



#### **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

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#### 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - CHAIR ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION

Paragon Care Limited (ASX:PGC) ("Paragon" or the "Company") attaches in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 3.13.3 the address to be delivered by Chair, Peter Lacaze and slides to be presented at today's Annual General Meeting.

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This announcement is authorised for release to the market by the Board of Directors of Paragon Care Limited.

#### **About Paragon Care Limited**

Paragon Care (ASX:PGC) is an Australian based listed company in the healthcare sector. It is a leading provider of medical equipment, devices, pharmaceuticals, and consumables to the healthcare markets in Australia, New Zealand and Asia.



#### CHAIR ADDRESS

Good afternoon, everyone.

My name is Peter Lacaze, the Company's Chair, and it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Annual General Meeting of Paragon Care Limited ("ParagonCare" or the "Company").

On behalf of the Company, I would like to start by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the lands we live and work and pay respect to Elders past and present.

I am pleased to conduct the first Annual General Meeting of the combined CH2 and ParagonCare businesses.

The merger transaction concluded successfully on 3 June 2024. I would like to thank current director, John Walstab and the former ParagonCare directors for their part in a co-operative and successful merger.

The reported financial results for the 2024 financial year are presented in two formats.

Firstly, the statutory results which include 12 months from CH2, which also includes 4 months contribution from Oborne Health Supplies ("Oborne"), and one month from ParagonCare.

Secondly the pro-forma results which reflect the full 12 months trading from CH2, ParagonCare and Oborne. The pro-forma results are in line with the disclosures in the merger Notice of Meeting and Explanatory Memorandum.

Since the merger completion considerable progress has been achieved:

- The new Board is in place and is working well. There is a good mix of industry knowledge and specific Company experience to provide effective governance for the new business.
- Under the merger agreement there is a position for an additional independent non-executive director. At the right time we will recruit a suitably qualified director.
- The 2025 financial year budgets have been prepared in detail and have been approved by the new Board.
- Integration of the CH2, ParagonCare and Oborne businesses has started, and subject to the
  usual integration challenges, is going well. The CH2 warehouse network, IT systems and
  infrastructure are providing the base for the integration process.

ParagonCare is committed to a safe and healthy working environment for all staff, casuals, and contractors on-site. Detailed performance statistics are collected, acted upon by Management and are the first agenda item at Board meetings.

ParagonCare is a major supplier to State and Federal Governments. To ensure that we meet and comply with all community expectations, ParagonCare has appropriate Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") policies and procedures. We are proud that these ESG programs are a permanent Board agenda item.

Trading for the first four months has been solid and the outlook for the 2025 financial year is in in line with expectations. Longer term, the development and growth opportunities appear favourable.



It is unlikely that a dividend will be paid this financial year with the focus being on integration, and ensuring we have the right resources to execute our growth opportunities. Our Dividend Policy will be reviewed in FY2026 which again will be subject to our future growth opportunities.

I thank all of our shareholders, many of whom are new, for their support and trust.

I acknowledge the contribution of all of our employees across Australia, New Zealand and Asia.

To David Collins and his Executive Team, thank you for your energy and commitment to integrate and grow the Company.

Later in the meeting David will provide more detail on Company operations.

Thank you

# **ParagonCare**

**Enabling Healthcare** 

# **Annual General Meeting**

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ParagonCare Limited ASX : PGC



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Peter Lacaze

Chairman

Welcome





# **Introduction: Board Directors**



Peter Lacaze
Chairman



David Collins
Chief Executive Officer



Carmen Riley
Executive Director/
Chief Operating Officer



Alan McCarthy
Non-Executive Director



John Walstab
Executive Director and Executive General
Manager ParagonCare Asia



# Format of Meeting

- Chair Address
- Questions and Voting Procedure
- **3** Formal Business
- CEO Presentation
- **5** General Questions





Peter Lacaze

Chairman

Chair Address



# **Question & Voting Procedure** Annual General Meeting 2024





# Agenda Item 1

# Receipt and consideration of financial statements & reports

To receive and consider the financial report of the Company and the related reports of the Directors (including the Remuneration Report) and auditors for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

- Sernst & Young, the Company's external auditor are present and available to answer any queries.
- Please note there is no vote required for this Item.



# **Resolution 1**

# Adoption of Remuneration Report

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an **ORDINARY** resolution:

"That for the purpose of section 250R(2) of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, the Remuneration Report (included in the Directors' Report) for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 be adopted."

For	Against	Proxy's Discretion	Abstain	
222,406,940	10,656,843	2,931,924	611,063	
94.24%	4.52%	1.24%	-	

- Voting restrictions apply to Key Management Personnel and their closely related parties.
- The vote on this Resolution is advisory only and does not bind the Directors or Company.
- The Board recommends that Shareholders vote in **FAVOUR** of this Resolution.
- The Chair of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in **FAVOUR** of this Resolution.



