



# Coventry Group Ltd

ABN 37 008 670 102

## Results for announcement to the market Full Year Ended 30 June 2024

			<b>\$'000</b>
Revenue	Up	3.4% to	370,805
Underlying EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	Up	22.4% to	20,809
Profit before tax	Down	71.2% to	1,071
Profit after tax attributable to members	Down	73.3% to	659

1. Underlying EBITDA is earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation and has been adjusted to exclude the impact of AASB 16 Leases and significant items. Underlying EBITDA is a non-IFRS measure and reflects how management measures performance of the Group.

<u>Dividends (distributions)</u>	<u>Amount per security</u>	<u>Franked amount per security</u>
Final dividend	3.75 cents	3.75 cents
Record date for determining entitlements to the dividends	30 September 2024	
Date the dividends are payable	11 October 2024	

### Dividend reinvestment plan (DRP)

The Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan enables eligible shareholders to reinvest their dividend in additional shares in the Company.

### Net Tangible Assets Per Security

As at 30 June 2024	0.30
As at 30 June 2023	0.40

The financial statements have been audited and an unmodified opinion has been issued.

Coventry Group Limited advises that its Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 25 October 2024. The time and other details relating to the meeting will be advised in the Notice of Meeting to be sent to all Shareholders and released to the ASX after dispatch.

In accordance with ASX Listing Rules, valid nominations for the position of Director are required to be lodged at the registered office of the Company by 5.00pm (AEST) 9 September 2024.



Coventry Group Ltd

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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# VALUES

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AT COVENTRY GROUP, OUR VALUES ARE

## **SAFETY FIRST**

We place the health, safety and wellbeing of our people first

## **DO THE RIGHT THING - FAIRNESS, INTEGRITY & RESPECT**

We treat everyone equally, we operate with competence and we treat everyone with respect

## **WORK AS A TEAM**

We work with strength and resilience together

## **BE THE BEST AT EVERYTHING WE DO**

We strive to be better every day, finding new ways to grow our Company and each other

**OUR PEOPLE** we trust and empower our people

**OUR CUSTOMERS** we are dedicated to our customer's needs

**OUR SUPPLIERS** we work in partnership with our suppliers

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# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

## FY24 RESULTS

Coventry achieved its seventh consecutive year of sales and Underlying EBITDA<sup>1</sup> growth in 2024 with a strong contribution from our Fluid Systems segment and an improving contribution from our Trade Distribution segment. On 1 May 2024 we welcomed Steel Masters Auckland Limited ("Steelmasters Group") into the Coventry Group and expect this acquisition will bring significant benefits for our shareholders, customers, suppliers and employees.

Group sales revenue was up 3.4% to \$370.8m, while Underlying EBITDA<sup>1</sup> improved 22.4% to \$20.8m.

The businesses within each segment continue to successfully provide specialised industrial products, services and customised solutions to our wide network of customers throughout Australia and New Zealand. We expect the market softness currently being experienced on the east coast of Australia and in New Zealand will be short-lived. In the interim we will focus on what we can control in markets in which we generally only have a small share. Our emphasis on "specialisation" is key to this and is underpinned by our customer value proposition of quality products, stock availability, expertise, agility and a growing branch network.

*Note 1: All references to EBITDA are to Pre AASB16 before Significant Items*

On 1 July 2024 the pilot branch for the Group's new Microsoft D365 ERP solution successfully migrated from our legacy ERP system. At time of writing, 11 branches, and the Finance department have successfully migrated, with over 260 users online. The success to date of this project is a credit to all those involved, with there being too many to call out individually. We have all heard the "horror" stories of ERP implementation disasters with significant impacts on balance sheets and reputation. Our business leaders were determined not to repeat the mistakes of others and have been diligent in their adherence to project management governance excellence.

The Group continues to have a strong working capital position with Current Assets exceeding Current Liabilities by \$36.4m. We had a solid cash conversion outcome of 112.1% for FY24 (112.5% FY23). The Group has substantial Australian tax losses of \$59.9m against which a Deferred Tax Asset of \$9.4m has been recognised in its Statement of Financial Position.

## DIVIDENDS

The Board has declared a final dividend of 3.75 cents per share, fully franked. The Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan remains active, enabling eligible shareholders to reinvest their dividend in additional shares in the Company.



## EXECUTIVE REMUNERATION

The Company Executive and Director Incentive Plan provides for the granting or issuing of Performance Rights to eligible Executives in accordance with its terms and subject to the terms and performance hurdles set by the Board. The CEO and Managing Director's total remuneration includes a Plan award and, as required by the ASX Listing Rules, the Company will seek shareholder approval to grant him Performance Rights for his participation in the Plan for 2025. Full particulars will be published in the Notice of Annual General Meeting for the meeting to be held on 25 October 2024.

## PASSING OF ANDREW NISBET

On 1 May 2024, our admired and respected Board colleague, Andrew Nisbet sadly passed away after a short illness. Andrew's commitment, professionalism and operational experience enabled him to make an invaluable contribution at Board level. At a personal level, I had the privilege of working with Andrew for over 40 years and will miss his wise counsel, his sense of humour and his friendship. I will remember fondly our conversations during his illness and his resilience and optimism even in the toughest times.

## PEOPLE

I would like to thank my Board colleagues for their continuing contribution, support and guidance in 2024. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank all our colleagues for their commitment to the business and its core values. To our shareholders, my continuing thanks for your ongoing and patient support.

## OUTLOOK

Our primary end markets remain mostly resilient however given continuing macroeconomic volatility we will not be providing full year guidance but will continue to provide quarterly trading updates to the market.

### Neil G. Cathie

Chairman of the Board of Directors



# CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

FY24 was another positive year for the Group. Trading performance improved with the Group delivering Sales and underlying EBITDA<sup>1</sup> year on year growth for the seventh consecutive year. The acquisition of Steelmasters represents an exciting leap forward in the expansion of the Coventry Group and is fully aligned with our stated acquisition criteria. We continue to demonstrate our ability to expand the Trade Distribution and Fluid Systems network through both organic and acquisition growth. Our results are achieved through the delivery of our strategy by the outstanding performance of the people at the Coventry Group.

With softer conditions in some markets during the financial year, our initiatives to grow EBITDA<sup>1</sup> % to Sales to 10% in the medium term were the key to our strong profit growth compared to sales growth. These buy-side and sell-side initiatives were implemented during the financial year and will have a further positive effect on our results in FY25, particularly as market conditions improve.

The Coventry Group's strategy based on specialisation and service excellence is continuing to be resilient. The positive results were achieved against a backdrop of a double dip recession in New Zealand, wage inflation, labour and skills shortages and interest rates impacting discretionary spend.

Demand remains positive in the mining and resources sector and Western Australia and Queensland. There is some short-term softening in the other Australian states. Economic conditions remain challenging in the short term in New Zealand.

The Group operates in multi-billion-dollar fragmented markets and has very modest market shares.

We are confident that we have the right strategy, the right people, and operate in the right markets to continue our journey of sustainable profitable growth. Our consistent delivery of sales growth and improved profit results are proof that our value proposition and commitment to our core values delivers results.

*Note 1: All references to EBIT and EBITDA are to Pre AASB16 before Significant Items.*

## HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING

The Group has a core value of Safety First. The Health, Safety and Wellbeing of our people along with our customers, suppliers and communities is a priority for the Group. We aspire to zero LTI's and zero harm to our people.

During FY24 we had 4 (FY23: 10) Lost Time Injuries (LTI's). All incidents and serious near misses are reviewed by our safety team and the Coventry Leadership Team (CLT). This enables us to improve safety systems and as a result, safety outcomes.

We also updated our health and safety framework, ran Safe Work month programs in October 2023, introduced a new on-line safety training program Safety Hub, and increased hazard identification and resolution. Our Mental Health First Aid program continued.

## PEOPLE

Our values of Safety First, Doing the Right Thing (Fairness, Integrity, Respect), Working as a Team and Being the Best at Everything We Do, continue to guide us in our day to day operations. We have a culture focussed on doing the right thing in all our interactions with our people, customers, suppliers and communities.

We ran an employee engagement survey during the year with pleasing results. We had high participation rates at 72% and 79% of employees who completed the survey are actively engaged. Both the participation and engagement scores are well above average.

The recruitment market remains competitive so our reputation for having a values-based culture assists us in attracting and retaining people.

During the year we:

- Invested in equipment for hydraulics training in our Fluid Systems business.
- Expanded our successful Graduate Program.
- Rolled out comprehensive induction programs.
- Commenced a Branch Manager acceleration training program.

## ENVIRONMENT, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE

Throughout the year, our environmental initiatives helped divert 35% of our waste from landfill, including 97 tonnes of cardboard, 22 tonnes of comingle waste, 14 tonnes of timber, and 4 tonnes of plastic. We conducted a return to store' trial for plastics and ran trials on plastic alternatives in one of our distribution centres. The Group will continue to look for ways to reduce our plastic use.

In line with the Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation, we commenced work to obtain our baseline of packaging for all our own branded products and look forward to reducing our packaging requirements in the future. We were also pleased to upgrade three more sites to LED lighting.

Our Workplace Giving and Matched Giving Programs saw us matching donations by our people to their favorite charities and we proudly sponsored many sporting and community initiatives throughout Australia and New Zealand. These included Nubco assisting over 35 candidates with personal protective and tooling equipment so that they could attend the Bridgewater bridge pre-employment training program and Cooper Fluid Systems sponsoring the 'Skool 2 Skoolies' bike ride with monies being raised for the Ipswich Hospice and St Vincent DePaul.

From a governance perspective we continued ethical sourcing audits. These now cover over 77% of our total spend with locally based suppliers and we provided 'fast fact sheets' on Modern Slavery to some of our smaller suppliers which included suggested tasks, additional information and resources. We also extensively reviewed our Purchase Order Terms and Conditions Policy and the Supply and Services Policies for both Australia and New Zealand.

## BUSINESS PERFORMANCE

Trading performance improved during FY24 with the Group delivering Sales and underlying EBITDA<sup>1</sup> year on year growth.

The Group achieved sales growth for FY24 of +3.4% to \$370.8m (\$358.5m FY23) and a +22.4% increase in underlying EBITDA<sup>1</sup> to \$20.8m (\$17.0m FY23). Group underlying EBIT<sup>1</sup> for FY24 was \$17.0m (\$13.4m FY23) and Net Profit after Tax for the year was \$0.7m (\$2.5m FY23). The reduction in Net Profit after Tax was due to costs relating to the ERP project (\$9.1m) and costs relating to acquisitions (\$0.8m).

The Group has a solid balance sheet with Net Assets of \$143.1m and Net Tangible Assets of \$34.7m at 30 June 2024. At 30 June the Group had Net Debt of \$47.3m (\$33.5m FY23). The increase in Net Debt was predominately due to funds used to acquire Steelmasters (\$13.4m), ERP project costs (\$9.1m) and Capital expenditure (\$4.4m). Cash Conversion<sup>3</sup> for the year was 112.1% (112.5% FY23).

*Note 3: Cash conversion = Gross operating cash flow less cash lease payments, addback significant items, divided by EBITDA<sup>1</sup>*



## BUSINESS PERFORMANCE

**FY24 GROUP  
SALES GROWTH**

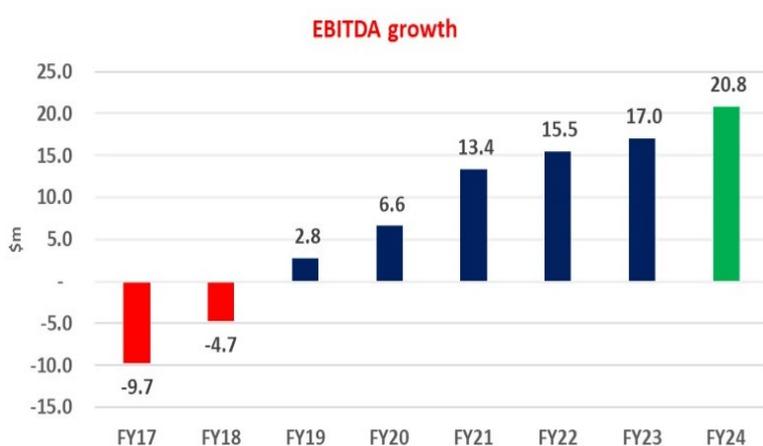
**3.4%**

**FY24 GROUP  
SALES**

**\$370.8m**

**FY23 GROUP  
SALES**

**\$358.5m**



**TRADING  
PERFORMANCE  
IMPROVED  
DURING FY24  
WITH THE GROUP  
DELIVERING  
SALES AND  
UNDERLYING  
EBITDA<sup>1</sup> YEAR ON  
YEAR GROWTH.**

net debt

**\$47.3m**

net tangible assets

**\$34.7m**

net assets

**\$143.1m**

## TRADE DISTRIBUTION

With the acquisition of Steelmasters and new store openings, our Trade Distribution (TD) segment has expanded to a network of 79 branches across Australia and New Zealand supported by 4 Distribution Centres. It comprises Konnect and Artia Australia (KAA), Konnect and Artia New Zealand (KANZ), Steelmasters (SM) and Nubco in Tasmania. Combined, we now have the leading fastener specialist business across Australia and New Zealand.

TD supplies a range of fastening systems, cabinet hardware systems, industrial and construction products to customers in the Industrial, Manufacturing, Infrastructure, Building and Construction, Roofing and Cladding, Mining and Mining Services, Resources/Oil and Gas and Agriculture and Aquaculture sectors.

TD sales for the year of \$212.1m up +1.0% on FY23. TD EBITDA<sup>1</sup> of \$16.7m down -2.0% on FY23. KAA delivered sales growth however KANZ declined in difficult market conditions and Nubco also declined due to price deflation on steel products and a decline in consumer spending.

### Konnect and Artia Australia (KAA)

KAA is one of Australia's leading fastener specialists and supplier of cabinet hardware.

KAA delivered sales growth and profit growth on the prior year up +2.7% and +26.4% respectively.

During the year, KAA continued to improve its value proposition, service levels and reputation. We opened new stores in Yatala and Karratha. In addition, store makeovers were completed in Laverton, Townsville, Kwinana, Shepparton and Wingfield, and branch relocations to larger facilities in better locations were completed in Wagga Wagga, Kalgoorlie, Wacol and Mildura. In FY25 we are planning 3 new branches and will continue store makeovers and branch relocations as required.

### Konnect and Artia New Zealand (KANZ)

KANZ is New Zealand's leading fastener specialist and supplier of cabinet hardware and temporary fencing.

Market conditions were difficult in New Zealand where high interest rates resulted in a double dip recession. As a result, KANZ sales and profit declined during the year. Trading and gross margin improvements made during the year will ensure we achieve positive results as the economy improves. We have seen some positive signs in Q4 2024.

During the year we relocated our East Tamaki and Penrose stores into new larger facilities and relocated our Napier branch. Store makeovers will continue in FY25.

### Nubco

Nubco is a specialist supplier of steel, reinforcing, fasteners, construction products, power tools, hand tools, PPE and consumables in Tasmania.

Nubco sales declined in FY24 due to price deflation on steel products and a decline in consumer discretionary spending. The Tasmanian building and construction, infrastructure and agriculture markets are expected to improve in FY25 so we are confident we can continue to grow in this market. Trading and gross margin % improvements occurred in Nubco which partly offset the sales decline and will set the business up for strong profit growth as markets recover.

## FLUID SYSTEMS

Fluid Systems (FS) is an innovative specialist service provider to the mining, agriculture, defence, construction, manufacturing and allied industries. FS specialises in hydraulics, lubrication, fire suppression, refuelling and automation systems and products. FS has the capability to design, manufacture, install, maintain and supply full turn-key solutions and components and operates 15 branches across Australia.

FS had another excellent year growing both Sales and EBITDA<sup>1</sup>, despite a continuing backdrop of labour and skills shortages and wage inflation.

FS is well positioned for further growth in the coming years as we expect their core markets of mining and resources, defence, recycling and agriculture to perform well. We can increase market share through our value proposition, expansion of our product and service offering, expanding our hydraulics capabilities and through acquisitions. Diversification into sectors outside of the mining and resources sector continues. FS has demonstrated through various cycles, that it has the capability to scale according to prevailing market conditions.

FS sales for the year of \$159.2m up +7.5% on FY23. FS EBITDA<sup>1</sup> of \$19.0m up +23.5% on FY23.

