

# Mayfield Group Holdings Limited ACN 010 597 672 Corporate Governance Statement

This statement outlines the Corporate Governance framework and practices adopted by the Board of Directors of Mayfield Group Holdings Limited ACN 010 597 672 (Mayfield) and in place for the financial year ended 30 June 2022, by reference to the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (4th Edition) (the Recommendations). The Statement was approved by the Board on 25 August 2022.

The Board and Senior Management of Mayfield are committed to acting responsibly, ethically and with high standards of integrity as the Company strives to create shareholder value. Mayfield is committed to implementing the highest standards of corporate governance appropriate for a company of its size and operations.

The Board considers and applies the Recommendations taking into account the circumstances of the Company. Where the Company's practices depart from a Recommendation, this Statement identifies the area of divergence and reasons for it, or any alternative practices adopted by the Company.

The Board has established several corporate governance documents consistent with the Recommendations which form the basis of the Company's corporate governance framework – these documents are referenced in this Corporate Governance Statement where relevant, and are as follows:

- Board Charter;
- Continuous Disclosure & Shareholder Communications Policy;
- Code of Conduct;
- Whistleblower Policy
- Anti-bribery and Corruption Policy and
- Securities Trading Policy.

The corporate governance documents are available on the Mayfield website https://mayfieldgroup.com.au/sustainability/

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# Principle 1 - Lay solid foundations for management and oversight

A listed entity should establish and disclose the respective roles and responsibilities of board and management and how their performance is monitored and evaluated.

#### **Recommendation 1.1**

A listed entity should disclose the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management, and those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management. The Company has adopted a formal charter (**Board Charter**) clearly setting out the respective roles and responsibilities of the Board and management. The key responsibilities of the Board include:

- setting the long-term strategy and annual business plan including objectives and milestones to be achieved;
- monitoring the performance of the Company against the financial objectives and operational goals set by the Board and reviewing the implementation of Board approved strategies;
- assessing the appropriateness of the skill sets and the levels of experience of the members of the Board, individually and as a whole and selecting new members to join the Board when a vacancy exists;

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Recommendation 1.2  A listed entity should:  (a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election as a director; and	<ul> <li>appointing, removing and determining the terms of engagement of the Directors, Chief Executive Officer and Company Secretary;</li> <li>overseeing the delegation of authority for the day-to-day management of the Company;</li> <li>ensuring that the risk management systems, financial reporting and information systems, personnel, policies and procedures are all operating efficiently and effectively by establishing a framework of internal controls and compliance;</li> <li>reviewing major contracts, goods or services on credit terms, acceptance of counter-party risks and issuing guarantees on behalf of the Company;</li> <li>approving the capital structure and major funding requirements of the Company;</li> <li>establishing a Disclosure and Communication Policy to ensure that the Company complies with its disclosure obligations under the ASX listing rules;</li> <li>approving the Company's half-year and full-year reports to the shareholders, ASX and ASIC; and</li> <li>ensuring that recruitment, retention, termination, remuneration, performance review and succession planning policies and procedures are in place and complied with.</li> <li>The Board currently undertakes appropriate checks before appointing or nominating board candidates and has regard to their skills, experience and expertise.</li> </ul>
(b) provide security holders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or reelect a director.	
Recommendation 1.3  A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.	All directors (and proposed directors) and senior executives have entered into written appointment agreements with the Company.  Specifically:  the non-executive directors have each executed a letter of appointment setting out the terms and conditions of their appointment; and  the executive director and senior executives of the Company have entered into employment agreements, setting out the terms and conditions of their employment.
Recommendation 1.4	The Company Secretary is accountable directly to the Board,
The company secretary of a listed entity should be	through the chairperson, on all matters to do with the proper

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accountable directly to the board, through the chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the board.

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The Company has adopted a formal board charter (**Board Charter**) setting out the Company Secretary's responsibilities. Under the Board Charter, the Company Secretary is responsible for:

- advising the Board and its committees on governance matters:
- monitoring the Board and committee policy and procedures are followed;
- coordinating the timely completion and dispatch of Board and committee papers;
- ensuring the business at Board and committee meetings is accurately captured in the minutes; and
- helping to organise and facilitate the induction and professional development of Directors and the Company Secretary.

