, and administration experience.

John has served on the St Andrews Lutheran College Board, Tallebudgera, and the Lutheran Laypeople's League (the approved deposit-taking institution of the Lutheran Church of Australia). He also is a Justice of the Peace and a former member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Australian Institute of Management.

Beth Littler
Secretary

Commenced November 2021

Beth's career encompassed education, health and seniors living, holding positions such as Secretary to a hospital board and a Health Commissioner, managing retirement villages and serving as a Director on Star Gardens Home for the Aged Board and for a 20 year period prior to retiring in 2020 managed the retirement living divisions of two prominent Queensland aged care providers. During this time, she participated in industry-specific associations, and parliamentary working parties establishing and implementing legislative and accreditation changes. Commencing in 2008, Beth served as a Board Member of Star Gardens Home for the Aged until 2013.

Being granted Fellowship of the Institute of Professional Secretaries (now known as the Institute of Office Professionals) in 1986, Beth has extensive management, human resource, financial and governance experience and is a Justice of the Peace (Qual).

Beth joined the Order of the Eastern Star in 2002 and has actively participated in many aspects of the Order over the years, including holding the position of Worthy Matron of her Chapter – Beenleigh on two occasions. Beth is now serving as the Worthy Grand Secretary of the United Grand Chapter of Australia.

Roslynn (Roz) Black
Director

Commenced July 2020

Roz joined the Eastern Star Foundation Board in 2020 with diverse career experience spanning the non-profit, government and legal sectors. Her passion for the non-profit sector has seen her work in, and volunteer her time for charitable organisations, including being on two non-profit governance boards. Roz has a Graduate Certificate in Business (Philanthropy and Non-profit Studies) from QUT's

Australian Centre for Philanthropy and Non-profit Studies which furthered her knowledge in non-profit governance and regulatory compliance. Roz is deeply aware of the challenges and opportunities that present themselves in the non-profit sector, which assists her in developing a fuller understanding of the organisations that the Eastern Star Foundation supports.

Leigh Kennedy
Director

Commenced November 2010

Leigh commenced on the board in November 2010 and has served as chairperson for several years. She has recently served a three-year term on the board of Meals on Wheels Queensland and was previously awarded the prestigious 'Life Membership' for her continuous years of volunteering with Meals on Wheels Mt Gravatt branch.

Leigh has been in the Order of the Eastern Star since 1973 and has held several senior positions including Worthy Matron of Ruth, Mizpah, Adah, Coorparoo and Beau-View Chapters. Leigh is a Past Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Queensland and has also served as a Past Worthy District Grand Matron.

Victoria Lister
Director

Commenced November 2020

Victoria has worked in and with small-to-medium nonprofit organisations for over 30 years – in board roles, as an employee, volunteer, manager, CEO and for ten years, as a consultant. Most of these entities have been in the human services sector including disability, education, employment services, community legal service and early childhood organisations. As a consultant, Victoria has supported with governance training and advice, management, change management, marketing, strategic planning, mentoring and coaching, and research.

Victoria has a Master of Business (Philanthropy & Nonprofit Studies)

from the Australian Centre of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies (ACPNS) and a research degree (Master of Philosophy) in Marketing that focused on services marketing. She is currently undertaking a PhD in Employment Relations and Human Resources on employee voice. Victoria is active on the ACPNS Alumni Chapter Committee, is a member of the Australian Human Resources Institute (AHRI) and the Industrial Relations Society of Queensland (IRSQ) and is the Australian and New Zealand Academy of Management (ANZAM) doctoral student representative.

Jonathan Nantes
Director

Commenced November 2010

Jonathan was elected as Chairman of the Eastern Star Foundation Board in late 2018. His background as the previous owner of a sheep and cattle station in Charleville and small trucking business has given him a good understanding of the dynamics of business. He also holds a Certificate III in Bus and Coach Accreditation.

Jonathan holds an enormous amount of pride in the board's vision to enhance the quality of life for our ageing communities and is committed to good governance practices. He has been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star since 1973 and now holds the position of Most Worthy Grand Patron in the United Grand Chapter of Australia.