## STEELMASTERS ACQUISITION COMPLETED 30 APRIL 2024

Founded in 1973, Steelmasters Group is a leading Australasian supplier and manufacturer of industrial and speciality fasteners through its network of 12 branches (four in New Zealand and eight in Australia) with its head office in Auckland, New Zealand. The Steelmasters Group operates under several brands, 'Steelmasters' and 'Galvmasters' in New Zealand and 'Boltmasters' and 'Profast' in Australia.

The Steelmasters acquisition price of NZ\$45.5m represented a multiple of 6.1x 2023 EBITDA<sup>1</sup>. The total consideration has been funded via a combination of proceeds from an Institutional Placement, Share Purchase Plan and a new NAB Revolving Cash Advance Facility.

Steelmasters is operating separately within the Trade Distribution segment to minimise integration risk and will continue to be run by Steelmasters Group's existing management team.

## CENTRAL SERVICES

Our financing facilities with the National Australia Bank were expanded with the establishment of a new NAB Revolving Cash Advance Facility of A\$25.0 million to accommodate acquisitions. Key terms of the new facility are:

- Maturity date 31/07/2027
- Minimum \$5.0m repayable annually
- Drawn Margin: BBSY + 2.2%
- Any undrawn limit or repaid balance, can be redrawn for future Permitted Acquisitions.

Corporate costs are currently running at 4.3% of sales (4.6% FY23). We expect productivity projects, the ERP upgrade and the full year impact of Steelmasters, will enable us to reduce corporate cost % to sales further in FY25.

## TECHNOLOGY

The ERP upgrade has progressed well with 11 Fluid Systems branches and Finance now operating successfully on Microsoft D365. The next stages are the go-live for the final 4 Fluid Systems branches, Konnect and Artia New Zealand and Konnect and Artia Australian branches. We are on target to complete the project by the end of calendar year 2024.

The system will integrate seamlessly with our existing Microsoft systems including Office, SharePoint, Teams, Power BI and CRM. We expect significant improvements in customer service and productivity post implementation of the system.

## SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

The FY24 result was impacted by costs in relation to the:

- ERP Upgrade (\$9.1m).
- Acquisition related costs (\$0.8m).

## NET ASSETS/WORKING CAPITAL

The Group has a solid balance sheet with Net Tangible Assets of \$34.7m and Net Assets of \$143.1m compared to \$113.0m in FY23. Initiatives to reduce working capital and maximise cash conversion remain a key focus area for the Group.

The Group has tax losses of \$59.9m available for use in Australia and franking credits of \$7.1m available at balance date.



## NET DEBT POSITION

Net debt at 30 June 2024 of \$47.3m (Net debt at 30 June 2023 of \$33.5m). Net debt was impacted by:

- The Steelmasters acquisition (\$13.4m)
- ERP project costs (\$9.1m)
- Capital expenditure (\$4.4m)

Cash conversion of 112.1%<sup>3</sup>. In FY25 we will continue to take action to prudently manage inventory levels, collections and operating costs.

*Note 3: Cash conversion = Gross operating cash flow less cash lease payments, addback significant items, divided by EBITDA<sup>1</sup>*

## OUTLOOK

The Group operates in multi-billion-dollar fragmented markets and has very modest market shares. There are clear plans in place to continue to increase market share via new branch openings, branch refurbishments, business development, product range expansion and an enhanced focus on sales and marketing.

The Board and management are committed to leveraging the scale benefits of the platform established over recent years in all parts of our business. In particular, our goal is to achieve best in-class trade distribution margins over time and to that end we have identified and are implementing a range of improvement opportunities.

Positive July 2024 trading performance with sales and underlying EBITDA<sup>1</sup> ahead of pcip including acquisitions.

### Robert J. Bulluss

Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director



Coventry Group Ltd and its controlled entities

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	NOTE	2024	2023
		\$'000	\$'000
Revenue from sale of goods	2	370,805	358,543
Cost of sales		(216,328)	(215,454)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>154,477</b>	143,089
Other income		5,524	4,156
Employment costs	5	(88,741)	(81,592)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	13, 14, 15	(18,552)	(16,385)
Occupancy costs		(2,538)	(2,388)
Communication costs		(4,482)	(3,973)
Freight		(7,935)	(8,292)
Vehicle operating costs		(3,222)	(3,277)
ERP implementation costs	27	(9,096)	(5,492)
Other expenses		(16,398)	(16,631)
<b>Profit before net financial expense and tax</b>		<b>9,037</b>	9,215
Financial income	6	451	1,015
Financial expense	6	(8,417)	(6,507)
<b>Net financial expense</b>	6	<b>(7,966)</b>	(5,492)
<b>Profit before income tax</b>		<b>1,071</b>	3,723
Income tax expense	7	(412)	(1,251)
<b>Profit for the year</b>		<b>659</b>	2,472
<b>Earnings per share:</b>			
Basic earnings per share:	8	0.7 cents	2.7 cents
Diluted earnings per share:	8	0.7 cents	2.7 cents

The consolidated statement of profit or loss is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

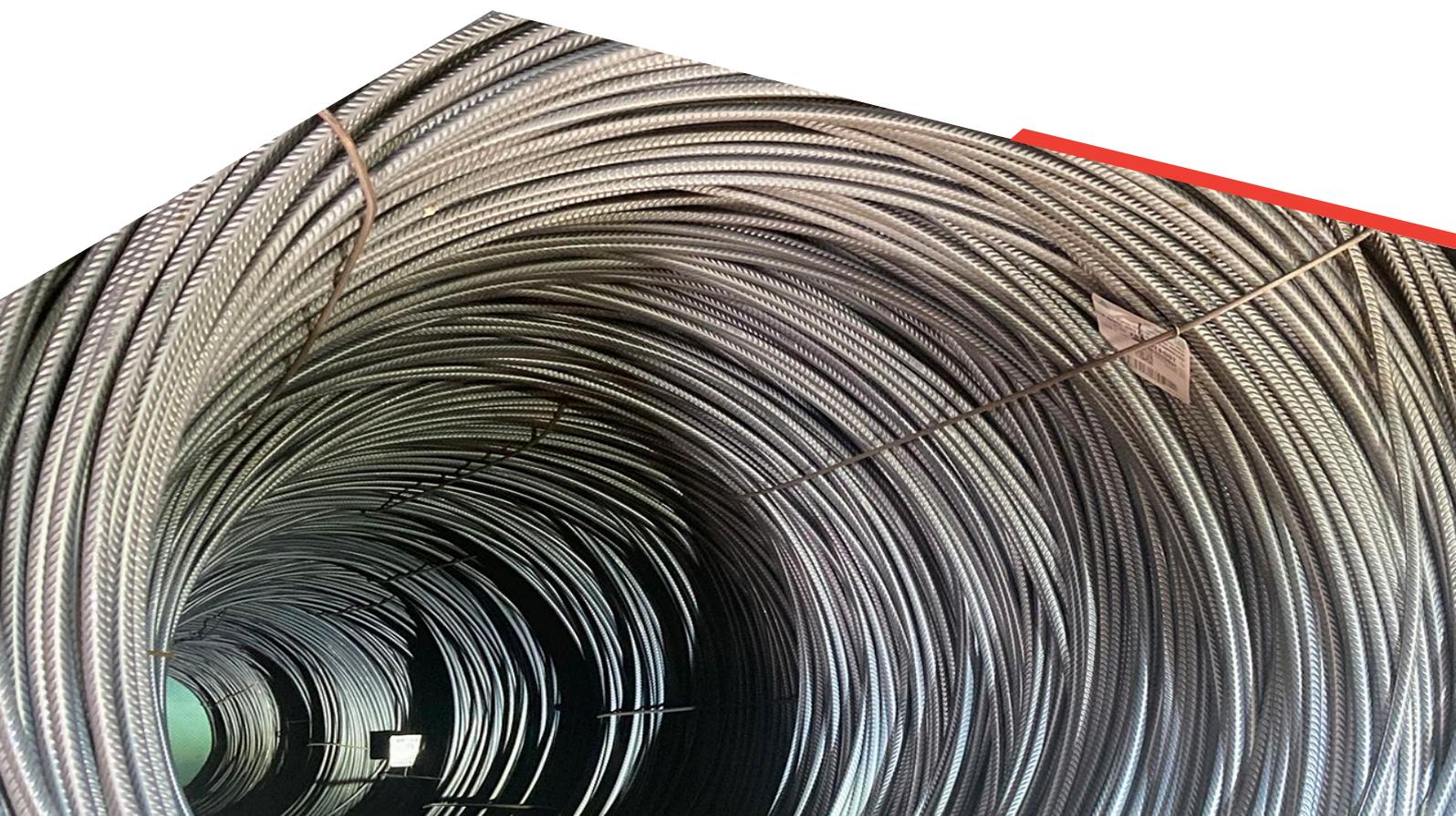
Coventry Group Ltd and its controlled entities

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	NOTE	2024	2023
		\$'000	\$'000
<b>Profit for the year</b>		<b>659</b>	2,472
<b>Other comprehensive income items that may be reclassified to profit or loss:</b>			
Foreign currency translation differences		(94)	(213)
Effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges		(12)	(284)
<b>Other comprehensive (loss) for the year, net of income tax</b>		<b>(106)</b>	(497)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>553</b>	1,975

The consolidated statement of comprehensive income is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.



Coventry Group Ltd and its controlled entities

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	NOTE	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	7,727	3,859
Trade and other receivables	10	57,864	53,302
Inventories	11	83,232	72,402
Other financial assets	10	2,614	2,705
Prepayments	10	5,527	4,894
Income tax receivable		38	-
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>157,002</b>	137,162
Other receivables	10	988	1,313
Deferred tax assets	7	22,767	21,339
Property, plant and equipment	13	16,389	13,990
Right-of-use assets	14	66,669	54,132
Intangible assets	15	85,565	54,861
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>192,378</b>	145,635
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>349,380</b>	282,797
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	17	56,598	52,217
Employee benefits		9,835	8,158
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	18	37,076	37,394
Lease liability		16,609	13,024
Provisions	19	537	603
Income tax payable		-	453
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>120,655</b>	111,849
Employee benefits		665	535
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	18	18,000	-
Other payables	17	454	574
Provisions	19	2,813	2,383
Lease liability		63,720	54,505
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>85,652</b>	57,997
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>206,307</b>	169,846
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>143,073</b>	112,951
<b>Equity</b>			
Issued capital	21	186,229	152,725
Reserves		(5,815)	(5,030)
Profit reserve		6,014	8,611
Accumulated losses		(43,355)	(43,355)
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>143,073</b>	112,951

The consolidated statement of financial position is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.



Coventry Group Ltd and its controlled entities

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Hedge reserve	Translation reserve	Other reserve	Total reserves	Profit reserve	Share capital	Accumulated losses	Total equity
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at 1 July 2023	15	(2,831)	(2,214)	(5,030)	8,611	152,725	(43,355)	112,951
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year</b>								
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	659	-	-	659
<b>Other comprehensive income/(loss):</b>								
Foreign currency translation differences	-	(94)	-	(94)	-	-	-	(94)
Effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges	(12)	-	-	(12)	-	-	-	(12)
<b>Total other comprehensive income/(loss)</b>	<b>(12)</b>	<b>(94)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(106)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(106)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year</b>	<b>(12)</b>	<b>(94)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(106)</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>553</b>
<b>Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity</b>								
Share issue	-	-	-	-	-	34,332	-	34,332
Share issue costs	-	-	-	-	-	(828)	-	(828)
Equity-settled share-based payments	-	-	(679)	(679)	-	-	-	(679)
Dividends	-	-	-	-	(3,256)	-	-	(3,256)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2024</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>(2,925)</b>	<b>(2,893)</b>	<b>(5,815)</b>	<b>6,014</b>	<b>186,229</b>	<b>(43,355)</b>	<b>143,073</b>

Amounts are stated net of tax

The consolidated statement of changes in equity is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Coventry Group Ltd and its controlled entities - Consolidated statement of changes in equity (continued)

	<b>Hedge reserve</b>	<b>Translation reserve</b>	<b>Other reserve</b>	<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>Profit reserve</b>	<b>Share capital</b>	<b>Accumulated losses</b>	<b>Total equity</b>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at 1 July 2022	299	(2,618)	(1,719)	(4,038)	9,366	151,618	(43,355)	113,591
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year								
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	2,472	-	-	2,472
Other comprehensive income/(loss):								
Foreign currency translation differences	-	(213)	-	(213)	-	-	-	(213)
Effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges	(284)	-	-	(284)	-	-	-	(284)
Total other comprehensive loss	(284)	(213)	-	(497)	-	-	-	(497)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	(284)	(213)	-	(497)	2,472	-	-	1,975
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity								
Share issue	-	-	-	-	-	1,114	-	1,114
Share issue costs	-	-	-	-	-	(7)	-	(7)
Equity-settled share-based payments	-	-	(495)	(495)	-	-	-	(495)
Dividends	-	-	-	-	(3,227)	-	-	(3,227)
Balance at 30 June 2023	15	(2,831)	(2,214)	(5,030)	8,611	152,725	(43,355)	112,951

Amounts are stated net of tax

The consolidated statement of changes in equity is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

## Coventry Group Ltd and its controlled entities

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	NOTE	2024	2023
		\$'000	\$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash receipts from customers		415,894	395,898
Cash paid to suppliers and employees		(388,082)	(370,038)
<b>Cash from operations</b>		<b>27,812</b>	<b>25,860</b>
Interest paid		(8,218)	(6,315)
Income taxes paid		(1,042)	(457)
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	25	<b>18,552</b>	<b>19,088</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		228	211
Payment for acquisitions of business, net of cash acquired	3	(41,028)	-
Interest received		277	525
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	13	(4,370)	(3,732)
Acquisition of intangible assets	15	(1,231)	(7)
<b>Net cash (used in) investing activities</b>		<b>(46,124)</b>	<b>(3,003)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from borrowings		809,504	940,570
Repayment of borrowings		(792,004)	(951,485)
Repayment of lease liabilities		(15,233)	(13,131)
Share issue costs		(1,183)	(7)
Dividends paid	21	(816)	(3,044)
Proceeds from issue of shares		31,101	-
<b>Net cash from/(used in) financing activities</b>		<b>31,369</b>	<b>(27,097)</b>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		3,797	(11,012)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July		3,859	15,319
Effect of movements in exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents		71	(448)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June</b>	9	<b>7,727</b>	<b>3,859</b>

The consolidated statement of cash flows is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

# Coventry Group Ltd and its controlled entities

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 June 2024

## 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Coventry Group Ltd (the "Company") is a for profit company domiciled in Australia. The address of the Company's registered office is 235 Settlement Road Thomastown VIC 3074 Australia. The consolidated financial statements ("financial report" or "consolidated financial report") of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 comprises the Company and its controlled entities (together referred to as the "Group").

The Company is party to a deed of cross-guarantee with its subsidiary entities. Under the deed of cross-guarantee, each body has guaranteed that the debts to each creditor of each other body which is a party to the deed will be paid in full in accordance with the deed.

The financial report was authorised for issue by the Directors on 20 August 2024.

### (a) Statement of compliance

This financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (AASBs) (including Australian Interpretations) adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the Corporations Act 2001. The consolidated financial report of the Group complies with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and interpretations adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

### (b) Basis of preparation

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars, which is the Company's functional currency. The financial report is prepared on the historical cost basis except for certain financial assets and liabilities (including share-based payments and derivative financial instruments) which are stated at their fair value.

The Group is of a kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191 dated 24 March 2016 and in accordance with that Instrument, amounts in the financial report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise stated.

The Group has consistently applied the accounting policies (as set out in Note 1(d) – 1(u)) to all years presented in this consolidated financial report.

### Going Concern

In preparing the financial report, the Directors have made an assessment of the ability of the Group to continue as a going

concern, which includes consideration of ongoing compliance with financial debt covenants, the continuity of business operations, realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business and at the amounts stated in the financial report. The Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Group will have adequate resources to continue to meet its obligations as they fall due.

### (c) New and amended standards adopted by the Group

The following new and amended standards are not expected to have a significant impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

- *IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts*
- *Disclosure of Accounting Policies - Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2*
- *Definition of Accounting Estimates - Amendments to IAS 8*
- *Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction - Amendments to IAS 12*
- *International Tax Reform - Pillar Two Model Rules - Amendments to IAS 12*

There are no significant new standards or interpretations not yet adopted.

