Vicinity Centres¹

Appendix 4D - Results for announcement to the market

For the six months ended 31 December 2015



	Six months to			
	31-Dec-15	31-Dec-14 ²	Increase/(De	ecrease)
	\$m	\$m	\$m	%
Revenue from ordinary activities	659.9	402.6	257.3	63.9
Net Profit from ordinary activities after tax attributable to securityholders	424.6	412.7	11.9	2.9
Underlying Earnings	377.6	342.9	34.7	10.1
Not towaikle assets you convity	31-Dec-15	30-Jun-15	Increase/(De	•
Net tangible assets per security Total	\$ per security 2.54	\$ per security 2.45	\$ per security 0.09	3.7
Distribution per stapled security	2.54 Cents ³	Record date	Payment date	3.7
Half Year	8.80	31-Dec-15	2-Mar-16	

Review of results

For discussion on the half year results refer to the following documents released on the ASX today: ASX announcement, Half Year Financial Report and the investor presentation.

Details of associates and joint venture entities (equity accounted investments)

Refer to Note 3(e) of the Half Year Financial Report.

The information presented above is based upon the reviewed Half Year Financial Report for 31 December 2015. Refer to page 31 - Independent Auditor's Report.

Michelle Brady Company Secretary

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Notes

- 1. Vicinity Centres (VCX) comprises Vicinity Limited ABN 90 114 757 783 and Vicinity Centres Trust ARSN 104 931 928.
- 2. As a result of the reverse acquistion as described in Note 1(a) of the Half Year Financial Report the comparative information presented above for the period ended 31 December 2014 is that of Novion Property Group other than Underlying Earnings for the comparative period which has been aggregated (refer to Note 2 of the Half Year Financial Report for further information). The presentation and classification of certain items has also been adjusted as necessary to provide more meaningful information in the context of the Merged Group.

Date: 17 February 2016

3. Details of the full year tax components of distributions will be provided in the Annual Tax Statements which will be sent to securityholders in August 2016.



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Financial report for the half year ended 31 December 2015



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Directors' Report

The Directors of Vicinity Limited present the financial report of Vicinity Centres for the half year ended 31 December 2015. Vicinity Centres (Vicinity or the Group) is a stapled group comprising Vicinity Limited (the Company) and Vicinity Centres Trust (the Trust). Although separate entities, the Stapling Deed entered into by the Company and the Trust ensures that shares in the Company and units in the Trust are 'stapled' together and are traded collectively on the Australian Securities Exchange, under the ASX code 'VCX'.

Directors

The Board of Directors of Vicinity Limited and Vicinity Centres RE Ltd, as Responsible Entity (RE) of Vicinity Centres Trust (together, the Vicinity Board) consist of the same Directors. The following persons were members of the Vicinity Limited Board from 1 July 2015 and up to the date of this report unless otherwise stated:

(i) Chairman

Peter Hay (Independent)

(ii) Non-executive Directors

Trevor Gerber (Independent) (appointed 28 October 2015)⁽¹⁾

Richard Haddock AM (Independent)

Tim Hammon (Independent)

Peter Kahan

Charles Macek (Independent)

Karen Penrose (Independent)

Debra Stirling (Independent) (appointed 28 October 2015)⁽¹⁾

Wai Tang (Independent)

David Thurin

(iii) Executive Director

Angus McNaughton (appointed as Chief Executive Officer on 3 August 2015 and Managing Director on 28 October 2015)⁽¹⁾

Company Secretaries

Michelle Brady

Carolyn Reynolds (appointed 20 November 2015)

Principal activities

The Group has its principal place of business at Chadstone Shopping Centre, 1341 Dandenong Road, Chadstone, Victoria 3148.

The principal activities of the Group during the period were property investment, property management, property development, leasing and funds management.

The Vicinity Limited constitution contained a limit on the maximum number of Directors being eight. Following securityholder approval of amendments to the Vicinity Limited constitution at the 2015 Annual General Meeting, this limit was removed and Mr Trevor Gerber, Ms Debra Stirling and Mr Angus McNaughton were appointed as Directors of Vicinity Limited. Prior to their appointment as Directors, Mr Gerber and Ms Stirling were alternate Directors of Vicinity Limited.

Merger of Federation Centres and Novion Property Group

On 11 June 2015, Federation Centres (Federation) and Novion Property Group (Novion) merged (the Merger) to create one of Australia's leading Real Estate Investment Trusts. Under the terms of the Merger, each Novion Security was exchanged for 0.8225 Federation Securities (the Merger ratio), resulting in Federation as the legal acquirer and Novion as the legal acquiree. However, under accounting standards (AASB3 *Business Combinations*), the transaction was accounted for as a reverse acquisition and Novion was identified as the accounting acquirer and Federation as the accounting acquiree. Refer to Note 1(a) for further details. The impact of the reverse acquisition accounting on the half year financial statements is explained in the table below:

	6 months to 31-Dec-15	6 months to 31-Dec-14
Statement of Comprehensive Income		
Statement of Changes in Equity	Vicinity Centres	6 months Novion only
Cash Flow Statement		
Underlying Earnings	Vicinity Centres	6 months Federation
Officerrying Carrinigs	Vicinity Centres	6 months Novion
	As at	As at
	31-Dec-15	30-Jun-15
Balance sheet	Vicinity Centres	Vicinity Centres

Change of corporate name

On 28 October 2015 the securityholders of the Group approved the change of the Company's name from Federation Limited to Vicinity Limited. Consequently, on 2 November 2015, the Group was rebranded as Vicinity Centres, Federation Centres Trust No.1 was renamed Vicinity Centres Trust and Federation Centres Limited was renamed Vicinity Centres RE Ltd.

Distributions

On 16 December 2015, the Directors declared a distribution for the half year ended 31 December 2015 of 8.8 cents per VCX stapled security, which equates to total half year distributions payable to securityholders of \$348.4 million. The payment date of the half year distribution will be 2 March 2016.

Review of operations

The following provides an overview of operations and financial results for the half year ended 31 December 2015.