New wheels enhance lives at Gunther Village Gayndah



Residents of Gunther Village Gayndah have enjoyed more adventures and outings in their community since the arrival of their new HiAce minibus funded through a grant from the Eastern Star Foundation.

Gunther Village Chairman, John Zahl said that the \$98,000 grant received last year from the Foundation allowed them to purchase and fit out a brand new HiAce minibus with wheelchair access.

"Without the grant, the minibus would not have been possible. We are so grateful to the Eastern Star Foundation who have helped us to ensure that our residents can still participate in their community and attend social activities and events," said Mr Zahl.

Facility Manager Jenny Thompson said the minibus has brought many smiles, joy and a lot of happiness to

Gunther Village residents, giving them the ability to venture out into the community more frequently since its arrival just before last Christmas.

"We have been to many different places including to Childers to visit another aged care home, attending Mass services in town, and going for scenic drives such as to Flying High Sanctuary in Apple Tree Creek, the races, and on a men's trip to the R M Williams Centre in Eidsvold," Ms Thompson.

"We have also been able to use the minibus to transport residents to appointments and to volunteering activities. We are all so appreciative as it really has helped to enhance the lives of our residents."

Eastern Star Foundation Chair Elizabeth Watt said that members of the Eastern Star Foundation Board

were able to personally see the impact their grant had made, with a recent visit to Gunther Village to check out the new wheels and tour the Village.

"The visit was a wonderful opportunity to see in person how the grant aligned with the Eastern Star Foundation's vision to empower those who support our ageing communities," said Ms Watt.

"We enjoyed lunch, a tour of the facility, and had the opportunity to inspect the minibus."

"The Eastern Star Foundation is delighted to have been able to help enhance the lives of Gunther Village residents, allowing them to have more independence, practice choice, and participate in their community."

A Lifeline for War Widows

An 89-year-old war widow, Dorothy Clarke, has found solace and support in the Australian War Widows Queensland (AWWQ) Transport Assistance Program, which has been supported by grant funding from the Eastern Star Foundation for a third year, this year. The \$50,000 grant has allowed AWWQ to continue to positively impact the well-being of war widows across the state.

Dorothy, who described the program as the best thing since sliced bread, said it had been instrumental in enabling her to continue attending meetings and events, fostering meaningful connections with fellow war widows.

Dorothy's early life was spent on a farm north of Gladstone, where she cherishes memories of cultivating paw paws, pineapples, tomatoes, and cucumbers. After attending a small bush school for her primary education, she completed her high schooling in Gladstone. She later moved to Brisbane for her adult years, where she and her late husband, who served in the Navy during the Korean War, raised their only daughter.

Following her husband's passing 30 years ago, Dorothy's first encounter with AWWQ was when she attended a luncheon at Kedron Wavell Services Club. She participated in the AWWQ events for several years and gradually began attending meetings.

Dorothy says that she now keenly looks forward to the monthly meetings to connect with fellow war widows who have become her friends over the years.

"Each month, guest speakers provide useful and interesting



information to the ladies, and I have found some of the talks invaluable," said Dorothy.

Finding it increasingly difficult in more recent years to attend meetings and events, Dorothy was delighted to learn about the grants from the Eastern Star Foundation over the past few years which have helped to fund the AWWQ Transport Assistance Program. She can now get to and from meetings in a cab, which is usually shared with two other war widows living nearby. Dorothy has also enjoyed using the AWWQ minivan purchased as part of the grant.

"Public transport became challenging for me, especially with my walking stick, and I felt unsafe walking alone to the train station due to the increased risk of falls," says Dorothy.

"I have also been on three outings in the AWWQ minivan, and it's been most enjoyable.

"Travelling with friends is fun, and we always have a natter along the way. The trip is comfortable, and the driver is helpful, assisting us on and off the bus. I love the minivan as I never feel rushed while boarding or exiting the bus, and we always arrive on time."