AASB 2023-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - International Tax Reform - Pillar Two Model Rules

The Group has adopted AASB 2023-2 upon its release in May 2023. The amendments to AASB 112 require entities to disclose separately their current tax expense (income) related to Pillar Two income taxes, as published by the Organisation for economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Further, there is a mandatory temporary exception to accounting for deferred taxes arising from the implementation of the Pillar Two model rules.

At 30 June 2024 the relevant tax legislation is not substantively enacted in the tax jurisdictions the Group operates in, namely Australia and New Zealand. Accordingly, additional disclosures are not required and there is no material impact of Pillar Two. When the tax legislation is substantively enacted, mandatory financial statement disclosures will be required and the quantitative impact of Pillar Two legislation is not expected to be material based on the Group's assessment to date. The actual impacts are subject to the finalisation of tax laws and guidance relating to the application of Pillar Two rules which continue to be developed and established.

## 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

### **Standards issued but not yet effective**

The Group has not early adopted the following new or amended standards issued but not yet effective. The standards are not expected to have a significant impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

- *Non-current Liabilities with Covenants - Amendments to IAS 1*
- *Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current - Amendments to IAS 1*
- *Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback - Amendments to IFRS 16*
- *Supplier Finance Arrangements - Amendments to IAS 7*
- *Lack of Exchangeability - Amendments to IAS 21*
- *Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture - Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28*

### **(d) Basis of consolidation**

#### **Business combinations**

Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition method as at the acquisition date. In assessing control, the Group takes into consideration potential voting rights that currently are exercisable.

The Group measures goodwill at the acquisition date as:

- the fair value of the consideration transferred; plus
- the recognised amount of any non-controlling interests in the acquiree; plus
- if the business combination is achieved in stages, the fair value of the existing equity interest in the acquiree; less
- the net recognised amount (generally fair value) of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed.

When the excess is negative, a bargain purchase gain is recognised immediately in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Transaction costs, other than those associated with the issue of debt or equity securities, that the Group incurs in connection with a business combination are expensed as incurred.

#### **Controlled entities**

Controlled entities are entities controlled by the Company. Control exists when the Company is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity.

Investments in controlled entities are carried at their cost of acquisition in the Company's financial statements, net of impairment write downs. Intra-group balances and transactions, and any unrealised income and expenses arising from intra-group transactions, are eliminated in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

#### **Loss of control**

When the Group loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary, and any related NCI and other components of equity. Any resulting gain or loss is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss. Any interest retained in the former subsidiary is measured at fair value when control is lost.





1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

**(e) Foreign currency**

**Foreign currency transactions**

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the respective functional currencies of the Group entities at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at the reporting date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured based on historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rate when the fair value was determined. Foreign currency differences arising on translation are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

**Foreign operations**

The assets and liabilities of foreign operations, including goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on acquisition, are translated to Australian dollars at exchange rates at the reporting date.

The revenues and expenses of foreign operations are translated to Australian dollars at rates approximating the foreign exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

Foreign currency differences are recognised in other comprehensive income and presented in the translation reserve in equity. However, if the operation is a non-wholly owned subsidiary, then the relevant proportionate share of the translation difference is allocated to the non-controlling interests.

**(f) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and short-term deposits with a maturity of three months or less at inception date.

**(g) Inventories**

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost of inventories is based on weighted average cost. In the case of manufactured inventories and work in progress, cost includes an appropriate share of overheads. An impairment allowance is made for obsolete, damaged and slow-moving inventories.

**(h) Trade and other receivables**

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost less loss allowance.

**(i) Property, plant and equipment**

All classes of property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less depreciation and any accumulated impairment loss.

**Depreciation**

Items of property, plant and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives from the date that they are installed and are ready for use.

The estimated useful lives for each class of asset are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Plant and Equipment	5% - 40%

**(j) Intangibles**

**Goodwill**

Goodwill that arises upon the acquisition of subsidiaries is included in intangible assets. For the measurement of goodwill at initial recognition, see Note 1(d). Goodwill is not amortised, but it is tested for impairment annually, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that it might be impaired, and is carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Gains and losses on the disposal of an entity include the carrying amount of goodwill relating to the entity sold.

**Computer software**

Computer software comprises licence costs and direct costs incurred in preparing for the operation of that software, including associated process re-engineering costs. Computer software is measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. Computer software costs that have been categorised as a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) arrangement are recognised as an expense in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

## 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

### **Other intangible assets**

Brand names and customer relationships acquired in a business combination are recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. Brand names have an indefinite useful life and are measured at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Customer relationships have a finite useful life and are measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

### **Amortisation**

Except for goodwill and brand names, intangible assets are amortised on a straight-line basis in the consolidated statement of profit or loss over their estimated useful lives, from the date that they are available for use. In current and comparative periods, customer relationships was estimated to have a useful life of 10 years. Amortisation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate.

### **(k) Financial Instruments**

#### **Investments and other financial assets**

The Group measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL"), transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at FVPL are expensed in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.



### **Impairment of financial assets**

The Group assesses on a forward-looking basis the expected credit losses associated with its instruments carried at amortised cost and fair value through other comprehensive income ("OCI"). The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk.

For trade receivables, the Group applies the simplified approach permitted by AASB 9, which requires expected lifetime losses to be recognised from initial recognition of the receivables.

To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables and contract assets have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. The contract assets relate to unbilled work in progress and have substantially the same risk characteristics as the trade receivables for the same type of contract. The Group has concluded that the expected loss rates of trade receivables are a reasonable approximation to the loss rates for the contract assets.

### **(l) Impairment of assets (financial and non-financial)**

#### **Non-financial**

Goodwill and intangible assets that have an indefinite useful life are not amortised but are tested annually for impairment in accordance with AASB 136. Other assets are tested for impairment whenever events or circumstances arise that indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may be impaired. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of an asset is defined as the higher of its fair value less costs of disposal and value in use.

#### **Financial**

Financial assets are tested for impairment at each financial year end.

### **(m) Employee benefits**

A provision is made for the Group's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. These benefits include wages and salaries, annual leave and long service leave. Sick leave is non-vesting and has not been provided for.

### **(n) Provisions**

A provision is recognised in the statement of financial position when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation.

#### **Make good**

Provision for make good in respect of leased properties is recognised where appropriate based on the estimated cost to be incurred to restore premises to the required condition under the relevant lease agreements.

### **(o) Trade and other payables**

Trade and other payables are stated at amortised cost.



## 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

### **(p) Revenue and other income**

Revenue is recognised when control of a good or service transfers to a customer. Determining the timing of the transfer of control – at a point in time or over time - requires judgement.

#### ***Sale of goods – revenue recognised at a point in time***

Revenue from the sale of goods that are not subject to contract manufacturing arrangements is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of returns, rebates and goods and services tax payable to the taxation authority.

Revenue is recognised when a customer obtains control of the promised goods and the Group has satisfied its performance obligation in relation to the promised goods. In determining when control of promised goods passes to the customer, the Group considers a variety of factors including a present right to payment, physical possession, legal title, the transfer of significant risk and rewards of ownership of the goods and customer acceptance of the asset. The timing of the transfer of control to the customers for the sale of goods occurs either:

- When the goods are despatched or delivered in line with the Incoterms as detailed in the relevant contract of sale or purchase order for the goods. The Group sells a significant proportion of its products on Free-In-Store/ Delivered at Place Incoterms. This means the Groups control of the goods passes when the product is delivered to the agreed destination;
- When they are made available to the customer and ownership transfers prior to despatch as detailed in the relevant contract of sale or purchase order for the goods; or
- On notification (following stocktake) that the product has been used when the goods are consignment products located at customers' premises.

Where cash consideration has been received but the revenue recognition criteria has not been met, such amounts have been recorded on the consolidated statement of financial position as a contract liability.

#### ***Sale of goods – contract manufacturing and supply revenue recognised over time***

The Group has determined that for bundled contract manufacturing comprising design, build, install and service elements, the customer controls the goods once the goods are finished and installed on premises in accordance with the relevant contract. This is because under the contract, goods are manufactured to a customer's specification, and if a firm order that is placed by the customer in accordance with the agreement is terminated, the Group is entitled to a reimbursement of the costs incurred in manufacturing the goods, including a reasonable margin. Therefore, revenue for the agreements and the associated costs are recognised over time. That is, before the goods are delivered to the customer's premises. Invoices issued according to contractual terms and amounts not yet invoiced are presented as contract assets.

### **(q) Leases**

#### ***Leases in which the Group is a lessee***

The Group recognises all lease liabilities and corresponding right-of-use assets, with the exception of short-term (12 months or fewer) and low value leases, on the balance sheet.

Lease liabilities are initially measured at the net present value of future lease payments and extension options expected to be exercised. Variable lease payments not dependent on an index or rate are excluded from the calculation of lease liabilities. Payments are discounted at the incremental borrowing rate of the lessee. Non-lease components are excluded from the projection of future lease payments and recorded separately within operating costs on a straight-line basis.

The right-of-use asset, resulting from a lease arrangement, at initial recognition reflects the lease liability, initial direct costs and any lease payments made before the commencement date of the lease less any lease incentives plus, where applicable, provision for dismantling and restoration.



## 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

The Group recognises depreciation of right-of-use assets and interest on lease liabilities in the consolidated statement of profit or loss over the lease term. Repayments of lease liabilities are separated into a principal portion (presented within financing activities) and interest portion (which the Group presents in operating activities) in the cash flow statement.

### *Leases in which the Group is a lessor*

The Group sub-leases some of its properties. The Group has applied the guidance set out in AASB 16 to classify these as either a finance lease or operating lease.

### *Operating leases*

Rental income is recognised in the statement of profit or loss as other income.

### *Finance leases*

The Group recognises an investment in sub-lease in the statement of financial position. Rental income is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss as interest income. Finance sub-leases are classified with reference to the right-of-use asset arising from the head lease.

## **(r) Finance income and finance costs**

Finance income comprises interest income on funds invested and on finance leases where the Group is a lessor. Interest income is recognised as it accrues in the consolidated statement of profit or loss, using the effective interest method.

Finance costs comprise interest expense on borrowings and leases.

Borrowing costs that are not directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss using the effective interest method.

Foreign currency gains and losses on financial assets and financial liabilities are reported on a net basis as either finance income or finance cost depending on whether foreign currency movements are in a net gain or net loss position.

## **(s) Income tax**

Income tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognised in the statement of profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case it is recognised in equity.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is provided using the balance sheet liability method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. The following temporary differences are not provided for: initial recognition of goodwill, the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting nor taxable profit, and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that they will probably not reverse in the foreseeable future. The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for unused tax losses, unused tax credits and deductible temporary differences only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used. Future taxable profits are determined based on the reversal of relevant taxable temporary differences. If the amount of taxable temporary differences is insufficient to recognise a deferred tax asset in full, then future taxable profits, adjusted for reversals of existing temporary differences, are considered, based on the business plans for the Group.

Additional income taxes that arise from the distribution of dividends are recognised at the same time as the liability to pay the related dividend.

## 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

### Tax consolidation

The Company and its wholly owned Australian resident entities have formed a tax consolidated group with effect from 1 November 2002 and are therefore taxed as a single entity from that date. The head entity within the tax consolidated group is Coventry Group Ltd.

Current tax expense/income, deferred tax liabilities and deferred tax assets arising from temporary differences of the members of the tax consolidated group are recognised in the separate financial statements of the members of the tax consolidated group using the 'separate taxpayer within group' approach by reference to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the separate financial statements of each entity and the tax values applying under tax consolidation.

Any current tax liabilities (or assets) and deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses of the controlled entities is assumed by the head entity in the tax consolidated group and recognised by the Company as an equity contribution or distribution.

The Company recognises deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses of the tax consolidated group to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits of the tax consolidated group will be available against which the asset can be utilised.

Any subsequent period adjustments to deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses as a result of revised assessments of the probability of recoverability is recognised by the head entity only.

### (t) Goods and services tax

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 taxation authority. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are stated with the amount of GST included. Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis.

### (u) Accounting estimates and judgements

In preparing these consolidated financial statements, management has made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the Group's accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expense. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and on other factors it believes to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of the reported amounts that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognised prospectively.

In particular, information about significant areas of estimation uncertainty and critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are:

- estimation of current tax payable, current tax expense and recovery of deferred tax assets based on forecasted taxable profit – note 1(s) and note 7
- estimated impairment of non-financial assets and measurement of the recoverable amount of cash generating units – note 16
- valuation of inventories – note 1(g)
- estimation of fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in business combinations, and fair value of consideration transferred (including contingent consideration) – note 3





## 2. SEGMENT INFORMATION

### (a) Description of segments

The Group has reportable segments as described below. For each of the strategic reportable segments, the CEO reviews internal management accounts on a monthly basis. The following summary describes the operations of each of the Group's reportable segments:

<b>Trade Distribution</b>	Includes the importation, distribution and marketing of industrial fasteners, industrial hardware supplies and associated products, temporary fencing and cabinet making hardware.
<b>Fluid Systems</b>	Includes the design, manufacture, distribution, installation and maintenance of lubrication and hydraulic fluid systems and hoses.

## 2. Segment Information (continued)

### (b) Segment information

Information regarding the results of each reportable segment is included below.

Information about reportable segments	Trade Distribution	Fluid Systems	Other business units and consolidation adjustments	Total reportable segments
<b>30 June 2024</b>	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Segment revenue	212,129	159,203	-	371,332
Inter-segment revenue	-	-	-	-
<b>Revenue from external customers</b>	<b>212,129</b>	<b>159,203</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>371,332</b>
Timing of revenue recognition at				
point in time	209,357	153,872	-	363,229
over time	2,772	5,331	-	8,103
<b>Total</b>	<b>212,129</b>	<b>159,203</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>371,332</b>
<b>Underlying EBITDA<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>16,682</b>	<b>18,953</b>	<b>(14,826)</b>	<b>20,809</b>
Depreciation and amortisation	1,539	1,101	1,155	3,795
<b>Underlying EBIT<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>15,143</b>	<b>17,852</b>	<b>(15,981)</b>	<b>17,014</b>

Note 1: Underlying EBITDA and Underlying EBIT are non-IFRS measures and reflect how management measures performance of the Group. Underlying EBITDA is earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation and has been adjusted as a result of AASB16 to exclude leases and significant items. Underlying EBIT is earnings before interest and tax and has been adjusted to exclude leases and significant items.

## 2. Segment Information (continued)

Information about reportable segments	Trade Distribution	Fluid Systems	Other business units and consolidation adjustments	Total reportable segments
<b>30 June 2023</b>	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Segment revenue	210,106	148,096	-	358,202
Inter-segment revenue	-	-	-	-
Revenue from external customers	210,106	148,096	-	358,202
Timing of revenue recognition at				
point in time	206,881	143,119	-	350,000
over time	3,225	4,977	-	8,202
Total	210,106	148,096	-	358,202
Underlying EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	17,019	15,348	(15,362)	17,005
Depreciation and amortisation	1,626	944	1,058	3,628
Underlying EBIT <sup>1</sup>	15,393	14,404	(16,420)	13,377

Note 1: Underlying EBITDA and Underlying EBIT are non-IFRS measures and reflect how management measures performance of the Group. Underlying EBITDA is earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation and has been adjusted as a result of AASB16 to exclude leases and significant items. Underlying EBIT is earnings before interest and tax and has been adjusted to exclude leases and significant items.



## 2. Segment Information (continued)

### (c) Other segment information

#### i. Segment Revenue

A reconciliation of segment revenue to total revenue from the sale of goods in the consolidated statement of profit or loss is provided as follows:

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Total segment revenue</b>	<b>371,332</b>	358,202
Foreign exchange translation variance	(527)	341
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>370,805</b>	358,543

#### ii. Segment Operating Profit

The performance of the Group's reportable segments is based on Underlying EBIT<sup>1</sup>. Reconciliation of Underlying EBIT<sup>1</sup> to operating profit in the consolidated statement of profit or loss is provided as follows:

	NOTE	2024	2023
		\$'000	\$'000
<b>Total segment Underlying EBIT<sup>1</sup></b>		<b>17,014</b>	13,377
Foreign exchange translation variance		(46)	15
Significant items		(10,584)	(6,394)
Net financing expense, excluding interest on lease liabilities (AASB16)		(3,370)	(1,473)
Income tax benefit/(expense)	7	(942)	(1,791)
Other adjustments		(176)	-
Impact of AASB16			
Depreciation of right-of-use assets		(14,530)	(12,739)
Net Interest on lease liabilities and sub-lease investment		(4,414)	(4,015)
Reversal of net rent and lease payments and receivables		17,177	14,952
Income tax benefit	7	530	540
<b>Profit for the year</b>		<b>659</b>	2,472

### (d) Geographic information

Revenue based on the geographic location of customers were Australia \$319,639,000 (2023: \$306,457,000) and New Zealand \$51,166,000 (2023: \$52,086,000).