(a) Financials

Financial performance

Vicinity generated a statutory net profit of \$424.6 million for the half year ended 31 December 2015. To reflect the Group's underlying and recurring earnings from operations, the net profit after tax has been adjusted for certain unrealised and non-cash items, and other items that are non-recurring or capital in nature. The below information has been extracted and summarised from Note 2 to the financial statements:

	6 months to 31-Dec-15 \$m	6 months to 31-Dec-14 ⁽¹⁾ \$m
Net property income (Property Investment segment)	472.9	465.5
Strategic partnership income (Strategic Partnership segment)	32.6	33.7
Total income	505.5	499.2
Corporate overheads (net of internal property management fees)	(42.3)	(52.0)
Net interest expense	(85.6)	(104.3)
Underlying earnings ⁽²⁾	377.6	342.9
Subtract Federation underlying earnings prior to the Merger ⁽³⁾	-	(129.9)
Other unrealised and non-recurring items:		
Asset revaluations	428.3	250.3
Impairment and amortisation of intangible assets	(296.6)	(1.4)
Net movement on mark-to-market of derivatives	(19.6)	(28.4)
Transaction costs	(26.9)	(0.5)
Other non-distributable items	(38.2)	(20.3)
Net profit after tax	424.6	412.7

- (1) Although the Merged Group was created on 11 June 2015, for comparison purposes management assesses Group performance against aggregated Federation and Novion results for the six months to 31 December 2014. Changes in the definition of underlying earnings adopted by Federation and the distributable income definition adopted by Novion have resulted in a net increase in underlying earnings of \$3.4 million from the previously reported underlying earnings and distributable income of Federation and Novion respectively for the six months ended 31 December 2014.
- (2) A reconciliation to Adjusted Funds from Operations (AFFO), as determined by reference to guidelines published by the Property Council of Australia, has been provided in Note 2 to the financial statements.
- (3) Represents Federation's contribution to underlying earnings in the comparative period which does not form part of the comparative net profit after tax. Refer Note 1(a) to the financial statements.

Commentary on the Group's financial performance for the period to 31 December 2015 is provided below:

Net property income (NPI)	Up \$7.4m, 1.6% (Comparable portfolio up	Comparable ⁽¹⁾ portfolio NPI was up 3.7% reflecting fixed increases in place for specialty leases, growth in percentage rent through improving sales, particularly at the DFOs, and a focus on expense control. Statutory NPI growth of 1.6% has been impacted by the timing of asset purchases and sales which reduced NPI on a net basis by 2.9%. Completion of developments delivered solid growth, with the
Corporate	3.7%) Down \$9.7m,	Emporium (August 2014) and Cranbourne (March 2015) developments growing NPI by 1.6%. The remainder of the NPI growth was primarily derived from the comparable portfolio. The realisation of Merger synergies has reduced corporate overheads with savings derived across
overheads	18.7%	the business. The largest contributions were from salaries, statutory expenses and insurance.
Net interest expense	Down \$18.7m, 17.9%	Savings in net interest expense reflects a reduction in the weighted average cost of debt over the period to 4.0%. This reduction was achieved through the post Merger refinancing activities and favourable market conditions. Asset sales also contributed to an overall reduction in debt levels, partially offset by acquisitions and development activity funding.

Asset revaluations	\$428.3 million	Asset revaluation gains of \$428.3 million (31 December 2014 \$250.3 million) reflects continuing investor demand for quality retail assets. Over the period, the Group's weighted average capitalisation rate tightened to 6.09% (30 June 2015: 6.30%). Organic and development income growth also contributed to the revaluation increase.
Impairment & amortisation of intangible assets	\$296.6 million	Following the increase in investment property values and consideration of market based valuation cross checks, a review of the goodwill that arose from the Merger was undertaken. This review indicated that a portion of the goodwill, primarily represented by the value attributable to the diversified portfolio, has now been priced into the value of the Group's underlying investment properties. Further information in relation to this review and the recurring amortisation charge is contained in Note 4 of the half year financial report.
Transaction costs	\$26.9 million	Transaction costs incurred over the period primarily related to redundancy and advisor costs and are in line with expectations as outlined in the Scheme Booklet for the Merger.

⁽¹⁾ Comparable portfolio excludes acquisitions, divestments and development impacted centres.

Key portfolio metrics are outlined below:

Retail sales	Up 1.6%	The portfolio observed average Moving Annual Turnover (MAT) growth of 1.6% through to 31 December 2015, reflecting a 0.3% improvement from 30 June 2015. Specialties, which contribute 54% of total portfolio gross rent, recorded MAT growth of 3.4%. Categories reporting the highest rates of growth include retail services, mobile phones and general retail. MAT growth rates for majors were 0.2% up from -0.3% at 30 June 2015. This improvement is attributed to new strategic directions for department and discount department store brands. Supermarkets, which represent 9% of total portfolio gross rent, recorded a decline in sales of 0.3%. Price deflation is considered to have contributed to this result.
Leasing Occupancy	99.2% (up 0.3%)	There are nearly 8,800 leases in place across the directly owned portfolio (9,600 across the managed portfolio) and during the half year period, 771 lease transactions were completed. The
WALE ¹²⁾ 5.8 years (up by spread on thes on thes in an improven		rent related to these transactions represents 5.9% of total portfolio gross rent and the leasing spread on these transactions averaged -1.8%. Leasing activity during the half year period resulted in an improvement in occupancy from 98.9% at June 2015 to 99.2% at 31 December 2015 and an
Spread ⁽³⁾	-1.8% (up 0.4%)	extension in the weighted average lease expiry from 5.6 years at 30 June 2015 to 5.8 years at 31 December 2015.

⁽²⁾ Weighted average lease expiry by Gross Lettable Area (GLA).

⁽³⁾ Variance to rental under the previous lease for deals completed during the period.

Financial position

	31-Dec-15	30-Jun-15
	\$m	\$m
Cash	119.9	107.4
Investment property	14,816.2	14,109.7
Intangible assets	594.8	891.4
Other assets	538.5	529.4
Total Assets	16,069.4	15,637.9
Borrowings	4,716.7	4,303.1
Other liabilities	688.5	739.2
Total liabilities	5,405.2	5,042.3
Net assets	10,664.2	10,595.6
Net Tangible Asset per security (NTA) (\$)	2.54	2.45
Net Asset Value per security (NAV) (\$)	2.69	2.68
Gearing ⁽¹⁾	29.5%	28.0%

⁽¹⁾ Calculated as drawn debt at Note 5, net of cash divided by total tangible assets excluding cash and derivative financial assets.

