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Half-Year in Summary

Profit for the Half-Year

\$11.9m

Down 3.8% from 2016

Total 6 Month Shareholder Return

0.6%

Share price plus dividend

Net Operating Result

\$16.4m

Down 1.9% from 2016

Management Expense Ratio

0.38%

0.42% in 2016

Fully Franked Interim Dividend

10¢

Per Share

Unchanged

Total Portfolio

\$811.6m

Including cash at 31 December 2017

\$789.9 million in 2016

Total 6 Month Portfolio Return

O Including franking

S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index 9.2% including franking*

^{*} Assumes a shareholder can take full advantage of the franking credits.

About the Company

Djerriwarrh Investments Limited is a listed investment company investing in a diversified portfolio of Australian and New Zealand equities. For stocks where there is an options market, the Company often uses exchange traded and over-the-counter options to enhance the income return to investors.

In undertaking this option activity the Company is likely to change the profile of returns experienced from the market by producing more immediate fully franked income at the expense of some potential capital growth in the future.

Investment Aims

Djerriwarrh aims to provide shareholders with attractive investment returns through access to fully franked dividends and growth in capital invested.

In this regard the primary investment goals are:

- to pay a higher level of fully franked dividend than is available from the market in general; and
- to provide attractive total return including capital growth over the medium to long term.

Approach to Investing

The investment philosophy is built on taking a medium to long term view on holding positions in the portfolio with an emphasis on identifying quality companies that are likely to sustainably grow their earnings and dividends over this time frame

How Djerriwarrh Invests – What We Look For in Companies



Quality in this context is an outcome of our assessment of the board and management as well as some key financial metrics such as the level of gearing in the balance sheet, product margins and free cash flow. The structure of the industry and a company's competitive position in this industry are also an important indicator of quality.

to generate income

Linked to this assessment of quality is the ability of companies to grow earnings over time, which ultimately should produce good dividend growth.

The view of value of a company is not just based on short term measures of the price earnings ratio and other valuation metrics; rather value is assessed against Djerriwarrh's long term investment horizon.



The final component of the Company's ability to pay a higher yield is its approach to selling options over part of its investment and trading portfolio. This generates current income from the option premium Djerriwarrh receives for selling the options.

The amount that the Company receives from selling options depends on a number of factors:

- level of volatility in share price anticipated for the underlying stock;
- level of the option exercise price and particularly how far it is from the current share price;
- time to expiry, i.e. how far the option has to run;
- level of interest rates, the lower interest rates are, other things being equal, the lower the option premium received; and
- the percentage of the portfolio over which we are prepared to sell options.

It is our preference for the options to either lapse at expiry, or prior to exercise, to seek to buy the options back and sell new options further out at a higher exercise price. From time to time, where the share price increases strongly, we do take decisions to allow the shares to be exercised when we have formed the view that it is in the shareholders' best interest to allow that to occur. Gains or losses on disposals of investments upon the exercise of such options, after applicable tax, are taken to the realised capital gains reserve. Any gains when taxed are available for distribution to shareholders. It should be noted option positions are monitored daily and the portfolio managed to try and maintain an appropriate balance between capital growth and income generation.

In undertaking this option activity, in strongly rising markets shareholders are potentially giving up some of the possible capital growth that may occur in company share prices as a result of receiving higher income more immediately. Alternatively, in falling markets, income from options can offset some of the loss from declining share prices.

Djerriwarrh also has access to lines of credit which allows the Company to gear its Balance Sheet when appropriate investment returns are available to enhance shareholder returns. When it is appropriate, exposure to rising interest rates is also capped.

Review of Operations and Activities

Profit and Dividend

Profit for the half-year to 31 December 2017 was \$11.9 million, down from \$12.4 million in the previous corresponding period. Whilst there was an increase in dividends received, primarily from material and energy companies, income from option activity and the trading portfolio fell from \$5.0 million to \$2.7 million. The gains of \$2.3 million made in the trading portfolio last year were not repeated this half. Option income was in line with the corresponding period last year. A significant number of in-the-money call option positions were bought back and moved into the second half of the financial year at higher exercise prices to capture more of the potential upside of holdings, rather than have the positions exercised. This also had the effect of shifting option premium income into the second half.