### 3. BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

#### (a) Current period business combinations

##### Acquisition of Steel Masters Auckland Limited ("Steelmasters Group")

On 30 April 2024, the Group acquired 100% of the issued share capital of Steelmasters Group, an Australasian supplier and manufacturer of industrial and speciality fasteners.

The Group incurred acquisition-related costs of \$598,000 on legal fees and due diligence costs. \$195,000 of these costs have been expensed in the consolidated statement of profit or loss in the current financial year, with the balance in previous financial years.

The goodwill is attributable to Steelmasters Group's strong historic profit performance and potential for further growth and expansion.

The acquisition offers tangible synergies that will benefit the

Group's Trade Distribution business including joint customer opportunities, group buying benefits and knowledge sharing.

As the acquisition has recently occurred the fair value of assets and liabilities are presented as provisional amounts.

If new information obtained within one year of the date of the acquisition about facts and circumstances that existed at the date of acquisition and which identify differences in fair value, then the accounting for the acquisition will be revised.

##### Summary of business combinations during the period

Details of the purchase consideration, the net assets acquired and goodwill are as follows:

Purchase consideration	Total \$'000
Cash paid	45,632
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,632</b>

##### Provisional fair value of net assets acquired

Cash and cash equivalents	4,604
Trade and other receivables	3,502
Inventories	9,633
Other current assets	443
Property, plant and equipment (note 13)	1,216
Deferred tax assets	3,334
Right-of-use assets (note 14)	9,305
Trade and other payables	(2,661)
Employee benefits	(968)
Income tax payable	(50)
Deferred tax liabilities	(2,451)
Provisions (note 19)	(385)
Lease liabilities (note 22b)	(10,125)
<b>Total identifiable net assets acquired</b>	<b>15,397</b>
Goodwill on consolidation (note 15)	30,235
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,632</b>

##### Revenue and profit contribution

The acquisition of Steelmasters contributed revenue of \$6,094,000 and net profit of \$733,000 to the Group for the period from 30 April 2024 to 30 June 2024 (two months trading).

If the acquisition had occurred on 1 July 2023, the Group's estimated consolidated revenue and estimated consolidated profit after tax for the year ended 30 June 2024 would have been \$400,543,000 and \$3,700,000 respectively.

#### 4. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<b>Audit services</b>		
Auditors of the Group - KPMG		
Audit and review of financial statements	378,371	347,084
Other auditors		
Audit of financial statements - controlled entities	56,892	-
<b>Non-audit services</b>		
Amounts paid and payable to KPMG:		
Transaction services	52,250	-
Taxation services	7,375	16,792
Hosting of AGM	-	604
<b>Total non-audit services</b>	<b>59,625</b>	<b>17,396</b>

#### 5. EMPLOYMENT COSTS

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Wages and salaries	67,154	62,144
Liability for annual leave and long service leave	7,226	6,473
Contributions to superannuation funds	7,263	6,424
Payroll taxes	4,088	3,745
Other associated personnel expenses	3,010	2,806
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,741</b>	<b>81,592</b>

#### 6. FINANCE INCOME AND FINANCE EXPENSES

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Interest income	277	294
Net foreign exchange gain	174	721
<b>Financial income</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>1,015</b>
Interest expense	(3,907)	(2,489)
Interest expense on lease liabilities	(4,510)	(4,018)
<b>Financial expenses</b>	<b>(8,417)</b>	<b>(6,507)</b>
<b>Net financial expense</b>	<b>(7,966)</b>	<b>(5,492)</b>



## 7. TAXES

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Current tax expense</b>		
Current year	5,337	865
<b>Tax recognised in the profit or loss</b>	<b>5,337</b>	<b>865</b>
<b>Deferred tax expense/(benefit)</b>		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	(4,925)	386
<b>Total deferred tax expense/(benefit)</b>	<b>(4,925)</b>	<b>386</b>
<b>Total income tax expense</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>1,251</b>
<b>Reconciliation of effective tax rate</b>		
Profit from operations for the period	659	2,472
Total income tax expense	412	1,251
<b>Profit before income tax</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>3,723</b>
Income tax using the Company's domestic tax rate of 30%	322	1,117
Non-deductible expenditure	139	180
Effect of lower tax rate applicable to foreign controlled entity	(49)	(46)
<b>Total income tax expense</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>1,251</b>

## 7. Taxes (continued)

### Recognised deferred tax assets and liabilities

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are attributable to the following:

	Assets		Liabilities		Net	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Trade and other receivables	287	189	(2)	-	285	189
Inventories	1,407	1,255	-	-	1,407	1,255
Property, plant and equipment	1,888	2,124	-	-	1,888	2,124
Right-of-use assets	-	-	(19,470)	(16,082)	(19,470)	(16,082)
Intangible assets	4,845	-	(4,421)	(4,605)	424	(4,605)
Employee benefits	3,098	2,596	-	-	3,098	2,596
Trade and other payables	884	748	(1)	(7)	883	741
Provisions	44	88	-	-	44	88
Lease liability	24,470	20,900	-	-	24,470	20,900
Other items	308	33	(2)	-	306	33
Tax losses carried forward	9,432	14,100	-	-	9,432	14,100
<b>Tax assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>46,663</b>	<b>42,033</b>	<b>(23,896)</b>	<b>(20,694)</b>	<b>22,767</b>	<b>21,339</b>
Set off of deferred tax liability	(23,896)	(20,694)	23,896	20,694	-	-
<b>Net deferred tax asset</b>	<b>22,767</b>	<b>21,339</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,767</b>	<b>21,339</b>

Within the Group Australian operations there are unutilised carried forward tax losses of \$59,882,013 (2023: \$66,821,502). The Group has determined it is probable that future taxable profits would be available for use against tax losses.

The Australian Group has \$16,797,993 in unused tax losses for which no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the statement of financial position.

## 8. EARNINGS PER SHARE

	2024	2023
Weighted average of shares in year used in basic earnings per share (number)	97,042,646	92,111,671
Weighted average of dilutive rights outstanding (number)	190,808	856,448
<b>Weighted average of shares in year used in calculating dilutive earnings per share (number)</b>	<b>97,233,454</b>	<b>92,968,119</b>
Earnings used in basic and diluted earnings per share calculation (\$)	659,427	2,471,577
Earnings per share (cents)	0.7 cents	2.7 cents
Diluted earnings per share (cents)	0.7 cents	2.7 cents



	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>9. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	<b>7,727</b>	3,859

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>10. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Trade receivables	58,510	53,626
Loss allowance (note 22(a))	(970)	(598)
	57,540	53,028
Net investment in sub-lease	324	274
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,864</b>	53,302
Other financial assets	2,614	2,705
Prepayments	5,527	4,894
	8,141	7,599
<b>Non-current</b>		
Net investment in sub-lease	988	1,313
<b>Total trade and other receivables</b>	<b>66,993</b>	62,214

During the year the Group recognised interest income of \$140,000 on sub-lease receivables.

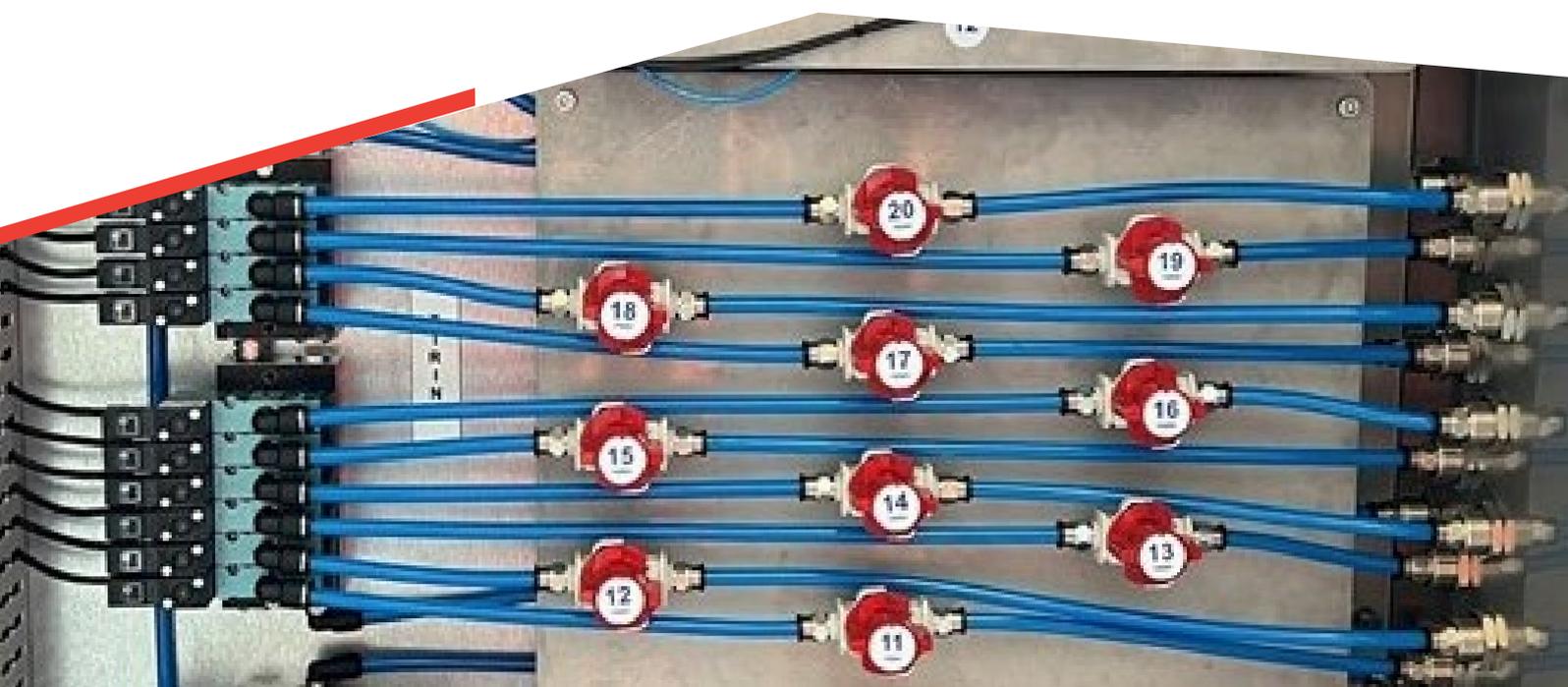
Information about the Group's exposure to credit risk, foreign currency risk and interest rate risk is disclosed in note 22.

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>11. INVENTORIES</b>		
Work in progress	5,756	5,540
Finished goods	83,445	71,081
Provision for obsolescence	(5,969)	(4,219)
<b>Net Inventory balance</b>	<b>83,232</b>	72,402

## 12. PARENT ENTITY DISCLOSURES

As at, and throughout the financial year ending 30 June 2024 the parent company of the Group was Coventry Group Ltd.

	2024	2023
<b>Results of the parent entity</b>	\$'000	\$'000
Profit for the year	5,320	5,989
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	(14)	(143)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year after tax</b>	<b>5,306</b>	5,846
<b>Financial position of parent entity at year end</b>		
Current assets	98,514	94,064
Total assets	301,933	246,924
Current liabilities	95,729	93,567
Total liabilities	149,659	129,525
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>152,274</b>	117,399
<b>Total equity of the parent entity comprising:</b>		
Issued capital	186,229	152,725
Reserves	680	1,373
Profit reserve	7,781	5,716
Accumulated losses	(42,415)	(42,415)
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>152,274</b>	117,399



### 13. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

\$'000

<b>Cost at 1 July 2023</b>	56,361
Accumulated Depreciation at 1 July 2023	(42,371)
<b>Carrying amounts at 1 July 2023</b>	<b>13,990</b>
Additions	4,370
Additions through business combinations (note 3)	1,216
Depreciation charge for the year	(3,041)
Disposals	(140)
Effect of movements in foreign exchange	(6)
<b>Carrying amounts at 30 June 2024</b>	<b>16,389</b>
<b>Cost at 1 July 2022</b>	53,340
Accumulated Depreciation at 1 July 2022	(40,150)
<b>Carrying amounts at 1 July 2022</b>	<b>13,190</b>
Additions	3,732
Depreciation charge for the year	(2,775)
Disposals	(211)
Effect of movements in foreign exchange	54
<b>Carrying amounts at 30 June 2023</b>	<b>13,990</b>



## 14. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

	Property	Vehicles	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Carrying amounts at 1 July 2023</b>	44,429	9,703	54,132
Additions	5,522	5,726	11,248
Additions through business combinations (note 3)	9,228	77	9,305
Terminations	(7)	-	(7)
Lease reassessments	6,219	521	6,740
Depreciation for the period	(10,152)	(4,614)	(14,766)
Effect of movements in foreign exchange	18	(1)	17
<b>Carrying amount at 30 June 2024</b>	<b>55,257</b>	<b>11,412</b>	<b>66,669</b>
<b>Carrying amounts at 1 July 2022</b>	37,227	4,941	42,168
Additions	9,007	7,594	16,601
Terminations	(391)	-	(391)
Lease reassessments	7,376	1,006	8,382
Depreciation for the period	(8,894)	(3,857)	(12,751)
Effect of movements in foreign exchange	104	19	123
Carrying amount at 30 June 2023	44,429	9,703	54,132



15. INTANGIBLE ASSETS	Goodwill	Brand name	Customer relationships	Computer software	Development costs	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Carrying amounts at 1 July 2023</b>	37,022	11,929	3,459	2,451	-	54,861
Additions	-	-	-	1,074	157	1,231
Additions through business combinations (note 3)	30,235	-	-	-	-	30,235
Amortisation for the year	-	-	(610)	(135)	-	(745)
Effect of movements in foreign exchange	(15)	(2)	-	-	-	(17)
<b>Carrying amounts at 30 June 2024</b>	<b>67,242</b>	<b>11,927</b>	<b>2,849</b>	<b>3,390</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>85,565</b>
<b>Carrying amounts at 1 July 2022</b>	36,949	11,919	4,069	2,693	-	55,630
Additions	-	-	-	7	-	7
Amortisation for the year	-	-	(610)	(249)	-	(859)
Effect of movements in foreign exchange	73	10	-	-	-	83
Carrying amounts at 30 June 2023	37,022	11,929	3,459	2,451	-	54,861

## 16. IMPAIRMENT OF NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets are allocated to the Group's reportable segments. The aggregate carrying amounts of goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets allocated to each CGU are as follows.

	2024			2023		
	Goodwill	Brand Name	Total	Goodwill	Brand Name	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Fluid Systems	15,682	-	15,682	15,682	-	15,682
Trade Distribution	51,560	11,927	63,487	21,340	11,929	33,269
<b>Total</b>	<b>67,242</b>	<b>11,927</b>	<b>79,169</b>	<b>37,022</b>	<b>11,929</b>	<b>48,951</b>

The key assumptions used in the value in use calculations include projected sales growth, projected gross margins, terminal growth rate, improvements in working capital and the discount rate. These assumptions are based on historical experience and projected performance. Budget and forecast calculations cover a period of five years. A long-term growth rate is determined and applied to project future cash flows after the fifth year.

For the year ended 30 June 2024, the Group's value in use model showed the recoverable amount exceeded the carrying amount of both the Trade Distribution and Fluid Systems CGUs.

The values assigned to the key assumptions were:

### Fluid Systems

- Sales growth at 3.87% for FY25, 8.00% for FY26 to FY29.
- Terminal growth 2.5%
- Post-tax WACC of 12.25%

### Trade Distribution

- Sales growth at 20.67% for FY25, 8.00% for FY26 - FY29.
- Terminal growth 2.5%
- Post-tax WACC of 11.5%



## 17. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

The Group's exposure to currency and liquidity risk related to trade and other payables is disclosed in Note 22.

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Trade payables	44,516	43,276
Other trade payables and accrued expenses	12,536	9,515
<b>Total trade and other payables</b>	<b>57,052</b>	<b>52,791</b>
Current	56,598	52,217
Non-current	454	574
<b>Total trade and other payables</b>	<b>57,052</b>	<b>52,791</b>

## 18. INTEREST-BEARING LOANS AND BORROWINGS

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Current</b>		
Borrowing base facility	37,076	37,394
<b>Non-current</b>		
Revolving cash advance facility	18,000	-
<b>Total interest-bearing loans and borrowings</b>	<b>55,076</b>	<b>37,394</b>

### *Non-cash investing and financing activities*

There were no non-cash investing and financing activities.