The highlights of the Group's financial position based on the summarised balance sheet at 31 December 2015 include:

- Investment properties increased by \$706.5 million to \$14.8 billion from 30 June 2015, largely due to the \$428.3 million revaluation increase. Further increases to investment properties were seen through development spend, most notably at Chadstone, Warriewood Square and Halls Head Central and strategic acquisitions offset by the sale of several non-core assets. Refer Note 3(b) for further details on investment properties.
- A reduction in intangible assets due to the \$295.0 million impairment of goodwill and \$1.6 million amortisation of intangible management contracts as previously outlined. Refer to Note 4 of the half year financial report for further information.
- An increase in borrowings of \$413.6 million due to acquisitions and development activity net of assets sold.
- Group gearing at 31 December 2015 of 29.5% was within the Group's target range of 25.0% to 35.0%.

(b) Operations

Merger integration update

The Merger integration is on track and ahead of target on synergies with 90% of operational cost synergies achieved on a run-rate or annualised basis compared to the Scheme Booklet target of 75% at June 2016. A number of important culture integration milestones were achieved in the period with teams now co-located and the new Vicinity Centres brand launched. Following a comprehensive review, JD Edwards was selected as the preferred IT platform for the Group and the consolidation of a number of IT systems has now begun with integration expected to be substantially completed by December 2016.

Portfolio strategy

The following asset transactions were completed during the half year:

Date	Properties	Interest acquired/sold	Price \$m	Capitalisation rate
Assets acquired				
18-Dec-15	The Shops at Ellenbrook (WA)	100%	220.0	5.75%
18-Dec-15	Livingstone Marketplace (WA)	100%	83.0	6.00%
	Total acquired ⁽¹⁾		303.0	
Assets sold				
24-Aug-15	Goulburn Plaza (NSW)	100%	(67.0)	6.78%
24-Aug-15	Katherine Oasis (NT)	100%	(27.9)	8.80%
27-Aug-15	Westside Plaza (NSW)	100%	(33.7)	10.00%
29-Oct-15	Lutwyche City (QLD)	100%	(65.0)	7.28%
04-Nov-15	Mt Gambier (SA)	100%	(24.5)	10.00%
	Total disposed		(218.1)	
	Net increase		84.9	

⁽¹⁾ Exclusive of stamp duty and other acquisition costs of \$17.0 million.

Additionally, the Group announced that following a comprehensive portfolio evaluation, approximately \$750 million to \$1 billion of further asset disposal opportunities have been identified.

Developments

The Group's development pipeline remains at \$3.1 billion (\$1.5 billion Vicinity share).

During the half year the redevelopment of Cranbourne in Melbourne's south-east was completed and is trading well. Leasing on the retail and office development at Chadstone Shopping Centre is nearing completion and the project is on track for completion in various stages during FY17. Halls Head in WA, Warriewood in NSW and Colonnades in SA are also on track and are due to complete by June 2016.

Planning for the \$350 million (\$175 million Vicinity share) redevelopment of Mandurah in WA is progressing well and the development is expected to commence in the first half of 2016¹.

Capital management

The following refinancing activities were undertaken by the Group during the period. Post the completion of these transactions the Group's weighted average debt expiry increased to 4.0 years (30 June 2015: 3.0 years).

Undrawn facilities available at 31 December 2015 are \$1.4 billion and are detailed in Note 5(a) to the half year financial statements.

i. US private placement notes (USPPs)

In December 2015, the Group issued US\$250.0 million and A\$75.0 million of USPPs with expiries ranging from December 2025 to December 2030. The proceeds were applied towards repayment of the existing bridge facility. Foreign exchange movements on the US\$ notes have been hedged under the Group's hedging strategy.

ii. Bank loans and bridge facility

\$750 million of new 3 and 5 year unsecured bank debt facilities were established with a small group of international banks in December 2015. \$350 million of these facilities were drawn to repay the remainder of the \$1.8 billion bridge facility. The bridge facility was cancelled on 24 December 2015.

iii. Convertible notes

The remaining \$270.4 million of convertible notes outstanding at 30 June 2015 were repaid following the receipt of sufficient redemption notices allowing the Group to exercise its right to acquire all remaining notes. This redemption was financed through available unsecured bank loans.

¹ Subject to the satisfaction of conditions precedent.

(c) Outlook

Underlying Earnings guidance for the year ending 30 June 2016 has firmed to 19.1 cents per security, the top end of the previously announced guidance range of 18.8 to 19.1 cents⁽¹⁾.

Events occurring after the end of the reporting period

No matters have arisen since the end of the half year which have significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Group, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Group in future financial years.

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 10.

Rounding of amounts

The Company is an entity of a kind referred to in Class Order 98/100, issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, relating to the 'rounding off' of amounts in the Directors' report. Accordingly, amounts in the Directors' report have been rounded off to the nearest tenth of a million dollars (\$m) in accordance with that Class Order, unless stated otherwise.

Signed in Melbourne on 17 February 2016 in accordance with a resolution of Directors.

P A F Hay Chairman

¹ Subject to no unforeseen deterioration in economic conditions and no material asset sales in the second half of the financial year.



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Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Vicinity Limited

As lead auditor for the review of Vicinity Centres for the half year ended 31 December 2015, I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review; and
- b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

This declaration is in respect of Vicinity Limited and Vicinity Centres Trust and the entities they controlled during the financial period.

Ernst & Young

David Shewring Partner

17 February 2016

Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the half year ended 31 December 2015

		31-Dec-15	31-Dec-14 ⁽¹
	Note	\$m	\$m
Revenue			
Property ownership revenue		627.2	378.1
Management fee revenue from strategic partnerships		32.7	24.5
Interest and other income		7.4	1.2
Total revenue and income		667.3	403.8
Share of net profits of associates and joint venture partnerships accounted for using		7.7	6.1
the equity method	2/5)		-
Property revaluation increment for directly owned properties	3(b)	428.3	250.3
Net movement on mark-to-market of derivatives		(19.6)	(28.4)
Direct property expenses		(158.3)	(92.1)
Borrowing costs	5(d)	(83.8)	(74.4)
Employee benefits expenses		(56.9)	(35.6)
Other expenses from ordinary activities		(19.6)	(11.9)
Impairment and amortisation of intangible assets	4	(296.6)	(1.4)
Transaction costs		(26.9)	(0.5)
Stamp duty and other costs written off on acquisition of investment properties	3(b)	(17.0)	-
Profit before tax for the half year		424.6	415.9
Income tax expense	6	-	(3.2)
Net profit for the half year		424.6	412.7
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the half year		424.6	412.7
Net profit for the half year attributable to stapled securityholders as:			
Securityholders of Vicinity Limited	6	(309.3)	3.4
Securityholders of other stapled entities of the Group	6	733.9	409.3
Net profit for the half year		424.6	412.7
Total comprehensive income for the half year attributable to stapled securityholders	as:		
Securityholders of Vicinity Limited	6	(309.3)	3.4
Securityholders of other stapled entities of the Group	6	733.9	409.3
Total comprehensive income for the half year		424.6	412.7
Earnings per security attributable to securityholders of Vicinity Limited:			
Basic (loss)/earnings per security (cents)		(7.81)	0.15
Diluted (loss)/earnings per security (cents)		(7.81)	0.13
Earnings per security attributable to securityholders of the Group:			
Basic earnings per security (cents)		10.73	16.51
Diluted earnings per security (cents)		10.71	16.15