The net operating result for the half-year was \$16.4 million, down slightly from \$16.7 million in the previous corresponding period. In the opinion of Directors, this is a better measure of Djerriwarrh's performance in deriving ongoing investment, trading and options income from the Company's portfolios as it excludes the valuation impact of net unrealised losses on open option positions.

Djerriwarrh's interim dividend has been maintained at 10 cents per share fully franked. Of the interim dividend, 5 cents was sourced from taxable capital gains on which the Company has paid tax. The Dividend Reinvestment Plan was in operation for the interim dividend.

Market Comments

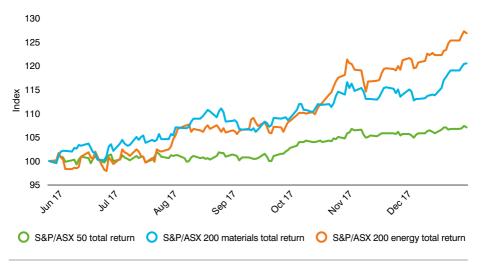
The Australian equity market rose strongly during the six months to 31 December 2017. Material and energy stocks performed strongly as expectations about improved growth across most major economies, the consequent lift in inflationary expectations and the tighter nature of supply in several commodities resulted in higher share prices.

Despite the good share price performance of companies such as BHP and Rio Tinto over the six month period, the 50 Leaders Accumulation Index was up only 7 per cent. In comparison, the materials sector was up 20 per cent and the energy sector increased 27 per cent. Returns from the large cap sector of the market were hindered by the performance of Telstra, as it deals with the commercial impacts of the NBN, and the banking sector, which faces a more hostile operating environment.

Portfolio Returns

Djerriwarrh's portfolio return including franking for the six months to 31 December 2017 was 8.6 per cent, whereas the return from cash, as measured by the Bank Bill Index, was 0.9 per cent and the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index return including franking was 9.2 per cent (franking added 1.4 per cent to Djerriwarrh's return and 0.8 per cent to the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index). For the year to 31 December 2017, the portfolio return was 11.8 per cent, whereas the Bank Bill Index was 1.7 per cent and the S&P/ASX 200 Accumulation Index including franking was 13.4 per cent. See Figure 2.

Figure 1: Performance of Top 50 Companies Relative to the Energy and Materials Sectors



Source: FactSet

Figure 2: Portfolio Performance to 31 December 2017 – Per Annum Returns*, Including the Benefit of Franking Credits



^{*} Annualised returns other than six month figure. Assumes an investor can take full advantage of franking credits.

Review of Operations and Activities continued

Given Djerriwarrh typically has options written over 30 to 50 per cent of the portfolio (average coverage for the half-year was 42 per cent and is currently 44 per cent), the short term performance is very satisfactory in the strongly rising market. It is reflective of the decision to buy back selected in-themoney call options to maintain holdings into the market strength, as well as some of the recent adjustments to the portfolio. The more significant contributors to portfolio performance were BHP, Westpac, Wesfarmers, Rio Tinto, South32 and Macquarie Group.

Portfolio Adjustments

Given the high level of the market, portfolio activity was focused on buying stocks across a wide range of existing holdings when value was on offer, including writing call options against these purchases. This occurred across several holdings with CSL, Woolworths, BHP, National Australia Bank and Macquarie Group the largest of these.

A limited number of new positions were added, although they are small in the context of the portfolio. These were Brickworks, Ansell and DuluxGroup.

Brief descriptions of the new additions to the portfolio are outlined below:

- Brickworks engages in the manufacture and distribution of clay and concrete products. It operates through the following segments: building products, property, and investments. The building products segment manufactures vitrified clay, concrete and timber products used in the building industry. The property segment focuses on the sale of property and investment in property trusts. The investment segment, which represents 60 per cent of Brickworks' activities, holds investments in the Australian share market, both for dividend income and capital growth.
- Ansell is a leading global provider of protection solutions. Ansell's Industrial division manufactures and markets high-performance, multi-use protection solutions specific for hand, foot and body protection for a wide range of industrial applications. It also has a healthcare division which offers a full range of surgical and examination gloves covering all applications, as well as healthcare safety devices and active infection protection products.
- DuluxGroup engages in the manufacture and marketing of paints, coatings and home improvement products.