### *Borrowing base facility*

The Group has a \$55.0 million Borrowing base facility against eligible inventory and debtors with a current expiry of July 2026 (2023: \$55.0 million). The overall facility is secured by General Security Deeds with Australian and New Zealand entities as well as Rights of Entry to eligible inventory locations. The facility is subject to a floating interest on funds drawn. The facility limit is scalable for future growth.

### *Revolving cash advance facility*

The Group has a \$25.0 million Revolving cash advance facility with a current expiry of July 2027 to accommodate future acquisitions (2023: nil). The facility is subject to a floating interest on funds drawn. A minimum of \$5.0m is repayable annually. Any undrawn limit or repaid balance can be redrawn for future permitted acquisitions.

### *Guarantee facility*

In addition to the borrowing facilities above, the Group has a \$5.0 million Standby Letter of Credit to provide security for Transactional Banking, Bank Guarantees, FX and other transactional facilities up to the limit specified in each individual guarantee.

### *ANZ facilities*

The Group maintains a small residual intraday facility with ANZ which will be closed upon full transition of transactional banking to the NAB.

## 19. PROVISIONS

	Make good	Warranties	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at 1 July 2023	2,702	284	2,986
Assumed in business combinations (note 3)	385	-	385
Provisions increased/(decreased)	197	387	584
Provisions used	(71)	(534)	(605)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2024</b>	<b>3,213</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>3,350</b>

## 20. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

### Executive and Director Incentive Plan

An Executive and Director Incentive Plan was re-approved by shareholders in 2021. The Plan governs the future granting of performance rights and issue of shares based on annual Company performance. Vesting of performance rights may vary subject to the extent performance hurdles have been met and the exercise of Board discretion. On vesting, the performance rights entitle the recipient to receive fully paid shares in the Company.

The following share-based payments existed at 30 June 2024:

	30 June 2024		30 June 2023	
	Number of performance rights	Weighted average fair value	Number of performance rights	Weighted average fair value
Outstanding at the beginning of the year	856,448	\$1.3243	1,628,068	\$1.2681
Granted	891,416	\$1.1800	718,742	\$1.2400
Forfeited	(891,416)	\$1.1800	(718,742)	\$1.2400
Exercised	(665,640)	\$1.1908	(771,620)	\$1.2058
Lapsed	-	-	-	-
<b>Outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>190,808</b>	<b>\$1.79</b>	856,448	\$1.3243

Total expenses arising from share-based payment transactions recognised in employment costs during the year were \$113,837 (2023: \$434,960).

## 21. CAPITAL AND RESERVES

	Ordinary shares	Ordinary shares
	2024	2023
<b>Share capital</b>	'000	'000
On issue at 1 July	92,356	91,430
Conversion of performance rights	666	772
Dividend reinvestment plan	2,321	154
Issued for cash	21,448	-
On issue at 30 June	<b>116,791</b>	92,356

### Ordinary shares

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Company. All shares rank equally with regard to the Company's residual assets.

During the financial year 21,448,296 new ordinary shares were issued for cash at a price of \$1.45 per share.

### Nature and purpose of reserves

#### Translation reserve

The translation reserve comprises all foreign exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign operations where their functional currency is different to the functional currency of the reporting entity, as well as from the translation of liabilities that hedge the Company's net investment in a foreign subsidiary.

### Share based payments reserve

The share-based payment reserve comprises the fair value of shares and options that are yet to vest under share-based payment arrangements.

### Hedge reserve

The hedging reserve comprises the effective portion of the cumulative net change in the fair value of hedging instruments used in cash flow hedges pending subsequent recognition in the consolidated statement of profit or loss as the hedged cash flows affect profit or loss.

### Profit reserve

The profit reserve comprises retained profits since the reserve was first established in the 2021 financial year.

### Dividends

The Board has declared a final dividend of 3.75 cents per share, fully franked, in relation to the year ended 30 June 2024. The Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan enables eligible shareholders to reinvest their dividend in additional shares in the Company.

A final dividend of \$3.3 million (3.5 cents per share, fully franked) in relation to the financial year ended 30 June 2023 was declared and paid by the Group in the financial year ended 30 June 2024 (2023: 3.2 million). Final dividend paid includes dividend reinvested of \$2.4 million.

	Company	
	2024	2023
	'000	'000
<b>Dividend franking account</b>		
30 per cent franking credits available to shareholders of the Company for subsequent financial years	<b>7,125</b>	8,520



## 22. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group has exposure to the following risks from their use of financial instruments:

- Credit risk
- Liquidity risk
- Market risk

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the risk management framework.

### *Fair value disclosures*

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised

within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- Level 1 – Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices)
- Level 3 – Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

### **(a) Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Group if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations and arises principally from the Group's cash and cash equivalents and receivables from customers.

### *Exposure to credit risk*

The carrying amount of the Group's financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was:

	Note	Carrying amount	
		2024	2023
		'000	'000
Cash and cash equivalents	9	7,727	3,859
Trade receivables	10	58,852	54,615
<b>Total</b>		<b>66,579</b>	<b>58,473</b>

### *Trade and other receivables*

The Group's exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each customer. The demographics of the Group's customer base, including the default risk of the industry and country in which customers operate, has less of an influence on credit risk. The Group has no significant concentration of customer base.

Management has established a credit policy under which each new customer is analysed individually for creditworthiness before the Group's standard payment and delivery terms and conditions are offered.

Goods are sold subject to retention of title clauses, so that in the event of non-payment the Group may have a secured claim. The Group's terms and conditions of trade have been amended to incorporate the Personal Property Security legislation. The Group does not normally require collateral in respect of trade and other receivables.

The Group's maximum exposure to credit risk for trade receivables at the reporting date by geographic region was Australia \$52,665,000 (2023: \$48,594,000) and New Zealand \$6,188,000 (2023: \$6,020,000).

Cash at bank and short-term or long-term deposits are held with Australian and New Zealand banks with acceptable credit ratings.

**Impairment of Trade Receivables**

The Group applies the AASB 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade receivables.

To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics, days past due and historic credit loss data.

The loss allowance as at 30 June 2024 was determined as follows for trade receivables:

	Current	More than 30 days past due	More than 60 days past due	More than 120 days past due	Total
<b>30 June 2024</b>					
<b>Australia</b>					
Expected loss rate (%)	0.0%	0.1%	1.4%	55.1%	
Gross carrying amount (\$'000) / balance outstanding as reporting date	44,421	4,872	1,309	1,224	51,826
Loss allowance (\$'000)	-	4	18	675	697
<b>New Zealand</b>					
Expected loss rate (%)	1.2%	1.5%	3.9%	91.3%	
Gross carrying amount (\$'000) / balance outstanding at reporting date	5,677	360	96	213	6,346
<b>Loss allowance (\$'000)</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>273</b>
<b>30 June 2023</b>					
<b>Australia</b>					
Expected loss rate (%)	0.0%	0.1%	1.3%	52.3%	
Gross carrying amount (\$'000) / balance outstanding as reporting date	44,301	1,430	822	980	47,533
Loss allowance (\$'000)	-	1	11	513	525
<b>New Zealand</b>					
Expected loss rate (%)	0.0%	0.1%	2.2%	87.5%	
Gross carrying amount (\$'000) / balance outstanding at reporting date	5,755	136	122	80	6,093
Loss allowance (\$'000)	-	-	3	70	73



## 22. Financial Risk Management (continued)

### (b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Group's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Group's reputation.

The Group maintains a \$55 million Borrowing Base facility and \$25 million Revolving Cash Advance facility on which interest is payable at prevailing market rates.

#### *Maturities of financial liabilities*

The following are the contractual maturities of financial liabilities, including estimated interest payments and excluding the impact of netting agreements:

Non derivative financial liabilities	2024					
	Carrying amount	Contractual cash flow	6 mths or less	6-12 mths	1-2 years	More than 2 years
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Trade and other payables	57,052	(57,052)	(56,532)	(65)	(435)	(20)
Borrowing facility	55,076	(58,234)	(37,075)	(985)	(4,145)	(16,029)
Lease liability	80,329	(99,745)	(10,626)	(9,852)	(17,351)	(61,916)
<b>Total</b>	<b>192,457</b>	<b>(215,031)</b>	<b>(104,233)</b>	<b>(10,902)</b>	<b>(21,931)</b>	<b>(77,965)</b>

The outflows associated with forward contracts used for hedging are US\$11.3 million (A\$17.1 million), 2023: US\$11.0 million (A\$16.6 million) and will have been made within 11 months or less

Non derivative financial liabilities	2023					
	Carrying amount	Contractual cash flow	6 mths or less	6-12 mths	1-2 years	More than 2 years
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Trade and other payables	52,791	(52,791)	(51,798)	(419)	(437)	(137)
Borrowing facility	37,394	(37,394)	(37,394)	(985)-	-	-
Lease liability	67,530	(84,074)	(8,685)	(7,997)	(14,520)	(52,872)
<b>Total</b>	<b>157,715</b>	<b>(174,259)</b>	<b>(97,877)</b>	<b>(8,416)</b>	<b>(14,957)</b>	<b>(53,009)</b>

## 22. Financial Risk Management (continued)

### Changes in liabilities arising from financing activities

	Borrowings	Lease liabilities	Total liabilities from financing activities
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>30 June 2024<sup>1</sup></b>			
Opening balance at the beginning of the financial year	37,394	67,529	104,923
Proceeds	809,504	-	809,504
Repayments	(792,004)	(15,233)	(807,237)
New leases, reassessments and disposals	-	17,932	17,932
Assumed in business combinations (note 3)	-	10,125	10,125
Effects of movement in foreign exchange	182	(24)	158
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>55,076</b>	<b>80,329</b>	<b>135,405</b>
<b>30 June 2023<sup>1</sup></b>			
Opening balance at the beginning of the financial year	48,411	56,067	104,478
Proceeds	940,570	-	940,570
Repayments	(951,485)	(13,131)	(964,616)
New leases, reassessments and disposals	-	24,466	24,466
Effects of movement in foreign exchange	(102)	127	25
Closing balance	37,394	67,529	104,923

<sup>1</sup> Repayments are presented net of interest expense



**(c) Market risk**

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates and interest rates will affect the Group's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return.

**Currency risk**

The Group is exposed to foreign currency risk on purchases that are denominated in a currency other than the Australian dollar. The currencies giving rise to this risk are primarily US dollars and Euros. The Group adopts a policy of obtaining, foreign currency forward contracts to hedge its exposure to USD foreign currency risks.

**Capital management**

The Group's policy is to maintain a strong capital base so as to maintain investor, creditor and market confidence and to sustain future development of the business. The Group defines capital as cash, banking facilities and equity.

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries are subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

**Interest rate risk**

The Group's interest rate risk arises primarily from interest-bearing liabilities with variable interest rates where interest rate movements can impact the Group's cash flow exposures.

At the reporting date the interest rate profile of the Group's interest-bearing financial instruments was:

	Carrying amount	
	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Variable rate financial assets	7,727	3,859
Borrowing facility	(55,076)	(37,394)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(47,349)</b>	<b>(33,535)</b>

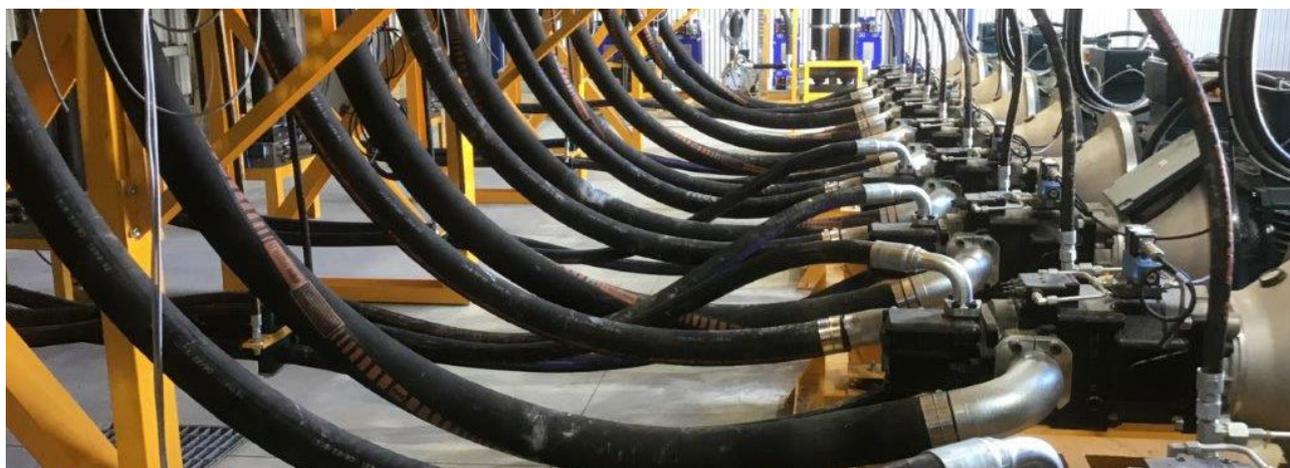
**Fair value sensitivity analysis for fixed rate instruments**

The Group does not account for any material fixed rate financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, and the Group does not designate derivatives (interest rate swaps) as hedging instruments under a fair value hedge accounting model. Therefore, a change in interest rates at the reporting date would not affect profit or loss.

**23. LEASES****Leases as lessee**

The Group leases various premises, plant and equipment and motor vehicles under short-term or low value leases. The leases run for 12 months or less or are of low value. Lease payments are reviewed periodically to reflect market rentals. None of the leases include contingent rentals.

During the financial year ended 30 June 2024 the Group recognised \$176,000 (2023: \$409,000) as an expense in the consolidated statement of profit or loss in respect of short-term or low value leases.



## 23. Leases (continued)

### Leases as lessor

At the end of the reporting period, the future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable leases are receivable as follows:

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Less than one year	1,386	1,278
Between one and five years	2,336	2,336
More than five years	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,722</b>	<b>3,614</b>

During the financial year ended 30 June 2024, the Group recognised \$1,354,000 (2023: 1,066,000) as income in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

## 24. CONTROLLED ENTITIES

	Country of Incorporation	Ownership interest	
	%	2024	2023
	%	%	%
COV Holdings (Aust) Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
Coventry Group (NZ) Limited	New Zealand	100	100
COV Holdings (NZ) Pty Limited (i)	New Zealand	100	100
Nubco Proprietary Limited	Australia	100	100
Steel Masters Auckland Limited	New Zealand	100	-
Galvmasters Limited	New Zealand	100	-
Boltmasters Pty Ltd	Australia	100	-
Profast Pty Ltd	Australia	100	-

The ultimate parent entity is Coventry Group Ltd.

(i) The company is a 100% controlled entity of COV Holdings (Aust) Pty Ltd and operates in New Zealand.

### Deed of Cross Guarantee

The Company is party to a deed of cross-guarantee with its subsidiary entities. All entities listed in the table above, with the exception of Steel Masters Auckland Limited and Galvmasters Limited are parties to the deed under which each company guarantees the debts of the others. Pursuant to ASIC Corporations (Wholly-owned Companies) Instrument 2016/785, Nubco Proprietary Limited, Boltmasters Pty Ltd and Profast Pty Ltd are relieved from the Corporations Act requirements to prepare a financial report and Directors' report.

## 25. RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Note	2024	2023
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		\$'000	\$'000
<b>Profit for the period</b>		<b>659</b>	2,472
Adjustments for:			
Equity-settled share-based payments		114	435
Depreciation and amortisation		18,552	16,385
Other non-cash or non-operating exceptional items		(344)	(67)
Interest income from other entities		(277)	(294)
Interest expense	6	8,417	6,507
Net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment		(88)	-
Income tax expense	7	412	1,251
<b>Operating profit before changes in working capital and provisions</b>		<b>27,445</b>	26,689
Change in trade and other receivables		(855)	(5,962)
Change in inventories		(1,196)	1,364
Change in trade and other payables		1,600	3,182
Change in provisions and employee benefits		818	587
<b>Operating profit after changes in working capital and provisions</b>		<b>27,812</b>	25,860
Interest paid		(8,218)	(6,315)
Income taxes paid		(1,042)	(457)
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>		<b>18,552</b>	19,088

## 26. RELATED PARTIES

<b>Transactions with key management personnel</b>	2024	2023
Key management personnel compensation comprised the following:	\$	\$
Short-term employee benefits	1,462,954	1,433,579
Post-employment benefits	94,807	92,749
Other long-term benefits	24,148	163,674
Share-based payments	51,954	197,632
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,633,863</b>	1,887,634

## 26. Related Parties (continued)

Apart from the details disclosed in this note, no Director has entered into a material contract with the Group since the end of the previous financial year and there were no material contracts involving Directors' interests existing at year-end.