# **Recommendation 1.5**

A listed entity should:

- (c) have a diversity policy which includes requirements for the board or a relevant committee of the board for achieving gender diversity and to assess annually both the objectives and the entity's progress in achieving them;
- (d) disclose that policy or a summary of it; and
- (e) disclose as at the end of each reporting period the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board or a relevant committee of the board in accordance with the entity's diversity policy and its progress towards achieving them, and either:
  - i. the respective proportions of men and women on the board, in senior executive positions and across the whole organisation (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or
  - ii. if the entity is a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act, the entity's most recent "Gender Equality Indicators", as defined in and published under that Act.

The Company has a diversity policy (**Diversity Policy**) published on the Sustainability Page of the website.

The Diversity Policy entrusts the Board with the responsibility for designing and overseeing the Diversity Policy.

Under the Diversity Policy, the Board is:

- required to develop measurable objectives that will promote diversity;
- responsible for reviewing this diversity policy and will assess the status of diversity within the Company and the effectiveness of this policy in achieving gender diversity; and
- responsible for assessing and disclosing the effectiveness of the Company's measurable objectives each year.

Measurable objectives for FY2022 were:

- Women in Leadership: 21% of vacancies filled by women
- Women in Apprenticeships: 0.3% (1 person) of apprenticeship vacancies filled with women applicants (Shortage of candidates through external Apprentice Labor Hire Companies).
- Diversity Awareness Training: Commenced with the 1st of 24 target management positions complete.

As at June 2022; 1 of 5 Directors and 1 of 5 senior managers on the MGH leadership team were women.

# **Recommendation 1.6**

A listed entity should:

(a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and

Under the Board Charter, each Director's performance is assessed when standing for re-election. Before each annual general meeting, the Chairperson of the Board assesses the performance of any Director standing for re-election and the Board will determine their recommendation to shareholders on the re-election of the Director (in the absence of the Director involved). The Board (excluding the Chairperson),

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(b)	disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.	will conduct the review of the Chairperson.
Recommendation 1.7		Under the Board Charter, senior executives' performance
A listed entity should:		will be considered by the independent Directors in a meeting separate from the Board meetings. The
(a)	have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives; and	Chairperson is responsible for ensuring independent Director meetings take place on a regular basis.
(b)	disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.	

A listed entity should have a board of an appropriate size, composition, skills and commitment to enable it to discharge its duties effectively.

#### **Recommendation 2.1**

The board of a listed entity should:

- (a) have a nomination committee which:
  - i. has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and
  - ii. is chaired by an independent director; and disclose
  - iii. the charter of the committee;
  - iv. the members of the committee; and
  - as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or
- (b) if it does not have a nomination committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs to address board succession issues and to ensure that the board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.

The Board has adopted a nomination committee charter, which together with any other resolutions of the Board from time to time, sets out the authority and power to exercise the roles and responsibilities of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter).

A separate Nomination and Remuneration Committee has been appointed but limited to three members due to the size of the Board.

The committee is chaired by independent director Simon Higgins. It includes Susan Chase (independent director) and Alan Steele (non-independent director) due to his familiarity with the operations of the Company.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter is available on the Company's website.

# **Recommendation 2.2**

A listed entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.

The Board has not, at this time, adopted a board skills matrix. However, the Company will seek to have directors with an appropriate range of skills, experience and expertise and an understanding of and competence to deal with current and emerging issues of the business. In addition, the Company's succession plans are designed to maintain an appropriate balance of skills, experience and expertise on the Board.

The Board is evolving a skills matrix so as to ensure that, in the event of future appointments, the Company has directors with an appropriate range of skills, experience and expertise

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		to deal with current and emerging issues of the business
Recommendation 2.3		Out of the Board members, Simon Higgins and Susan Chase are each considered to be independent Directors.
A list (a) (b)	the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors; if a director has an interest, position, association or relationship of the type described in Box 2.3 but the board is of the opinion that it does not compromise the independence of the director, the nature of the interest, position, association or relationship in question and an explanation of why the board is of that opinion; and the length of service of each director.	The Board will regularly assess the independence of each Director in light of the interests disclosed by them. That assessment will be made at least annually at, or around the time, that the Board considers candidates for election to the Board, and each independent Director is required to provide the Board with all relevant information for this purpose.  If the Board determines that a Director's independent status has changed, that determination will be disclosed to the market in a timely fashion.
Recommendation 2.4  A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.		The Board currently consists of:  one non-independent executive Director  two non-independent non-executive Directors, and  two independent, non-executive Directors.  The Board aspires to achieve a majority of independent directors, however with the size of the Board considered appropriate for the size of the company, establishing a majority of independent directors will take time.
The an in	chair of the board of a listed entity should be dependent director and, in particular, should be the same person as the CEO of the entity.	The Chairperson of the Board is Simon Higgins, who is an independent, non-executive Director. The Chairperson is not the same person who is CEO.
A list new profe direct know	ted entity should have a program for inducting directors and provide appropriate essional development opportunities for extors to develop and maintain the skills and wledge needed to perform their role as extors effectively.	Under the Board Charter, the Directors are expected to participate in any induction or orientation programs on appointment, and any continuing education or training arranged for them.  The Company Secretary will help organise and facilitate the induction and professional development of Directors.
	ciple 3 – Act ethically and responsibly ted entity should act ethically and responsibly.	
	ted entity should: have a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and disclose that code or a summary of it.	The Board has adopted a code of conduct ( <b>Code of Conduct</b> ) which sets out the values, commitments, ethical standards and policies of the Company and outlines the standards of conduct expected of the Company's business and people, taking into account the Company's legal and other obligations to its stakeholders.  The Code of Conduct will apply to all Directors, as well as all officers, employees, contractors, consultants, other persons that act on behalf of the Company, and associates of the