Major sales were predominantly because of a deterioration in the outlook for some companies. This included Telstra and TPG Telecom. Whilst Djerriwarrh continues to hold positions in these companies, the structural adjustments occurring in the telecommunications industry through the implementation of the NBN has made these holdings less compelling. The position in Mainfreight was reduced marginally as the relative size of this position in the portfolio had become quite large due to the strong rise in its share price.

As a result of these adjustments and the move in company share prices, the nature of the top 20 holdings for Djerriwarrh has changed. There has been a reduction in the relative size of banks within the

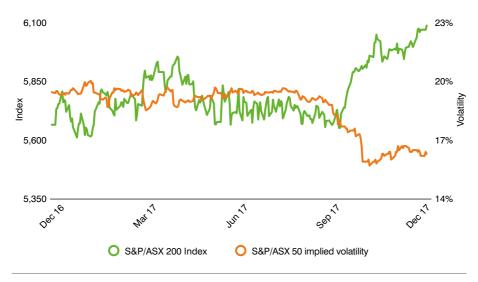
portfolio, Macquarie Group is now a top 20 holding and the size of positions in CSL, James Hardie, Woolworths and BHP have increased substantially.

Option Activity

Through the six month period where the market produced strong capital returns, market volatility was driven lower (Figure 3). In this environment option coverage was kept towards the upper end of the Company's indicative range through the period.

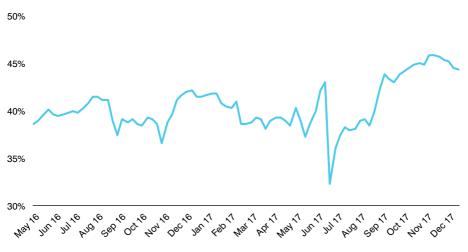
At 31 December 2017, option coverage was 44 per cent of the portfolio (Figure 4 on the following page). We remain comfortable with this position particularly given where the market is currently trading.

Figure 3: Performance of S&P/ASX 200 and the Impact on Market Volatility



Review of Operations and Activities continued

Figure 4: Option Coverage



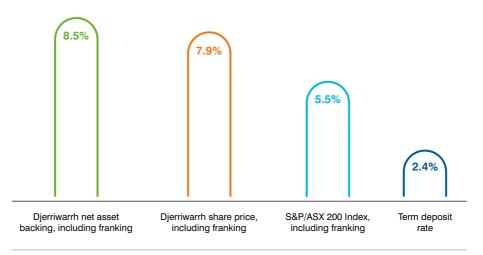
Yield Returns and Share Price

Figure 5 outlines the relative dividend yield on the Company's net asset backing and shares (both fully franked), compared with the S&P/ASX 200 Index (80 per cent franked) and the return currently available for a retail term deposit with the major banks. The yield on net asset backing is important as it highlights the dividend achieved through the underlying investment activity of the Company, including the relative income benefit of the option strategies.

The Djerriwarrh share price has tended to trade on the dividend yield rather than on the value of the net asset backing, particularly as interest rates have fallen over the period.

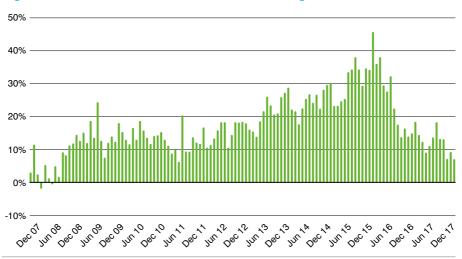
Following the reduction in the final dividend for the last financial year, the share price premium has fallen to 7 per cent at 31 December 2017 (Figure 6). Dividend yield on the share price at 31 December 2017 was 5.6 per cent fully franked, 7.9 per cent grossing up for franking credits.

Figure 5: 12 Month Yield Comparison



Note: Djerriwarrh yield based on 20 cent full year dividend. Assumes an investor can take full advantage of the franking credits.

