

# ESG Report

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# Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG)

Arovella Therapeutics ("ALA" or the "Company") is committed to the principles of ESG as the most effective means of creating long-term enterprise value and addressing the societal priorities enshrined in the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. In July 2021, we commenced reporting on the Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) disclosures of the Stakeholder Capitalism Metrics (SCM) of the World Economic Forum (WEF). We are pleased to present our fourth report demonstrating our commitment to ESG principles.

We continue to make progress for our disclosures in the form of a set of universal, comparable ESG metrics focused on people, planet, prosperity and principles of governance that organisations can report on regardless of industry or region.

We use this universal ESG framework to align our mainstream reporting on performance against ESG indicators. By integrating ESG metrics into our governance, business strategy, and performance management process, we diligently consider all pertinent risks and opportunities in running our business. We continue to look for opportunities for further transparency on the topics which are material to our business.

## Governance

#### SETTING PURPOSE

Arovella is developing unique therapies to help people live longer and healthier lives.

#### GOVERNANCE BODY COMPOSITION

The Company is governed by its Board of Directors and Committees of the Board.

Full details of the directors' expertise and experience, tenure, committee roles, meeting attendance, other significant positions and commitments and remuneration are set out in the Annual Report (refer to the link below).

The role of the Board, its committees and the directors' skills and experience is expanded further in the annual Corporate Governance Statement and Appendix 4G Key to Disclosures relating to ASX Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations.

SEE ALSO:

Leadership Team

**Annual Report** 

Corporate Governance



#### MATERIAL ISSUES IMPACTING STAKEHOLDERS

The Company is reviewing stakeholder mapping for disclosure in a future ESG report.

#### ANTI-CORRUPTION PRACTICES

The Company is committed to the highest standard of honesty and integrity. The Company's commitment to the highest ethical standards includes strict compliance with applicable anti-bribery and corruption laws in Australia and overseas, acting in an ethical manner and acting with honesty, integrity, fairness and respect.

This commitment is reflected in the statement of values of the Company, and the Company's Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy (refer link below).

SEE ALSO:

Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy

#### RISK AND OPPORTUNITY OVERSIGHT

The Board is committed to the identification, assessment and management of risk throughout the Company's business activities. The Board recognises that risk management is an essential element of good corporate governance and is fundamental in achieving its strategic and operational objectives. The Company's Risk and Audit Committee reviews the Company's risk management framework annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound, as reported in the annual Corporate Governance Statement.

SEE ALSO:

Corporate Governance Statement

#### MECHANISMS TO PROTECT ETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

The Company is committed to the highest standards of honesty and ethical practices in all aspects of the Company's operations. This is documented in the Company's Code of Conduct and supported by the Company's Whistleblower Policy (refer links below).

During the previous three financial years, the Company has not reported any incidents of bribery or corruption, nor has it had any monetary losses from unethical behaviour. It has made no political donations and received no whistleblower complaints.

SEE ALSO:

Code of Conduct

Whistle Blower Policy



### **Planet**

#### **GHG EMISSIONS**

The Company does not consider GHG emissions to be a material stakeholder capitalism metric at this time, due to its small workforce and small physical footprint. The Company considers airline travel its highest GHG contribution and has therefore set a target for FY2024 and beyond to always purchase carbon offsets for flights. For FY2025 the Company purchased carbon offsets for all employee flights, offsetting a total of 40.03 tonnes of carbon emissions.

#### LAND USE AND ECOLOGICAL SENSITIVITY

The Company does not consider land use and ecological sensitivity to be a material stakeholder capitalism metric at this time, as it operates from small offices in urban areas.

#### WATER CONSUMPTION

The Company does not consider water consumption to be a material stakeholder capitalism metric at this time, due to its small workforce and limited urban office-space footprint.

#### TCFD IMPLEMENTATION

The Company does not consider TCFD implementation to be a material stakeholder capitalism metric at this time, due to its small workforce and limited office-space footprint.

# **People**

#### **DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

The Company recognises the benefits arising from employee, senior management and Board diversity, including a broader pool of high-quality employees, improving employee retention, accessing different perspectives and ideas and benefiting from all available talent.