### *Key management personnel transactions*

From time to time, key management personnel may purchase goods from companies within the Group on the same terms as apply to other employees of the Group. The value of these transactions is insignificant.

### *Transactions with other related parties*

The Group has a related party relationship with its controlled entities [see Note 24]. Transactions between the parent entity and its controlled entities are eliminated on consolidation and are not disclosed.

## 27. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

The following significant costs were incurred in the year ended 30 June 2024.

	2024	2023
Significant items	\$'000	\$'000
ERP implementation costs	9,096	5,492
Restructuring costs	108	68
Acquisition costs on completed transactions	775	601
Other	774	238
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,753</b>	<b>6,399</b>

## 28. EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

The Board has declared a final dividend of 3.75 cents per share, fully franked, in relation to the year ended 30 June 2024.

Other than the matters outlined elsewhere in the Group's financial statements, no other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year that have significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations, results of operations or state of affairs of the Group in subsequent accounting periods.

On 12 August 2024 the Company announced an on-market buy-back of a maximum of 11,679,081 ordinary fully paid shares (up to 10% of issued capital) in the Company from the period 4 September 2024 to 3 September 2025.

# Coventry Group Ltd and its controlled entities

# CONSOLIDATED ENTITY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

For the year ended 30 June 2024

Entity Name	Type of entity	Place incorporated	% of share capital held	Australian or foreign tax resident	Jurisdiction of foreign tax resident
Coventry Group Limited	Body corporate	Australia	N/A	Australian	N/A
COV Holdings (Aust) Pty Ltd	Body corporate	Australia	100%	Australian	N/A
Coventry Group (NZ) Limited	Body corporate	New Zealand	100%	Foreign	New Zealand
COV Holdings (NZ) Limited	Body corporate	New Zealand	100%	Foreign	New Zealand
Nubco Proprietary Limited	Body corporate	Australia	100%	Australian	N/A
Steel Masters Auckland Limited	Body corporate	New Zealand	100%	Foreign	New Zealand
Galvmasters Limited	Body corporate	New Zealand	100%	Foreign	New Zealand
Boltmasters Pty Ltd	Body corporate	Australia	100%	Australian	N/A
Profast Pty Ltd	Body corporate	Australia	100%	Australian	N/A

### Determination of Tax Residency

Section 295 (3A) of the *Corporation Acts 2001* requires that the tax residency of each entity which is included in the Consolidated Entity Disclosure Statement (CEDS) be disclosed. In the context of an entity which was an Australian resident, "Australian resident" has the meaning provided in the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*. The determination of tax residency involves judgement as the determination of tax residency is highly fact dependent and there are currently several different interpretations that could be adopted, and which could give rise to a different conclusion on residency.

In determining tax residency, the consolidated entity has applied the following interpretations:

- Australian tax residency

The consolidated entity has applied current legislation and judicial precedent, including having regard to the Commissioner of Taxation's public guidance in *Tax Ruling TR 2018/5*.

- Foreign tax residency

The consolidated entity has applied current legislation and where available judicial precedent in the determination of foreign tax residency. Where necessary, the consolidated entity has used independent tax advisers in foreign jurisdictions to assist in its determination of tax residency to ensure applicable foreign tax legislation has been complied with.



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# Coventry Group Ltd and its controlled entities

# DIRECTORS' REPORT

## For the year ended 30 June 2024

The Directors present their report together with the consolidated financial report of the Group comprising Coventry Group Ltd (the "Company") and its controlled entities for the year ended 30 June 2024.

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## 1. DIRECTORS

### Information on Directors

The Directors of the Company at any time during or since the end of the financial year and up to the date of this report are:

#### NEIL GEORGE CATHIE

*FCPA, GAICD, FCIS*

#### INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN

*Chairman of Remuneration  
Committee  
Member of Audit and  
Risk Committee*

Mr Cathie was appointed as a Director of the Company in September 2014 and as Chairman in January 2015. He has extensive experience in very relevant areas including having a 27 year career at Australia's largest and most successful plumbing and bathroom distributor, ASX listed Reece Limited, during which time he served as its Chief Financial Officer, Company Secretary and General Manager, Finance and IT.

Mr Cathie is a Non-Executive Director of Experience Co. Limited (since 2019) and was a Non-Executive Director of Millennium Services Group Limited from 16 October 2018 to 7 March 2019. He is also an independent advisor and Chair at Middendorp Electric and Non-Executive Director at Bowens Timber & Hardware.

Other than those listed above, he held no other listed company directorships during the past three financial years.

#### ANDREW WILLIAM NISBET

*GAICD*

#### INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Member of Audit and  
Risk Committee  
Member of Remuneration  
Committee*

Mr Nisbet was appointed as a Director of the Company in October 2017.

During his extensive career at ASX listed Reece Limited he held a variety of senior leadership roles, from Marketing to Merchandising, IT, Supply Chain Transformation, Innovation and the management of a number of Strategic Business Units, including the Reece expansion into New Zealand.

Mr Nisbet was a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

He held no other listed company directorships during the past four financial years.

Mr Nisbet sadly passed away on 1 May 2024. We are very grateful for his seven years of dedicated directorship.

#### JAMES SCOTT CHARLES TODD

*B.Comm, LLB, FFin, MAICD*

#### INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Chairman of Audit  
and Risk Committee  
Member of Remuneration  
Committee*

Mr Todd was appointed as a Director of the Company on 3 September 2018.

Mr Todd is an experienced company director, corporate adviser and investor. He commenced his career in investment banking, and has taken active roles with, and invested in, a range of public and private companies. He was until recently Managing Director of Wolseley Private Equity, an independent private equity firm which he co-founded in 1999.

He is also the Chair of IVE Group Limited since June 2024 (Director since June 2015), a Non-Executive Director of Bapcor Limited (since September 2020) and was a Non-Executive Director of HRL Holdings Limited between March 2018 and August 2022.

Other than those listed above, he held no other listed company directorships during the past three financial years.

## ROBERT JAMES BULLUSS

FCPA, GAICD, B Bus (Acc)

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND MANAGING DIRECTOR

Mr Bulluss was appointed Chief

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Executive Officer on 3 May 2017 and Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer on 29 August 2017. He was previously Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Company from October 2016 to April 2017. Prior to joining the Company he was CFO for over 15 years for the Australasian division of Bunzl plc.

He held no other listed company directorships during the past three financial years.

## TONY HOWARTH AO

FAICD (Life), SF FIN (Life)

### NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Member of Audit and Risk Committee*  
*Member of Remuneration Committee*

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Mr Howarth was appointed as a Director of the Company on 4 May 2020.

Mr Howarth has a strong background in the banking and finance industry having held executive positions in government, regional and major banks as well as building societies and stockbroking companies. He has broad based industry experience from his time as President of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Australian International Chamber of Commerce, as well as Chair of Catholic Health Australia. He has had a long involvement with the University of Western Australia and is an Adjunct Professor at the UWA Business School.

He is also the Chairman of Alinta Energy, BWP Management Ltd and St John of God Foundation Inc, as well as a Non-Executive Director at Viburnum Funds.

Mr Howarth was a Non-Executive Director of Wesfarmers Ltd from 2007 to 2019 and Chairman of MMA Offshore Ltd from 2006 to 2017. Previously he had been Chairman of Home Building Society and Deputy Chairman of Bank of Queensland Ltd. He has held no other listed company directorships during the past three financial years.

## ALEX WHITE

B.Bus (EconFin)

### NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Member of Audit and Risk Committee*  
*Member of Remuneration Committee*

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Mr White was appointed as a Director of the Company on 1 March 2022.

Mr White is a Director of Richmond Hill Capital ("RH Capital") and is jointly responsible for managing its RH High Conviction Fund.

Mr White has over fifteen years of corporate and investment management experience and prior to co-founding RH Capital, he was jointly responsible for the portfolio management of the VF High Conviction Fund at Viburnum Funds for six years.

Mr White joined Viburnum following over three years with Cooper Investors, a privately owned specialist investment manager, where he focused on investment research for CI Australian Equities Fund and CI Brunswick Fund. He previously gained industry experience working for Fletcher Building as a Strategy Analyst and as a Credit Analyst for ratings agency Standard and Poor's.

Mr White was previously a Director of the following ASX listed companies:

- MOQ Digital Limited (from June 2019 to November 2022)
- HRL Holdings (from March 2021 to August 2022)

## DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

As at the date of this report particulars of the relevant interest of each Director in the securities of the Company are as follows:

	Number of Ordinary Shares
N.G. Cathie	1,180,657
R.J. Bulluss	1,132,616
J.S.C. Todd	147,238
A. White #	31,241
T. Howarth #	-

# Mr Howarth and Mr White have declared their indirect interests in the shares of the Company as being shareholders of Viburnum Funds Pty Ltd, Richmond Hill Capital Pty Ltd and Rat Pack Adventures Pty Ltd respectively, who are major shareholders of the Company.

During the 2023/24 financial year and as at the date of this report no Director has declared any interest in a contract or proposed contract with the Company, the nature of which would be required to be reported in accordance with subsection 300(11)(d) of the *Corporations Act 2001*.



## DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The following table sets out the number of meetings of the Company's Board of Directors and each Board Committee, held during the year ended 30 June 2024, and the number of meetings attended by each Director.

	NG Cathie	RJ Bulluss	AW Nisbet <sup>1</sup>	JSC Todd	T Howarth	A White <sup>2</sup>
<b>Board of Directors</b>						
Held	12	12	12	12	12	12
Eligible to attend	12	12	6	12	12	12
Attended	12	12	3	12	12	12
<b>Audit &amp; Risk Committee</b>						
Held	3	3	3	3	3	3
Eligible to attend	3	0	2	3	3	2
Attended	3	3	1	3	3	3
<b>Remuneration Committee</b>						
Held	2	2	2	2	2	2
Eligible to attend	2	0	1	2	2	2
Attended	2	0	1	2	2	2

Note: Directors may pass resolutions in writing without a formal meeting being convened. Such resolutions are deemed by the Company's Constitution to be meetings. The above table does not include such meetings.

1. Leave of absence granted by the Board to Andrew Nisbet effective 1 January 2024.

2. Attended Board meetings by way of Director's Alternate Director - Edmon Odza attended the September & October 2023 Board meetings as Alternate Director for Alex White.



## 2. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Group during the financial year were:

### *Trade Distribution*

- The importation, distribution and marketing of industrial fasteners, stainless steel fasteners, construction fasteners, specialised fastener products and systems, industrial hardware and associated industrial tools and consumables
- Importation, distribution and marketing of hardware, components and finished products to the commercial cabinet making, joinery and shop fitting industries
- Temporary fencing sales and hire and scaffolding plank hire.

### *Fluid Systems*

- Design and installation of lubrication systems
- Distribution of hose, connectors, fittings and hydraulic hose assemblies
- Design and supply of service truck components
- Installation of fire suppression systems
- Design and distribution of fluid handling systems, pneumatic component sales and sale of hydraulic associated products and consumables
- Rock hammer service and repair.

## 3. CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

Results of the Group were as follows:

	2024	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue from sale of goods	370,805	358,543
Profit before income tax	1,071	3,723
Income tax expense	(412)	(1,251)
<b>Profit after tax for the year</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>2,472</b>

## 4. DIVIDENDS

The Board has declared a final dividend of 3.75 cents per share, fully franked, in relation to the year ended 30 June 2024.



## 5. REVIEW OF OPERATIONS AND RESULTS

### People

The Group prioritises the Health, Safety and Well-being of our people along with our customers, suppliers and communities. We aspire to zero LTI's and zero harm to our people. During FY24 we had 4 Lost Time Injuries (LTI's) across all of our business units. All incidents and serious near misses are reviewed by our safety team and the Coventry Leadership Team (CLT) to ensure we share lessons and improve safety systems.

Our values of Safety First, Doing the Right Thing (Fairness, Integrity, Respect), Working as a Team and Being the Best at Everything we do, continue to guide us in our day to day operations. We have a culture focussed on doing the right thing in all our interactions with our people, customers, suppliers and communities.

### Financial performance

The Group achieved sales growth for FY24 of +3.4% to \$370.8m (\$358.5m FY23) and a +22.4% increase in underlying EBITDA<sup>1</sup> to \$20.8m (\$17.0m FY23). Group underlying EBIT<sup>2</sup> for FY24 was \$17.0m (\$13.4m FY23) and Net Profit after Tax for the year was \$0.7m (\$2.5m FY23). The reduction in Net Profit after Tax was due to costs relating to the ERP project (\$9.1m) and costs relating to acquisitions (\$0.8m).

The Group has a solid balance sheet with Net Assets of \$143.1m and Net Tangible Assets of \$34.7m at 30 June 2024. At 30 June the Group had Net Debt of \$47.3m (\$33.5m FY23). The increase in Net Debt was predominately due to funds used to acquire Steelmasters (\$13.4m), ERP project costs (\$9.1m) and Capital expenditure (\$4.4m). Cash Conversion<sup>3</sup> for the year was 112.1% (112.5% FY23).

	FY24	FY23	% change
	\$M	\$M	
Revenue from sale of goods	370.8	358.5	+3.4
Underlying EBIT <sup>2</sup>	17.0	13.4	+26.9
Underlying EBITDA <sup>2</sup>	20.8	17.0	+22.4
Net profit after tax	0.7	2.5	-72.0
Net debt	47.3	33.5	+41.2
Net tangible assets	34.7	36.8	-5.7

Note 1: Underlying EBITDA and Underlying EBIT are non-IFRS measures and reflect how management measure performance of the Group. Non-IFRS measures have not been subjected to audit.

Note 2: Underlying EBITDA is earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation and has been adjusted to exclude leases and significant items. Underlying EBIT is earnings before interest and tax and has been adjusted to exclude leases and significant items.

Note 3: Cash conversion = Gross operating cash flow less cash lease payments, addback significant items, divided by EBITDA<sup>1</sup>.

### Review of businesses

#### Trade Distribution (TD)

With the acquisition of Steelmasters and new store openings, our Trade Distribution (TD) segment has expanded to a network of 79 branches across Australia and New Zealand supported by 4 Distribution Centres. It comprises Konnect and Artia Australia (KAA), Konnect and Artia New Zealand (KANZ), Steelmasters (SM) and Nubco in Tasmania. Combined, we now have the leading fastener specialist business across Australia and New Zealand.

TD supplies a range of fastening systems, cabinet hardware systems, industrial and construction products to customers in the Industrial, Manufacturing, Infrastructure, Building and Construction, Roofing and Cladding, Mining and Mining Services, Resources/Oil and Gas and Agriculture and Aquaculture sectors.

TD sales for the year of \$212.1m up +1.0% on FY23. TD EBITDA<sup>1</sup> of \$16.7m down -2.0% on FY23. KAA delivered sales growth however KANZ declined in difficult market conditions and Nubco also declined due to price deflation on steel products and a decline in consumer spending.

#### Konnect and Artia Australia (KAA)

KAA is one of Australia's leading fastener specialists and supplier of cabinet hardware.

KAA delivered sales growth and profit growth on the prior year up +2.7% and +26.4% respectively. During the year, KAA continued to improve its value proposition, service levels and reputation. We opened new stores in Yatala and Karratha. In addition, store makeovers were completed in Laverton, Townsville, Kwinana, Shepparton and Wingfield, and branch relocations to larger facilities in better locations were completed in Wagga Wagga, Kalgoorlie, Wacol and Mildura. In FY25 we are planning 3 new branches and will continue store makeovers and branch relocations as required.

#### Konnect and Artia New Zealand (KANZ)

KANZ is New Zealand's leading fastener specialist and supplier of cabinet hardware and temporary fencing.

Market conditions were difficult in New Zealand where high interest rates resulted in a double dip recession. As a result, KANZ sales and profit declined during the year. Trading and gross margin improvements made during the year will ensure we achieve positive results as the economy improves. We have seen some positive signs in Q4 2024.

During the year we relocated our East Tamaki and Penrose stores into new larger facilities and relocated our Napier branch. Store makeovers will continue in FY25.