The above consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

⁽¹⁾ As a result of the reverse acquisition as described in Note 1(a), the comparative information for the period ended 31 December 2014 is that of Novion Property Group (Novion). The aggregate result on a segment basis for the Federation and Novion's performance for the comparative period to 31 December 2014 is presented in Note 2(a).

Balance Sheet

as at 31 December 2015

		31-Dec-15	30-Jun-15
	Note	\$m	\$m
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		119.9	107.4
Receivables and other assets		110.4	123.5
Financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss		4.5	6.3
Investments accounted for using the equity method	3(e)	0.5	0.5
Total current assets		235.3	237.7
Non-current assets			
Investment properties	3(a)	14,816.2	14,109.7
Investments accounted for using the equity method	3(e)	101.0	93.4
Intangible assets	4	594.8	891.4
Plant and equipment		13.2	14.3
Derivative financial instruments	5(f)	104.6	87.1
Deferred tax assets		84.3	84.3
Receivables and other assets		120.0	120.0
Total non-current assets		15,834.1	15,400.2
Total assets		16,069.4	15,637.9
Current liabilities			
Interest bearing liabilities	5	439.9	1,357.4
Distribution payable		348.4	336.5
Payables and other liabilities		225.4	199.5
Provisions		73.6	157.9
Derivative financial instruments	5(f)	-	0.3
Total current liabilities		1,087.3	2,051.6
Non-current liabilities			
Interest bearing liabilities	5	4,276.8	2,945.7
Payables and other financial liabilities		-	38.9
Provisions		5.3	5.4
Derivative financial instruments	5(f)	35.8	0.7
Total non-current liabilities		4,317.9	2,990.7
Total liabilities		5,405.2	5,042.3
Net assets		10,664.2	10,595.6

The above consolidated Balance Sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Balance Sheet (continued)

as at 31 December 2015

	31-Dec-15	30-Jun-15
Note	\$m	\$m
Equity		
Securityholders of Vicinity Limited		
Contributed equity	481.1	481.1
Share-based payment reserve	3.9	11.5
Retained (losses)/profits	(300.8)	8.5
Total equity attributable to securityholders of Vicinity Limited	184.2	501.1
Securityholders of other stapled entities of the Group		
Contributed equity	8,012.1	8,012.1
Retained profits	2,467.9	2,082.4
Total equity attributable to securityholders of other stapled entities of the Group	10,480.0	10,094.5
Total equity	10,664.2	10,595.6

The above consolidated Balance Sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Changes in Equity

for the half year ended 31 December 2015

	Attributable to securityholders of Vicinity Limited				Attributable to securityholders of other stapled entities of the Group			entities of	
	Contributed equity \$m	Reserves \$m	Retained profits/ (Accumulated losses) \$m	Total \$m	Contributed equity \$m	Reserves \$m	Retained profits \$m	Total \$m	Total equity \$m
As at 1 July 2014 ⁽¹⁾	224.1	-	(2.3)	221.8	3,914.9	-	1,965.0	5,879.9	6,101.7
Net profit for the half year	-	-	3.4	3.4	-	-	409.3	409.3	412.7
Total comprehensive income for the half year	-	-	3.4	3.4	-	-	409.3	409.3	412.7
Transactions with securityholders in their capacilissue of securities, net of transaction costs Share based payments Distributions payable Total equity as at 31 December 2014	ty as securityho 2.4 - - - 226.5	Iders: - - -	- - - 1.1	2.4 - - - 227.6	63.1 - - - 3.978.0	- 0.7 - 0.7	- (210.5) 2,163.8	63.1 0.7 (210.5) 6,142.5	65.5 0.7 (210.5) 6,370.1
					5,210.0		_,	5,2 12.0	0,01012
As at 1 July 2015	481.1	11.5	8.5	501.1	8,012.1	-	2,082.4	10,094.5	10,595.6
Net (loss)/profit for the half year	-	-	(309.3)	(309.3)	-	-	733.9	733.9	424.6
Total comprehensive income for the half year	-	-	(309.3)	(309.3)	-	-	733.9	733.9	424.6
Transactions with securityholders in their capaci	ty as securityho	lders:							
Issue of securities, net of transaction costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share based payments Distributions payable	<u> </u>	(7.6) -	-	(7.6)		-	- (348.4)	- (348.4)	(7.6) (348.4)
Total equity as at 31 December 2015	481.1	3.9	(300.8)	184.2	8,012.1	-	2,467.9	10,480.0	10,664.2

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

⁽¹⁾ As a result of the reverse acquisition as described in Note 1(a), the comparative information for the period ended 31 December 2014 is that of Novion.

Cash Flow Statement

for the half year ended 31 December 2015

	31-Dec-15	31-Dec-14 ⁽¹⁾
	\$m	\$m
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts in the course of operations	751.3	487.8
Payments in the course of operations	(317.6)	(205.9)
Distributions and dividends received from associates, joint venture partnerships and managed investments	9.3	2.2
Interest and other revenue received	5.1	0.8
Interest paid	(81.0)	(83.6)
Net cash inflows from operating activities	367.1	201.3
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for capital expenditure on investment properties	(222.0)	(100.5)
Payments for acquisition of investment properties	(303.0)	-
Proceeds from disposal of investment properties	218.1	67.0
Payments for plant and equipment and other investments	(1.1)	(3.9)
Proceeds from other investments	1.8	7.7
Proceeds from capital distribution from equity accounted investments	-	38.0
Transaction costs paid	(28.9)	(4.5)
Stamp duty paid	(80.0)	-
Net cash (outflows)/inflows from investing activities	(415.1)	3.8
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from borrowings	2,797.5	1,137.2
Repayment of borrowings	(2,382.5)	(1,220.9)
Distributions paid to external securityholders	(336.5)	(140.5)
Termination payments for derivatives	-	(8.9)
Debt establishment costs paid	(5.9)	-
Acquisition of shares on market for settlement of share based payments	(12.1)	-
Net cash inflows/(outflows) from financing activities	60.5	(233.1)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	12.5	(28.0)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half year	107.4	91.1
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half year	119.9	63.1

 $\label{thm:conjunction} \mbox{The above Cash Flow Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.}$

⁽¹⁾ As a result of the reverse acquisition as described in Note 1(a) the comparative information for the period ended 31 December 2014 is that of Novion.