# Resolution 2

## Re-election of Mr John Walstab as a Director

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an **ORDINARY** resolution:

'That Mr John Walstab, being a Director who retires by rotation pursuant to the Company's Constitution and being eligible for re-election, be re-elected as a Director of the Company".

For	Against	Proxy's Discretion	Abstain	
1,324,685,404	11,405,811	2,937,053	393,759	
98.93%	0.85%	0.22%	-	

- There are no voting exclusions on this Resolution.
- The Board (with Mr Walstab abstaining) recommends that Shareholders vote in **FAVOUR** of this Resolution.
- The Chair of the Meeting will vote undirected proxies in **FAVOUR** of this Resolution.



# Re-election of Mr Alan McCarthy as a Director

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an **ORDINARY** resolution:

'That Mr Alan McCarthy, being a Director who retires by rotation pursuant to the Company's Constitution and being eligible for re-election, be re-elected as a Director of the Company".

For	Against	Proxy's Discretion	Abstain	
1,335,282,995	725,321	2,923,840	489,871	
99.73%	0.05%	0.22%	-	

- There are no voting exclusions on this Resolution.
- The Board (with Mr McCarthy abstaining) recommends that Shareholders vote in **FAVOUR** of this Resolution.
- The Chair of the Meeting will vote undirected proxies in **FAVOUR** of this Resolution.



## Resolution 4

# Appointment of Auditor

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an **ORDINARY** resolution:

"That, for the purposes of section 327B of the Corporations Act and for all other purposes, Ernst & Young, having consented in writing to act in the capacity of auditor and being duly nominated in accordance with section 328B(1) of the Corporations Act, be appointed as auditor of the Company with effect from the close of the Meeting."

For	Against	Proxy's Discretion	Abstain	
1,336,181,068	251,879	2,913,218	75,862	
99.76%	0.02%	0.22%	-	

- There are no voting exclusions on this Resolution.
- The Board recommends that Shareholders vote in **FAVOUR** of this Resolution.
- The Chair of the Meeting will vote undirected proxies in **FAVOUR** of this Resolution.



# Renewal of Paragon Care Limited Employee Incentive Plan

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an **ORDINARY** resolution:

"That, under and for the purposes of Listing Rule 7.2 Exception 13(b), and for all other purposes including section 259B and 260C of the Corporations Act, Shareholders approve the renewal of the Company's Employee Incentive Plan (EIP) and issue of securities under the EIP in accordance with the terms set out in the Explanatory Statement."

For	Against	Proxy's Discretion	Abstain	
1,328,342,028	978,326	2,941,845	6,959,828	
99.71%	0.07%	0.22%	-	

- Voting restrictions apply to Key Management Personnel and their closely related parties.
- The Chair of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in **FAVOUR** of this Resolution.



# Issue of Performance Rights to Ms Carmen Riley

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an **ORDINARY** resolution:

"That, for the purposes of the purpose of Listing Rule 10.14 and for all other purposes, Shareholders approve the grant of Performance Rights to Ms Carmen Riley, a Director of the Company (or her nominee) under the Company's Employee Incentive Plan in accordance with the terms set out in the Explanatory Statement."

For	Against	Proxy's Discretion	Abstain	
1,313,981,649	22,117,858	2,944,195	177,825	
98.13%	1.65%	0.22%	-	

- Voting restrictions apply to Key Management Personnel and their closely related parties.
- The Board (with Ms Riley abstaining) recommends that Shareholders vote in **FAVOUR** of this Resolution.
- The Chair of the Meeting intends to vote undirected proxies in **FAVOUR** of this Resolution.







**David Collins** 

Chief Executive Officer

**CEO Presentation** 



Who are we

# ParagonCare





# ParagonCare

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# 3 Business 2 Years 1 Team









# **Strategic Overview**

#### **Our Strategy**

#### **Diversified healthcare distributor**

- Being the leading independent wholesaler & distributor in the Asia Pacific healthcare market by providing tailored solutions in leveraging ParagonCare's comprehensive range, with a unique combination of Quality, Service and Price being a key value driver for our customers and strategic supplier partners.
- To be the **master franchise holder** for Asia Pacific agency arrangements.
- The best-in-class **red cell blood diagnostics manufacturer** in Asia Pacific.
- Specialist Contract Logistics offering into healthcare suppliers with our integrated service model and hub & spoke solution.

#### **Our Vision**



ParagonCare is easy to do business with.



Pharmaceuticals, capital equipment, diagnostics, medical consumable, devices & complimentary medicines.