#### Nubco

Nubco is a specialist supplier of steel, reinforcing, fasteners, construction products, power tools, hand tools, PPE and consumables in Tasmania.

Nubco sales declined in FY24 due to price deflation on steel products and a decline in consumer discretionary spending. The Tasmanian building and construction, infrastructure and agriculture markets are expected to improve in FY25 so we are confident we can continue to grow in this market. Trading and gross margin % improvements occurred in Nubco which partly offset the sales decline and will set the business up for strong profit growth as markets recover.

### ***Fluid Systems (FS)***

Fluid Systems (FS) is an innovative specialist service provider to the mining, agriculture, defence, construction, manufacturing and allied industries. FS specialises in hydraulics, lubrication, fire suppression, refuelling and automation systems and products. FS has the capability to design, manufacture, install, maintain and supply full turn-key solutions and components and operates 15 branches across Australia.

FS had another excellent year growing both Sales and EBITDA<sup>1</sup>, despite a continuing backdrop of labour and skills shortages and wage inflation.

FS is well positioned for further growth in the coming years as we expect their core markets of mining and resources, defence, recycling and agriculture to perform well. We can increase market share through our value proposition, expansion of our product and service offering, expanding our hydraulics capabilities and through acquisitions. Diversification into sectors outside of the mining and resources sector continues. FS has demonstrated through various cycles, that it has the capability to scale according to prevailing market conditions.

FS sales for the year of \$159.2m up +7.5% on FY23. FS EBITDA<sup>1</sup> of \$19.0m up +23.5% on FY23.

### ***Steelmasters acquisition completed 30 April 2024***

Founded in 1973, Steelmasters Group is a leading Australasian supplier and manufacturer of industrial and speciality fasteners through its network of 12 branches (four in New Zealand and eight in Australia) with its head office in Auckland, New Zealand. The Steelmasters Group operates under several brands, 'Steelmasters' and 'Galvmasters' in New Zealand and 'Boltmasters' and 'Profast' in Australia.

The Steelmasters acquisition price of NZ\$45.5m represented a multiple of 6.1x 2023 EBITDA<sup>1</sup>. The total consideration has been funded via a combination of proceeds from an Institutional Placement, Share Purchase Plan and a new NAB Revolving Cash Advance Facility.

***Steelmasters is operating separately within the Trade Distribution segment to minimise integration risk and will continue to be run by Steelmasters Group's existing management team.***



## 6. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share and diluted earnings per share for the year ended 30 June 2024 was 0.7 cents and 0.7 cents respectively. This compares to a basic earnings per share and diluted earnings per share for the previous year of 2.7 cents and 2.7 cents respectively.

## 7. SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE COMPANY'S AFFAIRS

In the opinion of the Directors, there have been no other significant changes in the Group's state of affairs during the financial year.

## 8. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE

The Board has declared a final dividend of 3.75 cents per share, fully franked, in relation to the year ended 30 June 2024.

On 12 August 2024 the Company announced an on-market buy-back of a maximum of 11,679,081 ordinary fully paid shares (up to 10% of issued capital) in the Company from the period 4 September 2024 to 3 September 2025.

Other than the matters outlined elsewhere in the Groups financial statements, no other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year that have significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations, results of operations or state of affairs of the Group in subsequent accounting periods.

## 9. LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS

The Group will continue to implement its five-year strategy and continue to operate in the markets in which it currently participates.

## 10. REMUNERATION REPORT - AUDITED

Remuneration is referred to as compensation throughout this Remuneration Report.

### 10.1 Key Management Personnel (KMPs)

KMPs are the persons who have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company and the Group. The following were KMPs of the Group at any time during the reporting period and unless otherwise indicated were KMPs for the entire period:

#### *Directors*

NG Cathie

RJ Bulluss (CEO and Managing Director)

AW Nisbet\*

JSC Todd

T Howarth

A White

#### *Other Key Management Personnel*

RJ Jackson

\* Leave of absence granted by the Board to Andrew Nisbet effective from 1 January 2024.

## 10.2 Principles used to determine the nature and amount of compensation

### Non-Executive Directors

Non-Executive Directors receive cash fees for their Board and Committee work. They are eligible to participate in the Executive and Director Incentive Plan which was re-approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting of the Company in October 2023.

Non-Executive Directors' cash fees are determined within an aggregate Directors' fees pool limit, which is periodically recommended for approval by shareholders. The total pool currently stands at \$550,000 (2023: \$550,000) per annum, and was last approved by shareholders in November 2004 with effect from 1 July 2004. The Board determines the allocation of the maximum amount approved by shareholders amongst the respective Directors, having regard to their duties and responsibilities. Directors' fees are not directly linked to Company performance. Non-Executive Directors do not receive termination benefits. There is no provision for retirement allowances to be paid to Non-Executive Directors.

As at 30 June 2024 the Non-Executive Directors' fees were allocated as follows (includes statutory superannuation contributions):

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Chairman (inclusive of Board and Committee work)	130,000	130,000
Chair of Audit and Risk Committee (inclusive of Board and Committee work)	85,000	85,000
Non-Executive Directors (inclusive of Board and Committee work)	80,000	80,000



## 10.2 Principles used to determine the nature and amount of compensation (continued)

### Executive Pay

#### Remuneration policies

Remuneration of Directors and senior executives is the responsibility of the Remuneration Committee. The Committee has resolved to set remuneration packages which are appropriate in the context of the company's size, complexity and performance but which will attract the calibre of executive required to drive necessary change in order to enhance performance. The Committee seeks external advice in relation to these matters where necessary.

Remuneration for the CEO and senior executives currently comprises three elements:

1. Fixed, cash-based remuneration which includes salary, superannuation and benefits
2. Eligibility to participate in the Company's short-term incentive plan (STI Plan)
3. Eligibility to participate in the Company's long-term share based Executive and Director Incentive Plan (LTI Plan)

The CEO and senior executives have employment contracts with notice periods executable by either party. There are no arrangements in place to provide the CEO or any senior executive with a retirement benefit other than those which accrue by law. Superannuation contributions are paid at the superannuation guarantee rate.

Cash incentives under the STI Plan of up to 65% of fixed annual compensation are payable to the CEO and senior executives based on financial and non-financial measures framed around the Company's trading performance and each individual's performance.

The LTI Plan was re-approved by shareholders at the 2023 annual general meeting. This share-based plan provides for the granting or issuing of performance rights in accordance with its terms and subject to the terms and performance hurdles set by the Board.

#### Business Performance

In considering the Group's performance and benefits for shareholder wealth, the Remuneration Committee have regard to the following financial performance metrics in respect of the current financial year and the previous four financial years.

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Sales revenue	<b>370,805</b>	358,543	322,324	288,522	247,567
Underlying EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	<b>20,809</b>	17,005	15,505	13,357	6,637
Underlying EBIT	<b>17,014</b>	13,377	12,355	10,561	4,026
NPAT	<b>659</b>	2,472	4,841	7,246	(455)
Dividends paid	<b>3,256</b>	3,227	2,721	-	-
Share price at year end (\$)	<b>1.41</b>	1.15	1.33	1.45	0.57

Note 1: Underlying EBITDA is the key financial performance target considered in setting the Short-Term Incentive (STI).

Where applicable, comparative information has been restated for the effects of the application of new accounting standards.



## 10.2 Principles used to determine the nature and amount of compensation (continued)

### Performance Rights (PR's)

#### PR's Key Inputs

	<b>FY21 Performance Period</b>	<b>FY22 Performance Period</b>	<b>FY23 Performance Period</b>	<b>FY24 Performance Period</b>
Measurement date 10-day VWAP (iii)	\$0.6021	\$1.4210	\$1.2165	\$1.0286
No. of PR's granted	1,424,504 (iv)	572,424	718,742	891,416
Grant date	29.10.2020	22.10.2021	21.10.2022	20.10.2023
Share price at Grant Date	\$0.95	\$1.79	\$1.24	\$1.18
Vesting date (1) (i)	01.09.2021	01.09.2022	01.9.2023	01.09.2024
Vesting date (2) (i)	01.09.2022	01.09.2023	01.9.2024	01.09.2025
Vesting date (3) (i)	01.09.2023	01.09.2024 (ii)	01.9.2025	01.09.2026
% of PR's vested - Vesting date (1)	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%
% of PR's vested - Vesting date (2)	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%
% of PR's vested - Vesting date (3)	33.3%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%
No. of eligible PR's vested - Vesting date (1)	474,835	190,809	-	-
No. of eligible PR's vested - Vesting date (2)	474,836	190,807	-	-
No. of eligible PR's vested - Vesting date (3)	474,833	N/A	-	-
No. of PR's lapsed & forfeited	-	-	718,742	891,416
No. of eligible PR's exercised up to 30 June 2024	1,424,504	381,616	-	-
No. of PR's remaining to be vested and/or exercised subject to service conditions	-	190,808	-	-

Share-based payments recognised as an expense in the financial statements of the Company.

	<b>FY21</b>	<b>FY22</b>	<b>FY23</b>	<b>FY24</b>
No. of performance rights issued	1,424,504	572,424	718,742	891,416
No. of eligible performance Rights vested (iv)	1,424,504	381,616	-	-
Share price at Grant Date	\$0.95	\$1.79	\$1.24	\$1.18
Share-based payments expense (v)	\$826,989	\$1,002,052	\$434,960	\$113,837

(i) Subject to service conditions.

(ii) Vesting determination not yet made.

(iii) Used to calculate grant of Performance Rights.

(iv) Performance rights granted in relation to FY22 will vest in accordance with performance and employment conditions and in three separate annual vesting events. Consequently, the share-based payments expense for FY21 and FY22 is recognised based on graded vesting and the probability that 100% of participants will receive 100% of their grant over a three-year period.

(v) Share-based payment expense 'true up' in FY21 (\$618,921) presented as a one-off non-cash significant item in that period.

## 10.2 Principles used to determine the nature and amount of compensation (continued)

### *Performance Rights Commentary*

In FY24, one third of the performance rights that were vested to the CEO and Managing Director (R Bulluss) in relation to the FY21 performance period and one third in relation to the FY22 performance period were exercised.

One third of the performance rights that were vested to six other Company senior executives in relation to the FY21 performance period and one third in relation to the FY22 performance period were also exercised in FY24.

In relation to FY24, the CEO and Managing Director (R Bulluss) was granted 252,771 performance rights under the terms of the LTI Plan following the successful passing of a resolution at the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Company.

These performance rights had a performance period that ended on 30 June 2024 with performance and employment conditions set by the Board. The Board has determined that the FY24 performance rights will be forfeited.

In relation to FY24, an offer to participate in the LTI Plan was made to a number of other Company senior executives. The total performance rights granted was 638,645.

These Performance Rights had a performance period that ended on 30 June 2024 with performance and employment conditions set by the Board. The Board has determined that the FY24 performance rights will be forfeited.

It is intended that the CEO and Managing Director will participate in the LTI Plan in relation to FY25. The maximum face value of the CEO's FY25 grant is based on an LTI opportunity of 50% of his fixed annual remuneration.

The number of performance rights to be granted is determined by dividing the maximum face value by the 10-day volume weighted average price (VWAP) of the Company's shares preceding the start of the performance period, being the 10 trading days up to and including 30 June 2024.

The performance rights will vest at the Board's discretion, taking into consideration Underlying EBITDA year on year growth. An appropriate resolution will be put to the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Company.

It is intended that a number of senior executives will participate in the LTI Plan in relation to FY25. The maximum face value of each senior executive's FY25 grant is based on an LTI opportunity of 25% to 40% of his or her fixed annual remuneration.

The number of performance rights to be granted is determined by dividing the maximum face value by the 10-day volume weighted average price (VWAP) of the Company's shares preceding the start of the performance period, being the 10 trading days up to and including 30 June 2024.

The performance rights will vest in the same manner as outlined for the CEO and Managing Director.



### 10.3 Details of compensation

The following table provides the details, nature and amount of elements of compensation for the key management personnel of the Company and the Group for the year ended 30 June 2024.

		Short-term			Post-employment			Total	Proportion of remuneration performance related
		Cash salary, leave entitlement and fees	STI cash bonus	Short term total	Super-annuation (i)	Long-service & annual leave provision movement	Share-based payment		
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
<b>Directors</b>									
NG Cathie - Chairman	2024	117,117	-	117,117	12,883	-	-	130,000	-
	2023	117,647		117,647	12,353	-		130,000	-
RJ Bulluss	2024	492,257	146,375	638,632	27,399	16,921	32,538	715,490	25.01%
	2023	474,196	124,560	598,756	25,292	(3,741)	125,525	745,832	33.53%
AW Nisbet (Paid up to 31/12/2023)	2024	36,036	-	36,036	3,964	-	-	40,000	-
	2023	72,398	-	72,398	7,602	-	-	80,000	-
JSC Todd	2024	76,577	-	76,577	8,423	-	-	85,000	-
	2023	76,923	-	76,923	8,077	-	-	85,000	-
T Howarth	2024	72,072	-	72,072	7,928	-	-	80,000	-
	2023	72,398	-	72,398	7,602	-	-	80,000	-
A White	2024	61,916	-	61,916	6,811	-	-	68,727	-
	2023	62,196	-	62,196	6,531	-	-	68,727	-
<b>Total Directors' remuneration</b>	2024	855,975	146,375	1,002,350	67,408	16,921	32,538	1,119,217	-
	2023	875,758	124,560	1,000,318	67,457	(3,741)	125,525	1,189,559	-
<b>Other Key Management Personnel</b>									
RJ Jackson	2024	351,116	109,488	460,604	27,399	7,227	19,416	514,646	25.05%
	2023	338,643	94,618	433,261	25,292	5,531	72,107	535,991	31.11%
<b>Total other key management personnel remuneration</b>	2024	351,116	109,488	460,604	27,399	7,227	19,416	514,646	-
	2023	338,643	94,618	433,261	25,292	5,331	72,107	535,991	-
<b>Total Directors' and other key management personnel remuneration</b>	2024	1,207,091	255,863	1,462,954	94,807	24,148	51,954	1,633,863	-
	2023	1,214,401	219,178	1,433,579	92,749	1,590	197,632	1,725,550	-

Premiums in respect of the Directors' and Officers' insurance policy are not included above, as the policy does not specify the premium paid in respect of individual Directors and officers.

In the FY23 Remuneration Report, this table had a column titled "Long-service & annual leave provision accrual" and included the total long-service leave and annual leave accrual amounts owing at 30 June 2023. These amounts were \$85,562 for RJ Bulluss and \$78,112 for RJ Jackson respectively. In the FY24 Remuneration Report, the FY23 amounts have been restated to reflect the annual movement in the provision, consistent with the approach adopted in preparing the FY24 information. This has reduced the FY23 total remuneration amount for RJ Bulluss and RJ Jackson by \$89,303 and \$72,781 respectively.

(i) Includes statutory superannuation contributions and additional voluntary contributions.

#### 10.4 Service contracts

Compensation and other terms of employment for the CEO and Managing Director and other key management personnel are formalised in employment contracts. Major provisions of the contracts relating to compensation are set out below:

Robert Bulluss, CEO and Managing Director

- The contract has no fixed term.
- Fixed annual compensation to be reviewed annually by the Remuneration Committee.

- Long service leave is payable by the Company in accordance with relevant state legislation.
- The contract provides for participation in short-term and long-term incentive plans.
- Other than for an act that may have a serious detrimental effect on the Company, such as wilful disobedience, fraud or misconduct, termination of employment requires six months' notice by the Company.

Rodney Jackson, Chief Financial Officer

- The contract has no fixed term.
- Fixed annual compensation to be reviewed annually by the Remuneration Committee.
- Long service leave is payable by the Company in accordance with relevant state legislation.
- The contract provides for participation in short-term and long-term incentive plans.
- Other than for an act that may have a serious detrimental effect on the Company, such as wilful disobedience, fraud or misconduct, termination of employment requires eighteen weeks' notice by the Company.

#### 10.5 Director share movement

The movement during the reporting period in the number of ordinary shares in the Company held, directly, indirectly or beneficially, by each key management person, including their related parties, is as follows:

Shares held by Key Management Personnel	Held at 30 June 2023	Purchases (includes DRP allotments)	Conversion of Performance Rights	Sales / Cancelled	Held at 30 June 2024
<b>Directors</b>					
NG Cathie	983,000	197,657	-	-	1,180,657
AW Nisbet	139,144	-	-	-	N/A
RJ Bulluss	901,918	36,648	194,050	-	1,132,616
JSC Todd	122,470	24,768	-	-	147,238
T Howarth <sup>#</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
A White <sup>#</sup>	31,241	-	-	-	31,241
<b>Other Key Management Personnel</b>					
RJ Jackson	379,557	12,639	106,961	-	499,157

<sup>#</sup> Mr Howarth and Mr White have declared their indirect interests in the shares of the Company as being shareholders of Viburnum Funds Pty Ltd, Richmond Hill Capital Pty Ltd and Rat Pack Adventures Pty Ltd respectively, who are major shareholders of the Company.