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Vicinity Centres (Vicinity or the Group) comprises Vicinity Limited (the Company) and Vicinity Centres Trust (the Trust). The Stapling Deed entered into by the Company and the Trust ensures that shares in the Company and units in the Trust are 'stapled' together and are traded collectively on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX), under the ASX code 'VCX'.

(a) Basis of preparation

The condensed consolidated financial report for the half year ended 31 December 2015 (the financial report) has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting*, other applicable accounting standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements and the *Corporations Act 2001*. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year unless otherwise stated. The financial report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report unless otherwise stated. Accordingly, this report is to be read in conjunction with the 30 June 2015 Annual Report and any public announcements issued during the half year in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the Listing Rules of the Australian Securities Exchange.

The financial report has also been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, except for certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties which have been recognised at fair value.

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars (\$) and was approved by the Board of Directors on 17 February 2016. The Directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial report.

The Company is an entity of a kind referred to in Class Order 98/100, issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. Accordingly, amounts in this financial report have been rounded to the nearest tenth of a million dollars, unless stated otherwise.

Although the Group has a net current deficiency of \$852.0 million (current liabilities exceed current assets) at reporting date, the Group has sufficient current undrawn borrowing facilities (of \$1,406.8 million, refer to Note 5) and generates sufficient operating cashflows to meet its current obligations as they fall due. Accordingly, this financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis.

Merger of Federation Centres and Novion Property Group

On 11 June 2015, Federation Centres (Federation) and Novion Property Group (Novion) merged (the Merger) to create one of Australia's leading Real Estate Investment Trusts. Under the terms of the Merger, each Novion Security was exchanged for 0.8225 Federation Securities (the Merger ratio), resulting in Federation as the legal acquirer and Novion as the legal acquiree. However, under accounting standards (AASB3 *Business Combinations*), the transaction was accounted for as a reverse acquisition and Novion was identified as the accounting acquirer and Federation as the accounting acquiree. The impact of the reverse acquisition accounting on the half year financial statements is explained in the table below:

	6 months to 31-Dec-15	6 months to 31-Dec-14
Statement of Comprehensive Income		
Statement of Changes in Equity	Vicinity Centres	6 months Novion only
Cash Flow Statement		
		6 months Federation
Underlying Earnings	Vicinity Centres	+
		6 months Novion
	As at	As at
	31-Dec-15	30-Jun-15
Balance sheet	Vicinity Centres	Vicinity Centres

The presentation of certain items has also been adjusted as necessary to provide more meaningful information in the context of the Merged Group. Where the presentation or classification of items in the financial report is amended, comparative amounts are also reclassified unless it is impractical. The adjustments made to the presentation of items had no impact on the net assets or net profit of the Group.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

The impact of new and amended standards

There are no new and amended standards that became effective for the Group on 1 July 2015.

(b) Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements are required in preparation of the financial statements. These judgements and estimates are based on historical experience and other various factors considered to be reasonable under the circumstances, but which are inherently uncertain and unpredictable, the result of which form the basis of the carrying values of assets and liabilities. As a result, actual results could differ from those estimates. There are no key estimates and assumptions significant to Vicinity Centres' financial statements not already noted in the 30 June 2015 Annual Report.

2. Segment information

AASB 8 Operating Segments requires a 'management approach' in identifying and presenting segment information. That is, segment information is presented on the same basis as that used for internal reporting purposes. The Group has identified its operating segments as the Property Investment segment and the Strategic Partnerships segment. This is based on the internal reports that are reviewed and used by the Chief Operating Decision Makers (CODMs) (which for the Group are the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO)) in assessing performance and in determining the allocation of resources.

Segment performance is assessed based on underlying earnings which is calculated as statutory net profit, adjusted for fair value adjustments, certain unrealised and non-cash items, and other items that are non-recurring or capital in nature. In addition to underlying earnings, from 1 July 2015, the CODMs also review Adjusted Funds from Operations (AFFO) in assessing the performance of the Group. AFFO is determined by adjusting Underlying Earnings for other items in accordance with the guidelines published by the Property Council of Australia.

(a) Segment results

	6 months to 31-Dec-15 \$m	6 months to 31-Dec-14 ⁽¹⁾ \$m
Property Investment segment		<u> </u>
Net property income	472.9	465.5
Strategic Partnership segment		
Property management, development and leasing fees	27.8	26.0
Funds management fees	4.8	7.7
Total income	505.5	499.2
Corporate overheads (net of internal property management fees)	(42.3)	(52.0)
Net interest expense	(85.6)	(104.3)
Underlying earnings	377.6	342.9
Adjusted for:		
Rent lost from undertaking developments	(9.1)	
Derivative and debt break costs arising from early repayment of borrowings pursuant to capital transactions	-	
Maintenance capital expenditure and tenant incentives given for the period	(27.0)	
Adjusted Funds From Operations ⁽²⁾	341.5	
Distribution declared	348.4	
Distribution as a percentage of AFFO	102.0%	
Distribution as a percentage of Underlying Earnings	92.3%	

⁽¹⁾ Although the Merged Group was created on 11 June 2015, for comparison purposes management assesses Group performance against aggregated Federation and Novion results for the six months to 31 December 2014. Changes in the definition of underlying earnings adopted by Federation and the distributable income definition adopted by Novion have resulted in a net increase in underlying earnings of \$3.4 million from the previously reported underlying earnings and distributable income of Federation and Novion respectively at 31 December 2014.

⁽²⁾ AFFO was not previously used by Novion as a measure of segment performance. As such information for the comparative period ending 31 December 2014 is not reported.