Figure 6: Share Price Premium to Net Asset Banking



Review of Operations and Activities continued

Moving Forward

As we move into the second half of the financial year, option coverage will be maintained at the upper end of the normal range as we believe the market is fully valued. In particular, quality companies displaying better than average growth prospects are trading on very high valuations, making it a challenging investment environment. In this context, the strategy of utilising buy and write activities to enhance income returns and reduce the entry price on selected stocks will continue as opportunities arise.

The level of volatility in the market, which is important for the Company's investment activities, has been surprisingly low for some time as investors across major global markets have driven equities higher in an environment of low interest rates. Whilst it is difficult to see an immediate catalyst for any lift in volatility, market falls arising from investor concern about high valuations, unexpected increases in global interest rates or geopolitical events may produce such an outcome. Any increase in volatility would benefit Djerriwarrh's option writing activity and therefore income.

Directorship Matters

Mr Graham Kraehe, a Director of the Company since July 2002, retired at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting held on 10 October 2017.

The Board wishes to record its deep thanks to Mr Kraehe for his invaluable contribution to the Board deliberations over the last 15 years. His very broad industry experience at the highest levels of the Australian corporate world has been of outstanding value to the Board, Executives and shareholders of Djerriwarrh Investments Limited.

As announced in September 2017, Ross Barker retired as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) on 31 December 2017. Mark Freeman who was previously the Chief Investment Officer of Djerriwarrh, became the Managing Director and CEO of Djerriwarrh on 1 January 2018.

Prior to becoming Chief Investment Officer of Djerriwarrh (and the other investment companies) in 2007, Mr Freeman was a Partner with Goldman Sachs JBWere, advising the investment companies on their investment and dealing activities. He has a profound knowledge and depth of experience with investment markets and has a strong understanding of the Company's direction, policies and processes.

The Board wishes to record their deep appreciation to Ross Barker for his 30 years of outstanding service during, which time he served as a Non-Executive Director and Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer. He has shown enduring leadership through this period and has made a significant contribution to Djerriwarrh throughout his distinguished tenure at the Company. The Board wishes him well in his retirement



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Top 20 Investments

As at 31 December 2017

Includes investments held in both the investment and trading portfolios.

Valued at Closing Prices at 29 December 2017

		Total Value \$ Million	% of the Portfolio
1	Commonwealth Bank of Australia*	67.3	8.3
2	Westpac Banking Corporation*	62.9	7.8
3	BHP*	58.9	7.3
4	National Australia Bank*	40.1	4.9
5	Australia and New Zealand Banking Group*	38.6	4.8
6	CSL*	33.1	4.1
7	Wesfarmers*	28.2	3.5
8	Telstra Corporation*	22.0	2.7
9	Brambles*	19.9	2.5
10	Woolworths*	19.8	2.4
11	Rio Tinto*	18.7	2.3
12	Macquarie Group*	17.1	2.1
13	James Hardie Industries*	17.0	2.1
14	Oil Search*	16.3	2.0
15	Amcor*	13.6	1.7
16	Seek*	13.4	1.7
17	Woodside Petroleum*	13.4	1.7
18	Transurban Group*	13.0	1.6
19	Qube Holdings*	12.8	1.6
20	AMP*	11.5	1.4
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As a percentage of total portfolio value (excludes cash)

66.3%

^{*} Indicates that options were outstanding against part of the holding.

Income Statement

For the Half-Year Ended 31 December 2017

	Half-Year 2017 \$'000	Half-Year 2016 \$'000
Dividends and distributions	17,339	15,988
Revenue from deposits and bank bills	142	85
Other revenue	-	15
Total revenue	17,481	16,088
Net gains on trading portfolio	64	2,273
Income from options written portfolio	2,648	2,696
Income from operating activities	20,193	21,057
Finance costs	(1,580)	(1,519)
Administration expenses	(1,481)	(1,623)
Operating result before income tax	17,132	17,915
Income tax	(779)	(1,252)
Net operating result	16,353	16,663
Net capital gains/(losses) on investments		
Net losses on open options positions	(6,352)	(6,118)
Tax credit on above	1,906	1,831
	(4,446)	(4,287)
Profit for the half-year	11,907	12,376
	Cents	Cents
Net operating result per share	7.44	7.62
Profit for the half-year per share	5.42	5.66

