



# **ASX** ANNOUNCEMENT

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# Trading Update - Q1 FY23

Propel Funeral Partners Limited (ASX: PFP) (**Propel or Company**) announces that its operating and financial performance for the three months ended 30 September 2022<sup>1</sup> was materially above the prior corresponding period (**PCP**), reflecting strong seasonal trading conditions and organic growth, combined with contributions from acquisitions.

# In Q1 FY231, Propel:

- generated revenue of ~\$44 million, up ~33% on the PCP;
- achieved Operating EBITDA<sup>2</sup> of ~\$13 million, up ~40% on the PCP and reflecting a margin of ~30% (PCP: ~28%);
- maintained strong Cash Flow Conversion<sup>2</sup>;
- performed a record number of funerals in a quarter, up ~23% on the PCP, including material growth in comparable funeral volumes on the PCP; and
- experienced a higher mix of full service funerals compared to the lockdown impacted PCP and FY22, which contributed to Average Revenue Per Funeral<sup>2</sup> growth of:
  - ~9% on the PCP; and
  - ~6% on FY22.

# The Company's Q1 FY23 trading:

- included full period contributions from six acquisitions completed during FY22; and
- did not include contributions from two new acquisitions announced<sup>3</sup> in Q1 FY23, which are expected to complete during Q2 FY23.

Death volumes can fluctuate over short time horizons, so caution is required when extrapolating historical data to forecast potential future performance.

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#### **About Propel:**

Propel is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and is the second largest private provider of death care services in Australia and New Zealand. Propel currently operates from 144 locations, including 32 cremation facilities and 9 cemeteries.

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### Authority to release:

This document has been authorised for release by the Company's board of directors.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on the Company's unaudited management accounts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Refer to definitions on page 32 of the Company's FY22 Full Year Results Investor Presentation dated 24 August 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Refer to the Company's ASX announcements dated 2 August 2022 and 18 August 2022.