Execute daily tasks in a lean & efficient manner to get the job done.



Superior technology and data.



ParagonCare completed the merger with CH2 in June 2024 - the combined entity offers a compelling value proposition to customers and supply partners



An expanded product range for cross-selling and bundling covering pharmaceutical, nutritional, medical consumables, complementary medicines, medical equipment, medical devices, equipment service and logistics.



A focus on operational efficiency, quality service and competitive pricing with an integrated service model.



A strong footprint in Asia Pacific including Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Thailand, Vietnam, Korea and Philippines.



Sovereign manufacturing infrastructure revaluation and reset.





# **Business Development**

#### Business Development - Category Management - Customer and Supplier Relationships



SHARED SERVICES: Corporate Services - Finance - Supply Chain - IT - Customer Service - Marketing - Procurement - Commercial



Focus on operational efficiency, quality service and

competitive pricing

The merged entity will benefit from cost synergies through network optimisation and the implementation of a shared services model

#### Specific initiatives include:

- The consolidation of warehouse locations in Australia and the optimisation of site performance through improved automated processes.
- The rationalisation of logistics across Australia with a focus on quality service.
- The rationalisation of offices throughout Australia.
- Implementation of a shared services model and the utilisation of cross functional resources.
- Removal of duplicate roles and internal restructure.
- A focus on operational efficiency and cost rationalisation in order to drive flexibility in pricing strategies.















# People, Diversity, Environment & Sustainability

Our greatest strength comes from our ingrained culture of "ONE TEAM" and building solid client and supplier relationships, maintaining open lines of communication, and delivering what we say we will do.











#### **People**

- ✓ Deliver Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)
- Succession Planning
- Implementing new STI
- Improved engagement in the recruitment of diverse groups (indigenous and disability)
- ✓ LTIFR 3

#### **ESG**

- ✓ ISO 14001 certification
- ✓ Net Zero journey to develop with solar power project for all warehouses
- Continuing to develop reporting on waste scope 1 & 2 criteria
- Ongoing review and targets for Modern Slavery



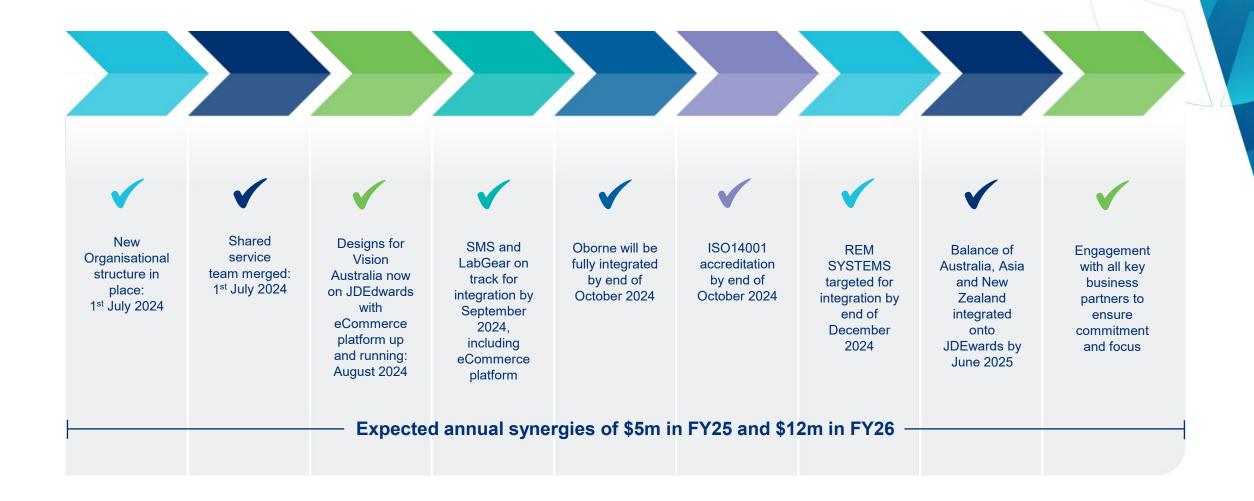
# New Mount Waverley facility to support sovereign manufacturing capability



- ParagonCare | Immulab manufactures immunohaematology In-Vitro Diagnostics, which are primarily used in Blood Banks.
- ParagonCare | Immulab is the only manufacturer of this kind in Australia and plays a significant role in ensuring Australia's bio-security.
- The new Mount Waverley facility is state-of-the-art and was purpose-built to manufacture products for domestic and export markets.
- ✓ TGA Approval was received in July 2024 and production has commenced in August 2024.
- This facility was written down by \$31.7m as part of the final ParagonCare review prior to the merger. The write down was due to the current to medium-term profitability of Immulab and we needed to right size the over investment in the Mount Waverley site. Long term management remains confident in the growth potential if the business can secure contract manufacturing opportunities.