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2017

	31 Dec 2017 \$'000	30 Jun 2017 \$'000
Current assets		
Cash	779	8,378
Receivables	1,163	44,587
Tax refund	957	
Total current assets	2,899	52,965
Non-current assets		
Investment portfolio	826,582	750,239
Deferred tax assets	4,709	-
Deferred tax assets – investment portfolio	-	4,619
Shares in associate	758	419
Total non-current assets	832,049	755,277
Total assets	834,948	808,242
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Current liabilities		
Payables	745	1,412
Tax payable	-	226
Borrowings – bank debt	78,000	84,500
Interest rate hedging contracts	253	437
Options written portfolio	15,802	6,318
Total current liabilities	94,800	92,893
Non-current liabilities		
Deferred tax liabilities	_	466
Deferred tax liabilities – investment portfolio	9,039	-
Total non-current liabilities	9,039	466
Total liabilities	103,839	93,359
Net assets	731,109	714,883
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Shareholders' equity		
Share capital	639,519	636,888
Revaluation reserve	75,503	40,612
Realised capital gains reserve – taxable	28,409	46,553
Realised capital gains reserve – non-taxable	(60,126)	(55,851)
Interest rate hedging reserve	(253)	(437)
Retained profits	48,057	47,118
Total shareholders' equity	731,109	714,883

Summarised Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Half-Year Ended 31 December 2017

	Half-Year 2017 \$'000	Half-Year 2016 \$'000
Total equity at the beginning of the half-year	714,883	695,058
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Dividends paid	(21,935)	(30,603)
Shares issued (net of costs)	2,631	
Total transactions with shareholders	(19,304)	(30,603)
Profit for the half-year	11,907	12,376
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Revaluation of investment portfolio	34,020	59,371
Provision for tax on revaluation	(10,581)	(17,945)
Revaluation of investment portfolio (after tax)	23,439	41,426
Net movement in fair value for interest rate swaps	184	684
Total comprehensive income for the half-year	35,530	54,486
Realised losses on securities sold	(14,528)	(7,241)
Tax expense on realised losses on securities sold	3,076	856
Net realised losses on securities sold	(11,452)	(6,385)
Transfer from revaluation reserve to realised gains reserve	11,452	6,385
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Total equity at the end of the half-year	731,109	718,941
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A full set of Djerriwarrh's interim accounts are available on the Company's website.

Holdings of Securities

As at 31 December 2017

Details of the Company's portfolios are given below. The list should not be used to evaluate portfolio performance or to determine the net asset backing per share (which is advised to the ASX each month and recorded on the toll free telephone service at 1800 780 784).

Individual holdings in the portfolios may change significantly during the course of the year. In addition, holdings may be subject to call options or sale commitments by which they may be sold at a price significantly different from the market price prevailing at the time of the exercise or sale.

Unless otherwise stated, the securities in this list are fully paid ordinary shares, trust units, stapled securities or convertible notes.

Code	Company Name	Number Held '000	Market Value \$'000
AGL*	AGL Energy	289	6,993
ALQ*	ALS	412	2,869
AMC*	Amcor	886	13,569
AMH	AMCIL	10,599	9,433
AMP*	AMP	2,242	11,542
ANN*	Ansell	100	2,398
ANZ*	Australia and New Zealand Banking Group	1,352	38,641
APA*	APA Group	326	2,706
ASX*	ASX	99	5,425
AUB*	AUB Group	598	7,856
AWC*	Alumina	2,025	4,667
AZJ*	Aurizon Holdings	445	2,197
BHP*	BHP	2,076	58,916
BKW*	Brickworks	190	2,779
BLD*	Boral	591	4,465
BXB*	Brambles	1,998	19,921
CAR*	Carsales.com	175	2,478
CBA*	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	842	67,255
CCL*	Coca-Cola Amatil	310	2,575