Diversity includes, but is not limited to, an individual's race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical abilities, educational background, socioeconomic status, and religious, political or other beliefs.

Arovella is proud to have 40% female Directors and equal representation of females and males (50%:50%) in Senior Executive roles.

SEE ALSO:

**Diversity Policy** 

Corporate Governance Statement



#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

As a specialist biotechnology company, Arovella has effective workplace health and safety practices. The Company will report on health and safety statistics in a future ESG report. The Company has never reported a work-related fatality.

#### TRAINING PROVIDED

As a specialist biotechnology company with a small, highly educated and specialist team, training is not a material stakeholder capitalism metric for the Company. However, the Company recognizes the importance of continual improvement and therefore supports individuals to maintain their continuing professional development and to remain up-to-date with advances in their respective fields. The Company set a target of 22 hours of professional development per staff member for FY2024 and beyond. During FY25, employees completed an average of 34.5 hours of professional development, mainly via attendance at relevant scientific conferences.

#### **PAY EQUALITY**

The Company pays men and women equally in like for like roles, taking into account responsibilities and geographic location.

During FY2025, the average female salary was 78% of the average male salary.

#### **WAGE LEVEL**

As a specialist biotechnology company with a small, highly educated and specialist team, wage parity is not a material stakeholder capitalism metric for the Company. However, the Company notes that the ratio of the CEO's total annual salary to the median total annual salary of all other employees for FY2025 was only 2.0:1.

#### CHILD, FORCED OR COMPULSORY LABOUR

The Company considers child, forced and compulsory labour to be abhorrent. As a specialist biotechnology company with a small, highly educated and specialist team, the Company has no direct exposure to child, forced or compulsory labour. The Company is below the A\$100 million revenue threshold to report under the Modern Slavery Act in Australia.

#### **CHARITY**

As part of our social impact commitments, we hosted a company-wide charity fundraiser that achieved 100% employee participation and raised \$7,813 to support community initiatives. The event brought together teams across functions and locations, reflecting our culture of inclusion and shared purpose. By encouraging every employee to contribute we strengthened



engagement while delivering tangible benefits beyond our business. The fundraiser also reinforced our ESG priorities by aligning employee action with measurable community outcomes, enhancing morale, and demonstrating that collective effort can drive meaningful change. We will continue to build on this momentum with future initiatives that deepen our positive social impact.

## **Prosperity**

#### RATE OF EMPLOYMENT

With less than ten employees during the reporting period, the Company does not consider it worthwhile to perform further employment analysis at this time.

#### **TOTAL R&D EXPENSES**

As a specialist biotechnology company, research is fundamental to the Company, and is comprehensively disclosed in the Annual Report. In FY2025, the Company spent \$8.0 million on R&D (including employee costs), representing 71% of its overall expenses (excluding writedowns of intangible assets, amortization and depreciation).

SEE ALSO:

**Annual Report** 

#### TOTAL TAX PAID

The Company reports income tax in its Annual Report.

SEE ALSO:

**Annual Report** 

#### **ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION**

As a specialist biotechnology company, economic contribution is not considered a material stakeholder capitalism metric. This will be reviewed as the Company grows.

SEE ALSO:

**Annual Report** 



#### FINANCIAL INVESTMENT CONTRIBUTION

The Company's Annual Report includes full disclosure of research, capital expenditures, depreciation and amortisation.