**End of Remuneration Report.**



## 11. ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

The Group is not subject to any specific environmental regulation.

The Group mainly operates from warehousing and distribution facilities throughout Australia and New Zealand which have general obligations under environmental legislation of the respective statutory authorities in relation to pollution prevention.

The Company has reviewed its obligations under the National Greenhouse & Energy Reporting Act 2007 (the Act). As the Group is under the minimum greenhouse and energy thresholds stipulated in the Act, there are no registration and reporting requirements that have to be complied with as at the date of this report.

For the financial year ended 30 June 2024 and as at the date of this report, the Group has not been prosecuted nor incurred any infringement penalty for environmental incidents.

## 12. INSURANCE OF OFFICERS

During the financial year the Company has paid premiums in respect of contracts insuring the Directors and officers of the Company against certain liabilities incurred in those capacities. The contracts prohibit further disclosure of the nature of the liabilities and the amounts of the premiums.

## 13. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Statement of Corporate Governance Practices is disclosed on the Company's website.

#### 14. NON-AUDIT SERVICES

During the year KPMG, the Company's auditor, has performed certain other services in addition to their statutory duties. The Board has considered the non-audit services provided during the year by the auditor and is satisfied that the provision of those non-audit services during the year by the auditor is compatible with, and did not compromise, the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001, for the following reasons:

- all non-audit services were subject to the corporate governance procedures adopted by the Company and have been reviewed by the Company's Audit and Risk Committee to ensure they do not impact the integrity and objectivity of the auditor; and
- the non-audit services provided do not undermine the general principles relating to auditor independence as set out in APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, as they did not involve reviewing or auditing the auditor's own work, acting in a management or decision making capacity for the Company, acting as an advocate for the Company or jointly sharing risks and rewards.

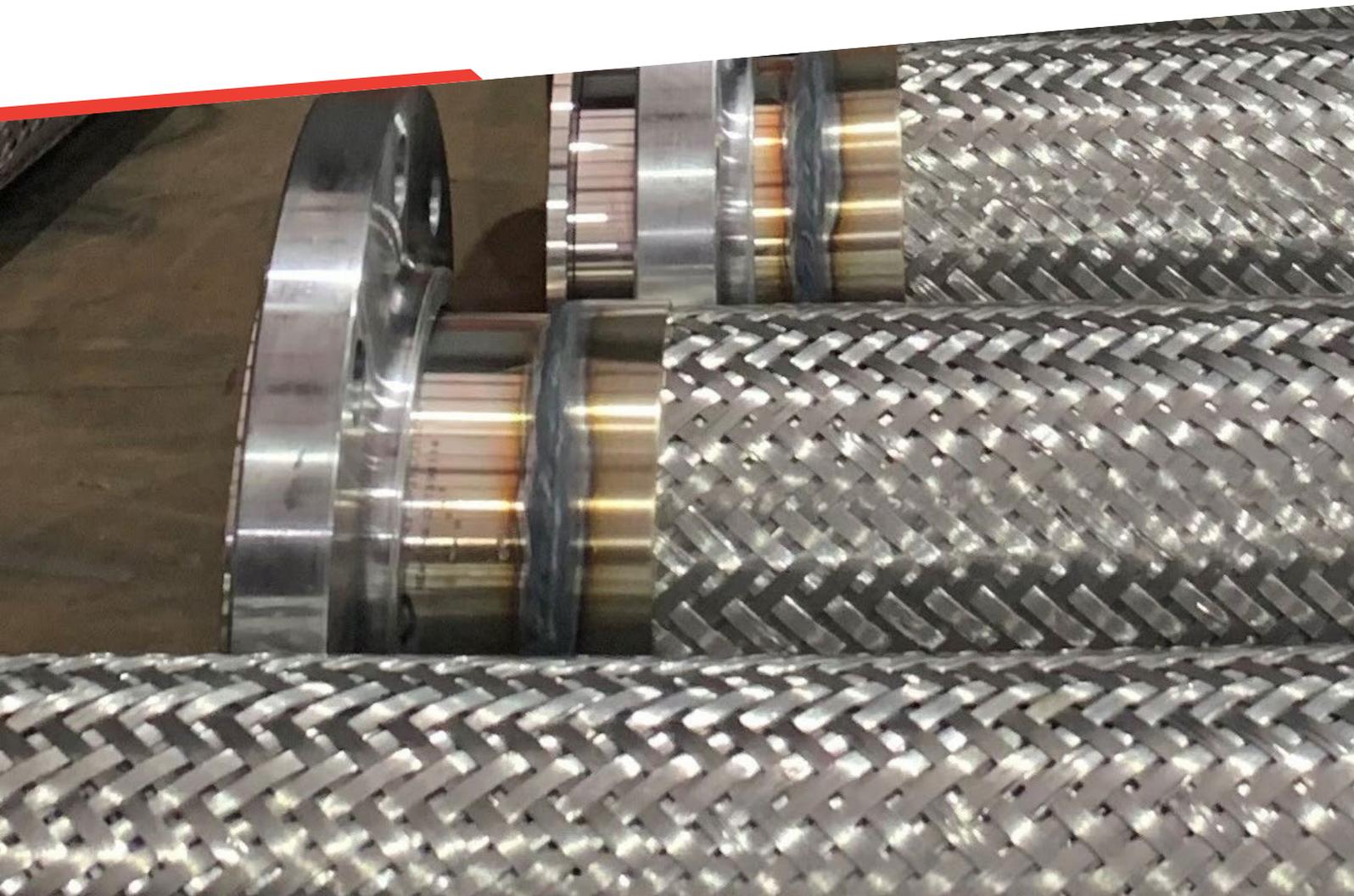
Details of the amounts paid to the auditor of the Company, KPMG, and its related practices for audit and non-audit services provided during the year are set out in Note 4 to the full financial report.

#### 15. LEAD AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

The lead auditor's independence declaration made in accordance with Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 forms part of this Directors' report.

#### 16. COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr Mark Licciardo of Acclime Australia is the Company Secretary.



## 17. ROUNDING OFF

The Group is of a kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191 and in accordance with that Instrument, amounts in the financial report and Directors' Report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise stated.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



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**N.G. CATHIE**

*Chairman*

Melbourne  
20 August 2024



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**R.J. BULLUSS**

*Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director*

Melbourne  
20 August 2024



# Coventry Group Ltd and its controlled entities

## DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

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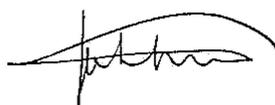
1. In the opinion of the Directors of Coventry Group Ltd ("the Group"):
    - a) the consolidated financial statements and notes that are set out on pages 12 to 54 and the Remuneration report on pages 65 to 73 in the Directors' report, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
      - i. giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
      - ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001;
    - b) the consolidated entity disclosure statement as at 30 June 2024 set out on pages 54 is true and correct; and ;
    - c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Group will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
  2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company and the group entities identified in Note 24 will be able to meet any obligations or liabilities to which they are or may become subject to by virtue of the Deed of Cross Guarantee between the Company and those group entities pursuant to ASIC Corporations (Wholly owned Companies) Instrument 2016/785.
  3. The Directors have been given the declarations required by Section 295A of the Corporations Act 2001 from the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.
  4. The Directors draw attention to Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, which includes a statement of compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards.
- Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors:



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**N.G. CATHIE**  
*Chairman*

Melbourne  
20 August 2024



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**R.J. BULLUSS**  
*Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director*

Melbourne  
20 August 2024

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# LEAD AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION



## Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

To the Directors of Coventry Group Ltd

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of Coventry Group Ltd for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 there have been:

- i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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KPMG

A handwritten signature of Simon Dubois, appearing as 'SD' in a cursive script.

Simon Dubois

Partner

Melbourne

20 August 2024

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



## Independent Auditor's Report

To the shareholders of Coventry Group Ltd

### Report on the audit of the Financial Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the *Financial Report* of Coventry Group Ltd (the Company).

In our opinion, the accompanying Financial Report of the Company gives a true and fair view, including of the *Group's* financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, in compliance with *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

The *Financial Report* comprises:

- Consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024
- Consolidated statement of profit or loss, Consolidated statement of comprehensive income, Consolidated statement of changes in equity, and Consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- Consolidated entity disclosure statement and accompanying basis of preparation as at 30 June 2024
- Notes, including material accounting policies
- Directors' Declaration.

The *Group* consists of the Company and the entities it controlled at the year end or from time to time during the financial year.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards*. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report* section of our report.

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the *Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the Financial Report in Australia. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the Directors of Coventry Group Ltd, would be in the same terms if given to the Directors as at the time of this Auditor's Report.

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## Key Audit Matters

Key Audit Matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the Financial Report of the current period.

These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the Financial Report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

### Valuation of Goodwill (\$67.2 million) and indefinite life intangible assets (\$11.9 million)

Refer to Note 16 to the Financial Report

The key audit matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit
<p>A key audit matter was the Group's annual testing of goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the size of the balance (being 23% of total assets).</li> <li>The inherent estimation uncertainty in auditing the significant forward-looking assumptions the Group applied in the value in use models (VIU) for each Cash Generating Unit (CGU). We focused on the significant forward-looking assumptions the Group applied in their VIU models including forecast cash flows, discount rate and terminal growth rates. These forward-looking assumptions may be prone to greater risk for potential bias, error and inconsistent application, therefore necessitating additional scrutiny by us, in particular to address the objectivity of sources used for assumptions, and their consistent application.</li> <li>An increase in Goodwill of \$30.2 million during the 12 months to 30 June 2024 arising from the acquisition of Steel Masters Auckland Limited ("Steelmasters Group").</li> </ul>	<p>Working with our valuation specialists, our procedures included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessing the appropriateness of the VIU methodology applied by the Group to perform the annual impairment test of goodwill and intangible assets against the requirements of the accounting standards.</li> <li>Assessing the integrity of the VIU models used, including the accuracy of the underlying calculation formulas.</li> <li>Considering the sensitivity of the models by varying key assumptions, such as forecast growth rates discount rates and terminal growth rates, within a reasonably possible range. We do this to inform where to focus further procedures.</li> <li>Assessing the accuracy of previous Group forecasts to inform our evaluation of forecasts incorporated in the VIU models.</li> <li>Challenging the Group's key forecast cash flow and growth assumptions. We compared forecast growth rates and terminal growth rates to published studies of industry trends and expectations. We used our knowledge of the Group, its past performance, business and customers, and our industry experience.</li> <li>Comparing the relevant cash flow forecasts to the Group's approved budgets.</li> <li>Independently developing discount rate ranges using publicly available data for comparable entities, adjusted by risk factors specific to the Group.</li> <li>Assessing the disclosures in the financial report using our understanding obtained from our testing and against the requirements of the accounting standards.</li> </ul>



### Other Information

Other Information is financial and non-financial information in Coventry Group Ltd's annual report which is provided in addition to the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report. The Directors are responsible for the Other Information.

Our opinion on the Financial Report does not cover the Other Information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon, with the exception of the Remuneration Report and our related assurance opinion.

In connection with our audit of the Financial Report, our responsibility is to read the Other Information. In doing so, we consider whether the Other Information is materially inconsistent with the Financial Report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We are required to report if we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other Information, and based on the work we have performed on the Other Information that we obtained prior to the date of this Auditor's Report we have nothing to report.

### Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors are responsible for:

- preparing the Financial Report in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Group, and in compliance with *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*
- implementing necessary internal control to enable the preparation of a Financial Report in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Group, and that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern and whether the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate. This includes disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Group and Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objective is:

- to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. They are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on



the basis of the Financial Report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report is located at the *Auditing and Assurance Standards Board* website at: [https://www.auasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/ar1\\_2020.pdf](https://www.auasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/ar1_2020.pdf). This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

## Report on the Remuneration Report

### Opinion

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Coventry Group Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2024, complies with Section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

### Directors' responsibilities

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with Section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

### Our responsibilities

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 65 to 73 of the Directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards*.

KPMG

Simon Dubois

Partner

Melbourne

20 August 2024

# SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

As at 19 August 2024

		Ordinary Shares	
		Number	% of Total
1	J P MORGAN NOMINEES AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED	36,500,527	31.25
2	HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED	18,908,711	16.19
3	CITICORP NOMINEES PTY LIMITED	12,787,966	10.95
4	PALM BEACH NOMINEES PTY LIMITED	12,273,135	10.51
5	BNP PARIBAS NOMS PTY LTD	3,779,212	3.24
6	H&G HIGH CONVICTION LIMITED	2,224,095	1.90
7	DIXSON TRUST PTY LIMITED	1,543,905	1.32
8	DORSETT INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	1,403,276	1.20
9	HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED - A/C 2	1,369,462	1.17
10	MR ROBERT BULLUSS	1,132,616	0.97
11	BNP PARIBAS NOMINEES PTY LTD <IB AU NOMS RETAILCLIENT>	1,107,163	0.95
12	HGL INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	933,186	0.80
13	ROMNEY LODGE PTY LTD	815,385	0.70
14	DIXSON TRUST PTY LIMITED <NO 1 A/C>	727,761	0.62
15	MRS ANNE KYLE	582,793	0.50
16	MR RODNEY JAMES JACKSON	499,157	0.43
17	UBS NOMINEES PTY LTD	496,487	0.43
18	WARBONT NOMINEES PTY LTD <UNPAID ENTREPOT A/C>	465,133	0.40
19	ABTOURK (SYD NO 415) PTY LTD <MICHAEL JOHN COLE PSF A/C>	305,733	0.26
20	MR GEOFFREY KYLE	300,000	0.26
<b>Total</b>		<b>98,155,703</b>	<b>84.04</b>

<b>DISTRIBUTION OF SHAREHOLDING</b>	<b>Number of holders</b>	<b>Number of shares</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Size of holding</b>			
1 – 1,000	416	231,598	0.20
1,001 – 5,000	610	1,559,304	1.34
5,001 – 10,000	195	1,462,003	1.25
10,001 – 100,000	288	9,362,161	8.02
100,001 Over	56	104,175,746	89.20
<b>Rounding</b>			<b>-0.01</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,565</b>	<b>116,790,812</b>	<b>100.00</b>

	<b>Holders</b>	<b>Units</b>
<b>Unmarketable parcels field information</b>	87	7,206

## **SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS**

The Company's register of substantial shareholders showed the following particulars as at 19 August 2024.

<b>Name of Substantial Shareholder</b>	<b>Extent of Interest (Number of Shares)</b>	<b>Date of last notification</b>
Viburnum Funds Pty Ltd	30,403,284	20 May 2024
Richmond Hill Capital Pty Ltd	18,950,331	17 Jun 2024
Sandon Capital Pty Ltd	9,874,432	10 Aug 2023
DUMAC Inc.	4,498,152	23 Dec 2019



## UNQUOTED EQUITY SECURITIES

Nil.

## SECURITIES SUBJECT TO VOLUNTARY ESCROW

There are no securities on issue subject to voluntary escrow.

## VOTING RIGHTS

Each member present at a general meeting of the Company in person or by proxy, attorney or official representative is entitled:

- on a show of hands - to one vote
- on a poll - to one vote for each share held

There are no other classes of equity securities.

## ON-MARKET BUY-BACK

On 12 August 2024 the Company announced an on-market buy-back of a maximum of 11,679,081 ordinary fully paid shares (up to 10% of issued capital) in the Company from the period 4 September 2024 to 3 September 2025.

# Coventry Group Ltd

# CORPORATE DIRECTORY

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## Coventry Group

ABN 37 008 670 102

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## Secretary

Mark Licciardo

## Bankers

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Australian and New Zealand Banking Group Limited  
Bank of New Zealand  
Auckland Savings Bank Limited  
Westpac Banking Corporation  
Commonwealth Bank of Australia

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## Securities Exchange Listing

The Company's shares are listed on the ASX Limited and trade under the code CYG. The home exchange is Melbourne.

## Shareholder Enquiries/Change of Address

Shareholders wishing to enquire about their shareholdings, dividend payments, or change their address should contact the Company's share registry.