Code	Company Name	Number Held '000	Market Value \$'000
CGF*	Challenger	590	8,056
COH*	Cochlear	10	1,691
CPU*	Computershare	547	8,686
CSL*	CSL	239	33,106
CTX*	Caltex Australia	190	6,353
CVW	ClearView Wealth	3,274	4,862
CYB*	CYBG PLC	1,180	6,141
DLX*	DuluxGroup	254	1,931
FNP	Freedom Foods Group	475	2,461
FPH*	Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Corporation	181	2,178
HSO*	Healthscope	3,153	6,478
IAG*	Insurance Australia Group	1,222	8,589
ILU*	Iluka Resources	470	4,631
IPL*	Incitec Pivot	1,981	7,518
IRE*	IRESS	516	5,953
JHC*	Japara Healthcare	840	1,573
JHX*	James Hardie Industries	784	17,025
LIC	Lifestyle Communities	518	3,005
LNK*	Link Administration Holdings	284	2,303
MFT (NZX)	Mainfreight	250	5,773
MIR	Mirrabooka Investments	4,108	10,886
MQG*	Macquarie Group	175	17,063
NAB*	National Australia Bank	1,357	40,059
NVT*	Navitas	918	4,686
ORA*	Orora	750	2,450
ORG*	Origin Energy	1,120	9,619
ORI*	Orica	238	4,269
OSH*	Oil Search	2,150	16,261
PPT*	Perpetual	107	5,157
QBE*	QBE Insurance Group	680	7,221

Holdings of Securities continued

As at 31 December 2017

		Number Held	Market Value
Code	Company Name	'000	\$'000
QUB*	Qube Holdings	5,016	12,847
REA	REA Group	15	1,150
RHC*	Ramsay Health Care	79	5,429
RIO*	Rio Tinto	256	18,684
RMD*	ResMed	360	3,824
S32*	South32	3,210	10,415
SCG*	Scentre Group	2,370	9,824
SEK*	Seek	730	13,434
SHL*	Sonic Healthcare	314	7,099
SUN*	Suncorp Group	775	10,663
SYD*	Sydney Airport	1,199	8,367
TCL*	Transurban Group	1,065	13,044
TLS*	Telstra Corporation	6,125	21,953
TPM*	TPG Telecom	365	2,272
TWE*	Treasury Wine Estates	532	8,071
VCX*	Vicinity Centres	2,170	5,838
WBC*	Westpac Banking Corporation	2,015	62,947
WES*	Wesfarmers	644	28,225
WFD*	Westfield Corporation	1,020	9,187
WLL	Wellcom Group	400	1,696
WOW*	Woolworths Group	736	19,759
WPL*	Woodside Petroleum	415	13,383
Total			810,780

^{*} Indicates that options were outstanding against part or all of the holding.

Major Transactions in the Investment Portfolio

Acquisitions	Cost \$'000
CSL	7,523
Woolworths	5,885
BHP	5,644
National Australia Bank	5,391
Macquarie Group	4,635

Sales	Proceeds \$'000
QBE Insurance	4,979
TPG Telecom	3,675
Mainfreight	3,419
Japara Healthcare	3,039
Telstra Corporation	2,516

New Companies Added to the Investment Portfolio

Brickworks

Ansell

DuluxGroup

Company Particulars

Djerriwarrh Investments Limited (DJW)

ABN 38 006 862 693

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Company Secretaries

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Shareholder

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For all enquiries relating to shareholdings, dividends (including participation in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan) and related matters, please contact the share registrar as above.

Securities Exchange Code

DJW Ordinary shares

Shareholder Meetings

Melbourne Shareholder Meeting

Time 2.30pm

Date Wednesday 14 March 2018 Venue ZINC Federation Square

Location Corner of Swanston and Flinders Streets

Melbourne

Canberra Shareholder Meeting

Time 2.30pm

Date Friday 16 March 2018 Venue Hyatt Hotel Canberra

Location 120 Commonwealth Avenue

Canberra

Adelaide Shareholder Meeting

Time 2.30pm

Date Monday 19 March 2018
Venue Adelaide Convention Centre
Location Panorama Rooms, North Terrace

Adelaide

Perth Shareholder Meeting

Time 2.30pm

Date Friday 23 March 2018
Venue Pan Pacific Perth
Location 207 Adelaide Terrace

Perth

Sydney Shareholder Meeting

Time 2.30pm

Date Monday 26 March 2018
Venue Wesley Conference Centre

Location 220 Pitt Street

Sydney



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