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The Code of Conduct is available on the Company's website.

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# Principle 4 – Safeguard integrity in corporate reporting

A listed entity should have formal and rigorous processes that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting.

#### **Recommendation 4.1**

The board of a listed entity should:

- (a) have an audit committee which:
  - i. has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and
  - ii. is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board,

#### And disclose:

- iii. the charter of the committee; the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and
- iv. in relation to each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or
- (b) if it does not have an audit committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.

The Board has adopted an audit and risk committee charter, which together with any other resolutions of the Board from time to time, sets out the authority and power to exercise the roles and responsibilities of the Audit and Risk Committee (Audit and Risk Committee Charter).

Due to the size of the board and the Company's operations at present, a separate Audit and Risk Committee has not been established. Matters and functions normally assigned to the committee will be dealt with and discharged by the Board as whole, pending the establishment of a stand-alone committee.

The Audit and Risk Committee Charter is available on the Company's website.

### **Recommendation 4.2**

The board of a listed entity should, before it approves the entity's financial statements for a financial period, receive from its CEO and CFO a declaration that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the entity and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.

The Board will implement a process to receive written assurances from its CEO and Chief Financial Officer that the declarations that will be provided under section 295A of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) are founded on a system of risk management and internal control and that the system is operating in all material respects in relation to financial reporting risks.

The Board will seek these assurances prior to approving the annual financial statements for all half-year and full-year results that follow.

#### **Recommendation 4.3**

A listed entity that has an AGM should ensure that its external auditor attends its AGM and is available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the audit.

The Company invites the external auditor to attend the AGM.

# Principle 5 - make timely and balanced disclosure

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A listed entity should make timely and balanced disclosure of all matters concerning it that a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of its securities.

#### Recommendation 5.1

A listed entity should:

- (a) have a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules; and
- (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.

Consistent with the Board's commitment to improving its disclosure policy, the Board has adopted a Disclosure and Communication Policy, which sets out the Company's commitment to the objective of promoting investor confidence and the rights of shareholders by:

- complying with the continuous disclosure obligations imposed by law;
- ensuring that company announcements are presented in a factual, clear and balanced way;
- ensuring that all shareholders have equal and timely access to material information concerning the Company; and
- communicating effectively with shareholders and making it easy for them to participate in general meetings.

The Disclosure and Communication Policy is available on the Company's website.

# Principle 6 – Respect the rights of security holders

A listed entity should respect the rights of its security holders by providing them with appropriate information and facilities to allow them to exercise those rights effectively.

#### **Recommendation 6.1**

A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.

The Company recognises the rights of its shareholders and other interested stakeholders to have easy access to balanced, understandable and timely information concerning the operations of the Group. The Chief Executive Officer and the Company Secretary will be primarily responsible for ensuring communications with shareholders are delivered in accordance with this strategy and with its current market disclosure policy.

The Company strives to communicate with shareholders and other stakeholders in a regular manner as outlined in Principle 5 of this statement.

Information concerning the Company and its governance practices will be made available on its website in due course.

# **Recommendation 6.2**

A listed entity should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors.

As mentioned above under Recommendation 5.1, the Board has adopted a Disclosure and Communication Policy which supports its commitment to effective communication with its shareholders. In addition, the Company intends to communicate with its shareholders:

- by making timely market announcements;
- by posting relevant information on to its website;
- by inviting shareholders to make direct inquiries to the Company; and
- through the use of general meetings.