2. Segment information (continued)

(b) Reconciliation of underlying earnings to net profit after tax

	31-Dec-15 \$m	31-Dec-14 \$m
Underlying earnings	377.6	342.9
Subtract Federation underlying earnings prior to the Merger ⁽¹⁾	-	(129.9)
Non-distributable items:		
Property revaluation increments for directly owned properties ⁽²⁾	428.3	250.3
Property revaluation increments within equity accounted investments	2.6	3.4
Amortisation of static lease incentives ⁽³⁾	(4.5)	(3.4)
Amortisation of other project items ⁽³⁾	(11.3)	(9.0)
Straight-lining revenue ⁽⁴⁾	4.6	(0.1)
Rent lost from undertaking developments ⁽⁵⁾	(9.1)	(5.4)
Stamp duty on acquisition of investment properties	(17.0)	-
Net movement on mark-to-market of derivatives (6)	(19.6)	(28.4)
Transaction costs ⁽⁷⁾	(26.9)	(0.5)
Impairment and amortisation of intangible assets ⁽⁸⁾	(296.6)	(1.4)
Income tax expense	-	(3.2)
Other non-distributable items	(3.5)	(2.6)
Net profit after tax	424.6	412.7

The material adjustments to net profit to arrive at underlying earnings and reasons for their exclusion are described below:

- (1) Represents Federation's contribution to underlying earnings in the comparative period which does not form part of the comparative net profit after tax. Refer Note 1(a).
- (2) Net profit includes movements in the fair value of investment properties in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.
- (3) Certain payments such as lease incentives and legal fees relating to investment properties are capitalised. Amortisation of these items is then recognised as an expense in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. Tenant incentives paid during the period are reflected in the AFFO calculation at Note 2(a). Accordingly, amortisation of these incentives is excluded from underlying earnings.
- (4) Straight-lining of rental revenue, which is required by Australian Accounting Standards, is an unrealised non-cash amount.
- (5) The Group recognises rent lost from undertaking developments in net property income. This income does not meet the definition of revenue under Australian Accounting Standards and is therefore not recognised in statutory net profit.
- (6) Fair value movements in derivatives comprise mark-to-market movements required by Australian Accounting Standards for valuation purposes, including realised and unrealised amounts.
- (7) The Group has incurred costs in the current period in relation to the Merger.
- (8) Net profit includes the impairment and amortisation of intangible assets as outlined in Note 4. These are non-cash expenses.

(c) Segment assets and liabilities

The property investment segment reported to the CODMs includes investment properties held directly and those that are included in equity accounted investments. The property investment values are measured in a manner consistent with the Balance Sheet. A breakdown of the total investment properties in the property investment segment is shown below:

	31-Dec-15	30-Jun-15
	\$m	\$m
Investment properties per Balance Sheet	14,816.2	14,109.7
Investment properties included in equity accounted investments	262.8	245.4
Total investment property segment	15,079.0	14,355.1

All other assets and liabilities are unallocated for CODM reporting.

3. Investment properties

The Group's investment properties are valued independently (externally) or internally at each reporting period unless otherwise stated. Carrying value is equal to the valuation which includes the cost of capital works in progress on development projects.

Independent (external) valuations are performed at intervals of not more than one year by appropriately qualified valuers from a pre-approved panel of major property consultancy firms. Internal valuations are undertaken by management. Where the variance

between the last independent valuation and the internal valuation is greater than 10% an external valuation is undertaken.

Independent valuations usually adopt the midpoint of the 'capitalisation of net income' and 'discounted cash flow' (DCF) methods to valuing retail property, whereas internal valuations use the 'capitalisation of net income' method to value properties with a cross check using the DCF method. Both independent and internal valuations employ the 'residual value' method when valuing development properties. The value of the asset on completion is calculated using the methodologies above, and then the estimated cost to complete the development, including construction costs and associated expenditures, finance costs, and an allowance for developer's risk and profit is deducted from the value of the asset on completion to derive the current value.

Planning and holding costs relating to potential major development projects are capitalised and carried within the overall investment property balance. These costs are reviewed each period and the status of the project assessed to determine if continued capitalisation of these costs remains appropriate.

Sundry properties are recently acquired property holdings adjacent to existing investment properties and are carried at purchase price plus acquisition costs.

(a) Summary of portfolio

Shopping centre type	3	1-Dec-15			30-Jun-15	
	Number of properties	Value \$m	Weighted average cap rate %	Number of properties	Value \$m	Weighted average cap rate %
Super Regional	1	2,100.0	4.75	1	1,871.8	5.00
Major Regional	7	3,060.0	5.82	7	3,068.7	5.84
Regional	12	2,535.6	6.57	12	2,520.1	6.67
City Centre	4	1,752.0	5.31	4	1,665.0	5.56
Outlet Centre/Other	5	1,027.8	6.58	5	952.2	6.82
Sub Regional	35	3,503.6	6.86	36	3,197.2	7.19
Neighbourhood and other	20	771.6	6.89	22	820.3	7.17
Total	84	14,750.6	6.09	87	14,095.3	6.30
Planning and holding costs	22.8		14.4			
Sundry properties	42.8					
Total investment properties		14,816.2			14,109.7	

(b) Movements for the period

	31-Dec-15 \$m	31-Dec-14 ⁽¹⁾ \$m
Opening balance at 30 June	14,109.7	8,830.4
Acquisitions including associated stamp duty and transaction costs	320.0 ⁽²⁾	-
Capital expenditure ⁽³⁾	199.5	90.4
Capitalised interest ⁽⁴⁾	5.0	7.4
Disposals	(218.1)	(67.0)
Property revaluation increment	428.3	250.3
Stamp duty and transaction costs written off on acquisitions	(17.0)	-
Amortisation of incentives	(15.8)	(12.3)
Straight-lining of rent adjustment	4.6	(0.1)
Closing balance at 31 December	14,816.2	9,099.1

- (1) As a result of the reverse acquisition as described in Note 1(a), the comparative information is that of Novion.
- (2) Comprises purchase price of \$303.0 million plus stamp duty and transaction costs of \$17.0 million.
- (3) Capital expenditure includes redevelopment costs, additions and lease incentives.
- (4) Borrowing costs incurred in the construction of qualifying assets have been capitalised at a weighted average rate of 3.92% (December 2014: 5.3%).