# Executing on the integration plan





# ParagonCare is a leading healthcare wholesaler, distributor & manufacturer\*

FY24 Proforma Revenue\*\*

\$3.33 billion

FY24 Proforma
EBITDA\*\*

\$90.8 million

FY24 Proforma

Net Profit After Tax\*\*

\$28.4 million

FY24 Statutory Revenue\*\*\*

\$2.97 billion

FY24 Statutory **EBITDA\*\*\*** 

\$44.8 million

FY24 Statutory
Net Profit After Tax\*\*\*

\$8.4 million

\* ParagonCare completed the merger with CH2 Holdings Pty Ltd on 3 June 2024. ParagonCare acquired all of the issued shares in CH2 and issued 943,524,072 ordinary shares in ParagonCare to the CH2 vendors. Post transaction the CH2 vendors own 57% of ParagonCare.



<sup>\*\*</sup> Proforma calculations are based on the 12-month contribution of both ParagonCare, Oborne (if Oborne was part of CH2 for the 12 months), and CH2 Holdings from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Statutory calculations reflect the 12-month contribution of CH2 Holdings and one-month contribution from ParagonCare, from 3 June 2024 to 30 June 2024.

# FY24 Balance Sheet: Statutory

### Commentary

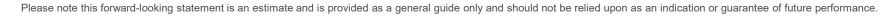
- Balance Sheet materially changed due to the CHS, Oborne acquisitions, and ParagonCare merger.
- Working capital increase due to the strong revenue growth.
- Fixed Asset increase due to ParagonCare merger but adjusted for the Immulab write down.
- ROUA and Lease Liability in Other long-term assets/liabilities.
- Goodwill & intangibles increased due to CHS, Oborne, and having to value ParagonCare at the share price on the day of completion (accounting standard treatment). Down on previous estimate due to the reverse accounting treatment, and ParagonCare original Goodwill written off as part the acquisition accounting.
- On a proforma basis for CH2 and ParagonCare daily net debt for FY24 was \$169m this is the true reflection of overall net debt levels due to the positive intra month cash movements.
- Available funds from debt facilities & cash at year end was \$169m, giving the group good access to funds for organic and in-organic growth.

\$m	FY24	FY23	Var \$	Var %
Receivables	350.6	209.9	115.3	54.9%
Inventory	307.7	215.8	91.9	42.6%
Trade payables	(553.1)	(374.1)	(179)	47.8%
Other current assets/liabilities	(38.9)	(10.6)	(8.0)	7.5%
Net Working Capital	66.3	41.0	27.4	66.8%
Fixed Assets	28.3	9.4	18.9	201.1%
Other long-term assets/liabilities	24.4	6.7	12.9	192.5%
Goodwill and intangibles	349.5	25.1	324.4	1292.4%
Funds Employed	468.5	82.2	386.3	470%
Cash	19.9	1	18.9	
Debt	(196.6)	(64.4)	(132.2)	205.3%
Equity	291.8	18.9	272.9	1444%
ROIC (Proforma Underlying EBIT )	14.1%			
ROE (Proforma Underlying EBIT)	22.65%			
Net Debt / EBITDA (Proforma)	1.95			



# FY25 Outlook

\$m	FY24	GM	GM %	Oct YTD % Growth	FY25 Run Rate	GM	GM %	Est Full Year Growth Rate
Pharmacy	2,491	90	3.6%	19.1%	2,825	99	3.5%	13.4%
Medical Consumables	419	66	15.7%	5.4%	446	67	15.0%	6.5%
Capital & Consumables OEM	239	93	38.7%	13.1%	248	97	39.3%	3.6%
Service	37	19	51.3%	-37.2%	28	17	60.0%	-23.1%
Diagnostics	23	12	50.2%	5.2%	26	12	48.0%	11.7%
Surgical Specialties	23	12	55.1%	-31.1%	19	11	55.8%	-15.4%
<b>Complementary Medicines</b>	99	23	23.0%	17.0%	113	26	23.2%	13.7%
	3,331	314	9.4%	15.5%	3,704	330	8.9%	11.2%





# FY25 Outlook

- Continued execution on the integration plan for the merged entity.
- Increase cross-sell of expanded product range and bundled offerings.
- Focus on operational efficiency and cost rationalisation.
- Inaugural ParagonCare Annual Conference, with over 250 team members to reset strategy and focus on "One Team" way of doing business.
- Actively reviewing customer, product and agency partner pipeline to embed organic growth.
- Acquisition pipeline in place and we are being proactive in additional in-organic opportunities.















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