#### **Recommendation 6.3**

A listed entity should disclose the policies and processes it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of security

The Board encourages participation of shareholders at the Annual General Meeting or any other shareholder meetings to ensure a high level of accountability and identification with the Company's strategy and goals. Shareholders are requested to vote on the appointment and aggregate

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holde	ers.	remuneration of Directors, the granting of options and shares to Directors, issue of shares and changes to the constitution.
A list	ted entity should give security holders the on to receive communications from, and send munications to, the entity and its security stry electronically.	The Company's Shareholders may elect to receive information from the Company and its registry electronically. Otherwise, the Company and its registry will communicate by post with shareholders who have not elected to receive information electronically.
Prin	ciple 7 – Recognise and manage risk	
	ted entity should establish a sound risk manage framework.	ement framework and periodically review the effectiveness of
Rec	ommendation 7.1	The Board has adopted an Audit and Risk Committee
The	board of a listed entity should:	Charter, which together with any other resolutions of the Board from time to time, sets out the authority and power to
(a)	have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:  i. Has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and	exercise the roles and responsibilities of the Audit and Risk Committee which, amongst other things, is designed to ensure the Company has an effective risk management system in place and to manage key risk areas.
	<ul> <li>ii. is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</li> <li>iii. the charter of the committee;</li> <li>iv. the members of the committee; and</li> <li>v. as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</li> </ul>	Due to the size of the board and the Company's operations at present, a separate Audit and Risk Committee has not been established. Matters and functions normally assigned to the committee will be dealt with and discharged by the Board as whole, pending the establishment of a stand-alone committee.  The Audit and Risk Committee Charter is available on the Company's website.
(b)	if it does not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.	
Rec	ommendation 7.2	Under the Board Charter, the Board has ensured that the
The	board or a committee of the board should:	Company has in place an appropriate risk management framework that sets out the risk appetite within which the
(a)	review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound; and	Board expects management to operate.  The Board will regularly review and update the risk profile
(b)		and ensure that the Company has an effective risk management system.  As part of this process, the Board will review, at least annually, the Company's risk management framework to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound.
Rec	ommendation 7.3	The Board is responsible for ensuring that the Company has
A list	ed entity should disclose:	appropriate internal audit systems and controls in place, and for overseeing the effectiveness of these internal controls.
(a)	if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or	The Board will also be responsible for conducting investigations of breaches or potential breaches of these internal controls.

In addition, the Board will be responsible for preparing a risk

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(b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its risk management and internal control processes. profile which describes the material risks facing the Company, regularly reviewing and updating this risk profile, and assessing and ensuring that there are internal controls in place for determining and managing key risks.

#### Recommendation 7.4

A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to environmental or social risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.

The Company may from time to time be exposed to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks. The Company has adopted a Risk Management Policy to assist with management of these risks.

# Principle 8 - Remunerate fairly and responsibly

A listed entity should pay director remuneration sufficient to attract and retain high quality directors and design its executive remuneration to attract, retain and motivate high quality senior executives to align their interests with the creation of value for security holders.

# **Recommendation 8.1**

The board of a listed entity should:

- (a) have a remuneration committee which:
  - i. has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and
  - ii. is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:
  - iii. the charter of the committee;
  - iv. the members of the committee; and as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or
- (b) if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.

Combined with Nomination - Refer 2.1

Under the Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter, the Board will develop, review and consider:

- the remuneration framework for directors, including the process by which any pool of Directors' fees approved by security holders is allocated to directors;
- the remuneration packages to be awarded to senior executives;
- equity based remuneration plans for senior executives and other employees; and
- superannuation arrangements for directors, senior executives and other employees.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter is on the Company's website.

#### **Recommendation 8.2**

A listed entity should separately disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors

The Company's remuneration policy will be disclosed in the Directors' Report which forms part of the Annual Report. The policy has been set out to ensure that the performance of Directors, key executives and staff reflect each person's accountabilities, duties and their level of performance, and to ensure that remuneration is competitive in attracting, motivating and retaining staff of the highest quality. A program of regular performance appraisals and objective setting for key executives and staff is in place. These annual reviews take into account individual and company performance and expert advice, if required.

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Recommendation 8.3  A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should:	The Company does have an Employee Share Option Plan (ESOP). The ESOP allows participants to exercise options issued to them based on the conditions attached by the
<ul> <li>(a) have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme; and</li> <li>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.</li> </ul>	ESOP. The ESOP is available on the Company's website