(c) Fair value measurement

Investment properties are categorised as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy as the capitalisation of net income and DCF methods require assumptions for inputs that are not based on observable market data. At reporting date, the key unobservable inputs used by the Group in determining fair value of its investment properties are summarised below:

	31-Dec-15		30-Jun-15		
		Weighted		Weighted	
Unobservable inputs	Range of inputs	average inputs	Range of inputs	average inputs	Sensitivity
Capitalisation rate ⁽¹⁾	4.75% - 8.50%	6.09%	5.00% - 10.00%	6.30%	The higher the discount rate,
Discount rate ⁽²⁾	7.50% - 9.25%	8.15%	8.00% - 10.25%	8.50%	terminal yield, capitalisation
Terminal yield ⁽³⁾	5.00% - 9.00%	6.34%	5.25% - 10.25%	6.54%	rate and downtime for
Expected downtime for	2 months to	5 months	2 months to	1 months	tenants vacating, the lower the fair value
tenants vacating	12 months	5 1110111113	12 months	4 1110111113	the fall value
Rental growth rate	2.70% - 4.60%	3.72%	2.50% - 4.60%	3.70%	The higher the rental growth rate, the higher the fair value

- (1) The capitalisation rate is the required annual yield of net market income used to determine the value of the property. The rate is determined with regards to comparable market transactions.
- (2) The discount rate is a required annual rate of return used to convert a forecast cashflow of an asset into a present value. Theoretically it should reflect the required rate of return of the property given its risk profile relative to competing uses of capital. The rate is determined with regards to comparable market transactions.
- (3) The terminal yield is the capitalisation rate used to convert forecast annual income into a forecast asset value at the end of the holding period when carrying out a discounted cash flow calculation. The rate is determined with regards to comparable market transactions and the expected risk of the asset at the end of the cashflow period.

All of the above key assumptions have been taken from the latest independent (external) valuation reports and internal valuation assessments. Bowes St is excluded as it is a commercial property.

For all investment properties the current use equates to the highest and best use.

(d) List of investment properties held

i. Super Regional

			Carrying value		
	Ownership interest %	Valuation type	31-Dec-15 \$m	30-Jun-15 \$m	
Chadstone Shopping Centre	50	External	2,100.0	1,871.8	
Total Super Regional			2,100.0	1,871.8	

ii. Major Regional

	Carrying value			
	Ownership interest	Valuation type	31-Dec-15	30-Jun-15
	%		\$m	\$m
Bankstown Central	50	Internal	325.0	320.0
Bayside Shopping Centre	100	Internal	560.0	556.2
Chatswood Chase Sydney	100	Internal	960.0	952.1
Galleria	50	External	377.5	360.0
Northland Shopping Centre	50	Internal	482.5	482.5
Roselands	50	Internal	185.0	179.8
The Glen	50	External	170.0	218.1
Total Major Regional			3,060.0	3,068.7

iii. Regional

			Carrying	, value
	Ownership interest	Valuation type	31-Dec-15	30-Jun-15
	%		\$m	\$m
Broadmeadows Shopping Centre	100	Internal	333.3	333.7
Colonnades	50	External	147.7	150.8
Cranbourne Park	50	External	140.0	130.5
Eastlands Shopping Centre	100	External	162.7	162.7
Elizabeth Shopping Centre	100	Internal	370.0	368.2
Forest Hill Chase	100	External	269.8	281.7
Grand Plaza Shopping Centre	50	External	197.5	191.0
Mandurah Forum	50	Internal	156.3	156.3
Mount Ommaney	25	External	105.0	104.1
Rockingham Shopping Centre	50	External	290.0	280.3
Runaway Bay Shopping Village	50	External	135.0	127.5
Toombul	100	External	228.3	233.3
Total Regional			2,535.6	2,520.1

(d) List of investment properties held (continued)

iv. City Centre

			Carrying value			
	Ownership interest %	Valuation type	31-Dec-15 \$m	30-Jun-15 \$m		
Emporium Melbourne ⁽¹⁾	50	Internal	520.0	489.6		
Myer Bourke Street ⁽¹⁾	33	External	132.0	122.8		
The Myer Centre Brisbane	50	External	395.0	382.7		
QueensPlaza	100	Internal	705.0	669.9		
Total City Centre			1,752.0	1,665.0		

v. Outlet Centre/Other

			Carrying value		
	Ownership interest %	Valuation type	31-Dec-15 \$m	30-Jun-15 \$m	
DFO Essendon ⁽²⁾	100	External	161.5	152.9	
DFO Homebush	100	External	365.8	320.0	
DFO Moorabbin ⁽³⁾	100	Internal	110.5	108.6	
DFO South Wharf ⁽⁴⁾	75	External	325.0	311.6	
Indooroopilly Central	100	External	65.0	59.1	
Total Outlet Centre/Other			1,027.8	952.2	

Refer to footnotes at the end of Note 3(d).

(d) List of investment properties held (continued)

vi. Sub Regional

			Carrying	
	Ownership interest %	Valuation type	31-Dec-15 \$m	30-Jun-15 \$m
Altona Gate Shopping Centre	100	External	91.0	86.9
Armidale Central	100	Internal	45.5	44.5
Belmont Village	100	External	46.3	44.5
Box Hill North	100	Internal	76.0	70.0
Box Hill South ⁽⁵⁾	100	External	155.0	144.4
Brandon Park	50	External	58.2	58.2
Brimbank Shopping Centre	100	External	165.2	165.5
Buranda Village	100	External	41.5	38.1
Carlingford Court	50	External	104.3	101.5
Castle Plaza Shopping Centre	100	External	168.9	152.7
Clifford Gardens Shopping Centre	100	External	188.0	188.5
Corio Shopping Centre	100	External	126.0	123.8
Gympie Central	100	Internal	78.0	75.0
Karratha City	50	Internal	58.4	57.5
Kurralta Central	100	External	36.8	35.7
Lake Haven Shopping Centre	100	External	272.1	268.3
Lavington Square	100	External	58.0	56.0
Livingstone Marketplace ⁽⁸⁾	100	External	83.0	-
Maddington Central	100	External	117.5	114.4
Maitland Hunter Mall	100	External	20.0	16.8
Mornington Central	100	External	65.0	61.8
Nepean Village	100	External	160.0	142.1
Northgate Shopping Centre	100	Internal	99.0	96.2
Roxburgh Park Shopping Centre	100	Internal	110.0	105.2
Sunshine Marketplace	50	Internal	56.7	56.0
Taigum Square	100	Internal	89.2	89.3
The Shops at Ellenbrook ⁽⁸⁾	100	External	220.0	-
Toormina Gardens	50	External	40.0	40.0
Tweed Mall	100	External	74.5	79.0
Warnbro Centre	100	External	122.5	122.0
Warriewood Square	50	External	110.0	87.7
Warwick Grove	100	External	196.5	184.1
West End Plaza	100	Internal	62.0	59.0
Whitsunday Central	100	External	62.5	59.6
Wodonga Plaza	100	External	46.0	47.3
Goulburn Plaza ⁽⁷⁾	100	-	-	67.2
Mount Gambier Central ⁽⁷⁾	100	-	-	24.8
Westside Plaza ⁽⁷⁾	100	-	-	33.6
Total Sub Regional			3,503.6	3,197.2

Refer to footnotes at the end of Note 3(d).