State President of Australian War Widows Queensland, Judy Smith, says that with the support of the Eastern Star Foundation, AWWQ has been able to make a tangible

difference in the lives of war widows.

"This initiative has fostered social interaction and allowed members to forge meaningful connections within the organisation, enriching their lives and combating social isolation," said Judy.

Eastern Star Foundation Chair, Elizabeth Watt, said that the program aligned well with the Foundation's mission which was about financially supporting initiatives that helped the aged to remain independent, participate in their community and have a support network.

"We are delighted to have been able to support this initiative for a third year, supporting war widows with their independence and to maintain their friendships," said Elizabeth.

Thanks to the AWWQ Transport Assistance Program and the Eastern Star Foundation's ongoing support, war widows like Dorothy Clarke have found a lifeline to engage with their community, attend events, and build lasting friendships.

"There is no doubt the transport assistance program encourages members to attend meetings as it is simple, comfortable, and safe," Dorothy says.

The impact of this program on the well-being and quality of life for war widows across the state cannot be understated, and it continues to make a positive difference in their lives today.

Breaking down barriers to isolation for multicultural seniors

Additional seniors who come from diverse multicultural backgrounds are now benefiting from the Multicultural Seniors Social Link Program which was established this year by the World Wellness Group (WWG) thanks to a \$100,000 grant from the Eastern Star Foundation. The program, which is run on Brisbane's Northside where there are fewer community networks and services for multicultural seniors, aims to connect seniors from diverse multicultural backgrounds to each other, to information, resources, and social activities in their local area.

Program Coordinator Yen Ping Chng, who herself is a Mandarin speaker with a professional background in social and community services and aged care, says the group is already building social connections through its co-designed approach. She also says that the group has almost tripled to 30 in just two months after placing in-language advertisements in multicultural media outlets to help attract new members.

"The social group, which meets monthly at the Burnie Brae Centre at Chermside, provides participants with information on healthy ageing topics such as falls prevention, driving cessation, disaster preparedness, mental wellbeing, elder law, and physical activity," states Yen.

"Personally, the group is something I look forward to as it allows people to build connections, make new friends, and fills a social gap in a senior's life – especially if they are socially isolated."

The program not only provides a social outlet for multicultural seniors, but also tries to break down the barriers to social isolation.

"I really enjoy visiting our group participants in their homes, getting

to know them and conducting a holistic wellbeing assessment to better understand their needs," Yen says.

"Many people are isolated, bored, and housebound. Some have chronic mental health concerns that we have responded to by linking people to in-house mental health services".

One of the group's active participants, Kumar, who used to be an academic during his professional life, says that the extent of the challenges that migrant seniors face depends on when they arrive in Australia.

"If they had relocated in their younger days, they may not face as many challenges as those who are only just relocating with their adult children," said Kumar.

"Having to re-adapt to a new environment and culture is one of the bigger challenges, especially if English is not your first language".

"From a general point of view, racial prejudice, a lack of motivation to go out especially if it is a new environment, and a lack of awareness of social gatherings or events, which can also be caused by a language barrier, can contribute to social isolation for seniors," said Kumar.

Kumar says that more research needs to be done to find the right mix of hosts and enablers to combat social isolation.

"That being said, it is important to have people on the ground to build rapport with our multicultural seniors while learning and understanding their needs – which is exactly what Yen and the program are doing," said Kumar.

"It is important that people feel safe to discuss the problem."

Eastern Star Foundation Chair, Elizabeth Watt, says that the Foundation made the strategic decision several years ago to support charitable initiatives which help to address the issue of social isolation for the aged.

"The Multicultural Seniors Social Link Program aligns well with the Eastern Star Foundation's Vision and Mission which aims to help our aged to participate in their community, have a support network and to have independence," said Elizabeth.

"It is wonderful to hear that the program is already breaking down social barriers for multicultural seniors, and that the Foundation has been able to play a part in that."



Celebration marks grant helping aged to live well in Sunshine Coast Hinterland



In January, Eastern Star Foundation Directors visited the Blackall Range Care Group's social and recreational hub in Nambour to see the impact that their \$100,000 grant had made on the elderly living in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland.