SEE ALSO:

**Annual Report** 

#### **ESG PERFORMANCE DATA**

Metric	Notes <sup>1</sup>	Unit <sup>2</sup>	FY2024	FY2025	Target
Governance					
Governance performance reported			Annual Report	Annual Report	
in Annual Report and Corporate			CGS	CGS	
Governance Statement (CGS).			<u>000</u>	<u> </u>	
Governance compliance					
with ASX Corporate Governance	3	%	100	100	100
Council Principles and	3	/0	100	100	100
Recommendations					
Anti-corruption					
Bribery and corruption incidents		#	Nil	Nil	Nil
reported or identified					
Monetary losses from unethical	4	\$	0	0	0
behaviour					
Political Donations		\$	0	0	0
Whistle-blower complaints		#	0	0	n/a
Planet					
Carbon offset		%	100	100	100
purchased for flights					
Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions	5		Refer note	Refer note	
TCFD implementation	6		Refer note	Refer note	

Selected relevant metrics from World Economic Forum Report Measuring Stakeholder Capitalism: Towards Common Metrics and Consistent Reporting of Sustainable Value Creation, <a href="https://www.weforum.org/stakeholdercapitalism/our-metrics">https://www.weforum.org/stakeholdercapitalism/our-metrics</a>, 8.11.2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> All currency in Australian dollars (AUD).

<sup>3</sup> Compliance assessed on 'if not why not' basis per ASX Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Total amount of monetary losses as a result of legal proceedings associated with fraud, insider trading, anti-trust, anti-competitive behaviour, market manipulation, malpractice, or violations of other related industry laws or regulations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Company does not consider GHG emissions to be a material stakeholder capitalism metric at this time, due to its small workforce and limited office-space footprint.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The Company does not consider TCFD implementation to be a material stakeholder capitalism metric at this time, due to its small workforce and limited office-space footprint.



#### **ESG PERFORMANCE DATA**

Metric	Notes <sup>1</sup>	Unit <sup>2</sup>	FY2024	FY2025	Target
Land use	7		Refer note	Refer note	
and ecological sensitivity	/		Kerer note	Kelel liote	
Water consumption					
and withdrawal in water-stressed	8		Refer note	Refer note	
areas					
People					
Diversity and inclusion					
Directors[a]					
<ul> <li>Female</li> </ul>			40	40	50
• Male	9	%	60	60	50
Senior Executive Management					
<ul> <li>Female</li> </ul>			50	50	50
• Male			50	50	50
Pay equality					
Ratio of the basic salary and					
remuneration for all employees:	10	%	71	78	100
women to men, expressed as a					
percentage					
Wage level					
Ratio of CEO's total annual salary to	10	#	2.0	2.0	NA
median total annual salary of all	10	"	2.0	2.0	1471
employees (excluding the CEO)					
Risk for incidents of child, forced or					
compulsory labour			_	_	
Identified cases of child, forced or		#	Nil	Nil	Nil
compulsory labour in company or					
direct suppliers.					
Health and Safety		#	Nil	Nil	Nil
Recordable work-related injuries					
Training provided					
<ul> <li>Average hours of training per</li> </ul>		Hrs	24	34.5	22
person	11	-			
Average training and		\$	Not measured	Not measured	NA
development expenditure per					
full time employee					

The Company does not consider land use and ecological sensitivity to be a material stakeholder capitalism metric at this time, as it operates from small offices in urban areas.

The Company does not consider water consumption to be a material stakeholder capitalism metric at this time, due to its small workforce and limited urban office-space footprint .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Ratios calculated as at 30 June. Senior Executive Management includes CEO and COO.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Includes consultants involved in day-to-day management of the Company.

Average hours of training per person that the organization's employees have undertaken during the reporting period (total number of training hours provided to employees divided by the number of employees)



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Metric	Notes <sup>1</sup>	Unit <sup>2</sup>	FY2024	FY2025	Target
Discrimination and Harassment					
<ul> <li>Number of incidents</li> </ul>		#	Nil	Nil	Nil
<ul> <li>Total amount of monetary losses as a result of legal proceedings associated with law violations</li> </ul>		\$	0	0	0
and employment discrimination.					
Prosperity					
Employment					
<ul> <li>new employee hires</li> </ul>		#	2	3	NA
<ul> <li>employee turnover</li> </ul>		%	14	0	<10%
Economic Contribution					
a. Revenue		\$	Refer Annual Report	Refer Annual Report	
b. Operating costs					
c. Employee wages and benefits					
d. Payments to providers of capital					
Total R&D expenses					
Total costs related to research and development, including employee		\$	6,735,324	8,026,774	NA
benefits expense					