In 2020, the grant was awarded to the organisation by the Eastern Star Foundation to help them remodel and refurbish their 40-year-old Day Respite Centre in Nambour, allowing them to expand the services they were able to offer to the aged in their community.

Eastern Star Foundation Chair, Elizabeth Watt, said it was rewarding to see the impact that the grant was making in a community, where more elderly are choosing to retire.

"We were welcomed with open arms by staff, volunteers and around 40 clients who attended a special morning tea with speeches and a symbolic ribbon cutting to celebrate the refurbished centre and the grant that helped to make it possible," said Elizabeth.

"It was great to see so many elderly

people able to participate in their community and stay connected in this lovely, refurbished community centre where they can socialise over a game of cards, be entertained by local musicians and take part in arts and crafts and many other activities."

"We are proud to have supported this regional initiative that will help more aged people in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland to live well for many years to come."



Financial Statements

Eastern Star (Australia) Foundation Ltd

ABN 36 640 477 592

ACN 166 950 321

For the year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

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Annual Financial Report
For the year ended 30 June 2023

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Directors' Report

For the year ended 30 June 2023

The Directors present their report on Eastern Star (Australia) Foundation Ltd ("Foundation") for the 12 months ended 30 June 2023.

1. Information on directors

The following Board members have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated

Current Board Members

Elizabeth Watt	(Chairperson)
John Howard	(Deputy Chairperson)
Beth Littler	(Secretary)
Jonathon Nantes	
Leigh Kennedy	
Roslynn Black	
Victoria Lister	

2. Objectives

The objective of the Foundation is to empower those who enhance the quality of life for ageing communities in Queensland.

3. Principal activities

The principal activity of the Foundation during the year was to derive income to enable the provision of charitable grants; to assess the capability and quality of potential grant partners and to meet the objectives of the Foundation. Grants awarded to successful applicants assist individuals in providing independence and living well across ageing communities in Queensland.

4. Operating and financial review

The net result for the year was a surplus of \$247,316 (2022: surplus of \$259,591) excluding the market gains/(losses) for the year. The entity measures its performance through its investment returns, real corpus growth and through total grants allocated and paid.

5. Significant changes in the state of affairs

In the opinion of the Board there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Foundation that occurred during the financial year under review.

Directors' Report (continued)
For the year ended 30 June 2023

6. Board meetings

The number of meetings of the Board of Directors held during the year ended 30 June 2023, and the number of meetings attended by each director were:

Name	A	B
Elizabeth Watt	5	5
John Howard	5	5
Beth Littler	5	5
Jonathon Nantes	5	5
Leigh Kennedy	5	5
Roslynn Black	5	4
Victoria Lister	5	4

A Number of meetings held during the time the Director held office during the year

B Number of meetings attended

7. Environmental regulation

The Company's operations are not subject to any significant environmental regulations under either Commonwealth or State legislation.

8. Events subsequent to reporting date

No significant events have occurred since the end of the financial year which would impact on the financial position of the Foundation disclosed in the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023 or on the results and cash flows of the Foundation for the reporting period ended on that date.

6. Indemnification and insurance of officers and auditors


No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the entity.

7. Auditors' Independence Declaration

A copy of the Auditor's Independence declaration, as required under section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*, is included on page 3 of this financial report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:


John Howard
Deputy Chairperson


Elizabeth Littler
Secretary

12 October 2023

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**LEAD AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
UNDER SUBDIVISION 60-C OF THE
AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT COMMISSION ACT 2012**

To the Directors of Eastern Star (Australia) Foundation Ltd:

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit for the year ended 30 June 2023 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

LDAssurance
Chartered Accountants



Stephen O'Kane
Partner

Dated this 17th day of October 2023
At 330 Collins Street, Melbourne.

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Income			
Investment income		603,780	543,959
Member dues		375	320
Interest income		643	709
Realised gain / (loss) on financial assets		103,519	131,036
		708,317	676,024
Expenses			
Grant payments		302,174	272,357
Accounting and secretariat		76,475	59,039
Board and governance costs		863	1,019
Consultancy expenses		6,260	4,165
Insurance		3,613	3,638
Investment management fees		57,479	61,133
Legal expenses		1,206	3,160
Telephone and IT expenses		4,233	4,243
Travel - Board		2,870	1,774
Travel - Secretariat		2,849	3,226
Other expenses		2,979	2,679
		461,001	416,433
Surplus for the year		247,316	259,591
Other comprehensive income			
Change in fair value of financial assets		248,261	(1,149,239)
Total comprehensive income/(deficit) for the year		495,577	(889,648)

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Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	1,877,098	330,370
Trade and other receivables	5	187,580	302,902
Total Current Assets		2,064,678	633,272
Non Current Assets			
Financial Assets	6	9,688,320	10,626,170
Total Non Current Assets		9,688,320	10,626,170
Total Assets		11,752,998	11,259,442
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7	25,597	27,483
Total Current Liabilities		25,597	27,483
Non Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	7	45	180
Total Non Current Liabilities		45	180
Total Liabilities		25,642	27,663
Net Assets		11,727,356	11,231,779
Equity			
Retained Earnings		11,707,738	11,460,422
Reserves	8	19,618	(228,643)
Total Equity		11,727,356	11,231,779

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Statement of Changes in Equity
As at 30 June 2023

	Note	Retained Earnings \$	Financial Assets Reserve \$	Total \$
Opening Balance at 1 July 2021		11,284,967	836,460	12,121,427
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		259,591	-	259,591
Transfer from retained earnings		(84,136)	84,136	-
Total other comprehensive income		-	(1,149,239)	(1,149,239)
Closing Balance at 30 June 2022		11,460,422	(228,643)	11,231,779
Opening Balance at 1 July 2022		11,460,422	(228,643)	11,231,779
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		247,316	-	247,316
Total other comprehensive income		-	248,261	248,261
Closing Balance at 30 June 2023		11,707,738	19,618	11,727,356

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Statement of Cashflows
For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		\$	\$
Cash flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from members		255	680
Dividends and distributions received		579,731	378,061
Franking credits		139,880	-
Grants paid		(302,174)	(272,357)
Payments to suppliers		(160,594)	(130,736)
<i>Net cash from / (used in) operating activities</i>	8	<u>257,098</u>	<u>(24,352)</u>
Cash flows from Investing Activities			
Proceeds from sale of investments		2,887,490	2,115,449
Acquisition of investments		(1,597,860)	(3,209,757)
<i>Net cash from / (used in) investing activities</i>		<u>1,289,630</u>	<u>(1,094,308)</u>
Net Movement in Cash Held		1,546,728	(1,118,660)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at 1 July		<u>330,370</u>	<u>1,449,031</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at 30 June		<u>1,877,098</u>	<u>330,370</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2023

Eastern Star (Australia) Foundation Ltd is a Company limited by guarantee registered charity under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*. The Foundation is a not-for-profit entity registered and domiciled in Australia.

The financial report was authorised for issue by the Directors on 12 October 2023.

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

1. Basis of preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the *Australian and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

The financial statements 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.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) Revenue

Revenue is recognised and measured at fair value of the consideration received or receivable to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the entity and the revenue can be reliably measured and collection is probable.

Donations and bequests

Donations collected, including cash and goods for resale, are recognised as revenue when the entity gains control, economic benefits are probably and the amount of the donation can be measured reliably.

Bequests are recognised when the legacy is received. Revenue from legacies comprising bequests of shares or other property are recognised at fair value, being the market value of the shares or property at the date the entity becomes legally entitled to the shares or property.

Investment income

Dividend and distribution income is recognised at the time the right to receive payment is established.

Interest income is recognised on an accrual basis using the effective interest method.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(a) Revenue (cont'd)

Franking credits

Imputation tax credits in respect of dividends and trust distributions received are recognised as revenue as at the date the share is quoted ex-dividend. As the application for the refund of excess imputation credits can only be made after year end, the applicable revenue is accrued for at year end.

Member dues

Member dues are recognised when received, unless paid in advance when they are recognised in the appropriate period.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(b) Income tax

The entity is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(c) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

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

(d) Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the entity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets

Investments and other financial assets are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs are included as part of the initial measurement, except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Such assets are subsequently measured at either amortised cost or fair value depending on their classification. Classification is determined based on both the business model within which such assets are held and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset unless, an accounting mismatch is being avoided.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(d) Financial instruments (cont'd)

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows have expired or have been transferred and the consolidated entity has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. When there is no reasonable expectation of recovering part or all of a financial asset, its carrying value is written off.

Impairment of financial assets

The carrying amounts of the Foundation's financial assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities

The entity measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, and subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The financial liabilities of the entity include borrowings and trade and other payables.

(e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

3. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The Board evaluates estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial report 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.

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	2023 \$	2022 \$
4. Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at bank	25,642	15,944
Cash at bank - investment account	1,101,456	314,426
Term deposits	750,000	-
	<u>1,877,098</u>	<u>330,370</u>
5. Trade and other receivables		
Investment income	89,387	159,550
Franking credits	94,855	139,879
GST receivable	3,338	3,473
	<u>187,580</u>	<u>302,902</u>
6. Financial Assets		
Australian equities	3,561,493	3,167,626
International equities	1,484,774	1,742,699
Fixed interest securities	3,349,572	2,667,951
Alternatives	1,292,482	3,047,894
	<u>9,688,320</u>	<u>10,626,170</u>
7. Trade and other payables		
<i>Current</i>		
Trade creditors	25,402	27,303
Prepaid income	195	180
	<u>25,597</u>	<u>27,483</u>
<i>Non Current</i>		
Prepaid income	45	180
	<u>45</u>	<u>180</u>
8. Reserves		
Opening balance	(228,643)	836,460
Increase/(decrease) in fair value of investments	248,261	(1,149,239)
Transfer from retained earnings	-	84,136
Closing balance	<u>19,618</u>	<u>(228,643)</u>
<p>The financial asset reserve reflects the movement in fair value of the investment portfolio, for which the movement has been recorded directly to other comprehensive income.</p>		
9. Auditor's Remuneration		
Audit Fees	2,727	3,000
	<u>2,727</u>	<u>3,000</u>

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10. Notes to statement of cash flows

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	247,316	259,591
<i>Cash flows excluded from Operating Activities</i>		
Realised (gain) / loss on sale of financial assets	(103,519)	(131,036)
Total cash flows excluded from operating activities	<u>(103,519)</u>	<u>(131,036)</u>
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities</i>		
(Increase) / decrease in receivables	115,322	(169,656)
Increase / (decrease) in payables	(2,021)	16,749
Total changes in assets and liabilities	<u>113,301</u>	<u>(152,907)</u>
Total net cash provided by operating activities	<u>257,098</u>	<u>(24,352)</u>

11. Contingencies

In the opinion of the Directors, the entity did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2023 (30 June 2022: None).

12. Members' Guarantee

The entity is registered with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and is a Company limited by guarantee. If the entity is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$10 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the entity. There is only one class of membership. At 30 June 2023, the total amount that members of the entity are required to contribute, if wound up, is \$270 (2022: \$240).

13. Responsible Persons

The Directors of the entity are the responsible persons. No responsible person received any remuneration for the year.

14. Related party transactions

No related party transactions occurred during the year.

15. Events subsequent to the end of the financial year

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

Directors' Declaration


The Directors declare that in the responsible persons' opinion:

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

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



John Howard
Deputy *Chairperson*



Elizabeth Littler
Secretary

12 October 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EASTERN STAR (AUSTRALIA) FOUNDATION LTD

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Eastern Star (Australia) Foundation Ltd ('the Company'), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration of the Company.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Eastern Star (Australia) Foundation Ltd has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission Regulations 2022*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described as 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 Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* ('the Code') that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Responsibility of the Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosure Standard and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. The Directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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





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