(d) List of investment properties held (continued)

vii. Neighbourhood and Other

	Carrying value				
	Ownership interest	Valuation type	31-Dec-15	30-Jun-15	
	%		\$m	\$m	
Albany Brooks Garden	100	External	25.0	25.1	
Bentons Square ⁽⁶⁾	100	External	77.3	76.8	
Bowes Street	100	External	8.9	10.0	
Currambine Central	100	External	96.0	87.3	
Dianella Plaza	100	External	78.7	72.2	
Flinders Square	100	External	30.3	30.3	
Goldfields Plaza	100	Internal	27.0	25.0	
Halls Head Central	50	External	35.5	22.1	
Hilton Plaza	100	External	17.7	19.0	
Kalamunda Central	100	External	37.1	36.8	
Lennox Village	50	External	31.8	30.3	
Milton Village	100	External	25.0	22.0	
Monier Village	100	External	20.3	19.9	
North Shore Village	100	External	23.0	20.8	
Oakleigh Central	100	Internal	59.0	58.0	
Oxenford Village	100	Internal	28.0	26.5	
Stirlings Central	100	External	50.0	48.0	
Terrace Central	100	Internal	32.5	31.5	
The Gateway	100	External	41.0	38.8	
Victoria Park Central	100	Internal	27.5	27.0	
Katherine Oasis ⁽⁷⁾	100	-	-	27.9	
Lutwyche City ⁽⁷⁾	100	-	-	65.0	
Total Neighbourhood and Other			771.6	820.3	

⁽¹⁾ The titles to these properties are leasehold with 291 years remaining on the ground leases.

(e) Investments accounted for using the equity method

The Group holds the following investments that are equity accounted:

	Own	ership	Carrying value		
	31-Dec-15	30-Jun-15	31-Dec-15	30-Jun-15	
	%	%	\$m	\$m	
Tuggeranong Hyperdome (Joint Venture)	50.0	50.0	23.7	21.7	
Victoria Gardens Shopping Centre (Joint Venture)	50.0	50.0	76.0	70.8	
Vicinity Asset Operations Pty Ltd (Associate)	33.3	33.3	1.3	0.9	
Bent St Trust (current asset) (Joint Venture)	50.0	50.0	0.5	0.5	
Closing Balance			101.5	93.9	

⁽²⁾ The title to this property is leasehold with 32 years remaining on the ground lease.

⁽³⁾ The title to this property is leasehold with 18 years remaining on the ground lease.

⁽⁴⁾ The title to this property is leasehold with 93 years remaining on the ground lease.

⁽⁵⁾ The title to this property is leasehold with options to extend the ground lease to 2135 at the Group's option.

⁽⁶⁾ The Group has an option to acquire the remaining 50% of Bentons Square in July 2016. Based on the terms of the agreements, the acquisition is accounted for as a 100% acquisition of the property, with a deferred settlement on the remaining 50%. The deferred settlement is recognised as an other current financial liability.

⁽⁷⁾ Disposed during the period.

⁽⁸⁾ Acquired during the period.

4. Intangible assets

31-Dec-15	Goodwill \$m	Indefinite life management contracts \$m	Finite life management contracts \$m	Total \$m
Opening carrying value 1 July 2015	712.7	164.2	14.5	891.4
Impairment charge	(295.0)	-	-	(295.0)
Amortisation charge	-	-	(1.6)	(1.6)
Carrying value 31 December 2015	417.7	164.2	12.9	594.8

30-Jun-15	Goodwill	Indefinite life	Finite life	Total
30-Juli-13	\$m	management contracts \$m	management contracts \$m	\$m
Opening carrying value 1 July 2014	254.5	97.1	12.3	363.9
Arising from business combinations	458.2	72.6	-	530.8
Transfer between categories	-	(5.5)	5.5	-
Amortisation charge	-	-	(3.3)	(3.3)
Carrying value 30 June 2015	712.7	164.2	14.5	891.4

(a) Background

i. External Management Contracts

The management contracts reflect the right to provide asset and fund management services to external parties in accordance with management agreements. They were recognised at their fair value at both the date of Novion's internalisation of management from the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) and the Merger. The value of these contracts is allocated to the strategic partnerships cash-generating unit (CGU) which is also an operating and reportable segment. No indicators of impairment have been identified in relation to the valuation of finite and indefinite life management contracts at 31 December 2015.

Finite Life

Certain external management rights that are considered to have a finite life are subsequently amortised on a straight-line basis depending on the timing of the projected cash flows under the management agreements. The amortisation period is based on termination dates reflected in the management agreements (with consideration given to renewals). The Group amortises intangible assets with a finite life using the straight-line method over periods ranging from 2.5 to 10 years.

Indefinite Life

Certain external management rights, primarily those associated with strategic partners who co-own assets with the Group and that have management agreements without termination dates, are considered to have indefinite useful lives. Indefinite life intangibles are tested for impairment annually with the last annual test being performed at 30 June 2015.

ii. Goodwill

Goodwill relates to the internalised management of the owned properties and the portfolio premium associated with being a large listed REIT as described below. This balance is allocated to the Property Investment CGU which is also an operating and reportable segment.

Portfolio Premium

The 'portfolio premium' that was considered to exist upon the Merger relates to value elements not captured in the underlying fair value of the individual properties. This portfolio premium represents, amongst other items, development potential, liquidity, diversified portfolio benefits and the Group's ability to obtain and attract debt funding.

Internal Management Contracts

Internal management contracts relate to the incremental value created in relation to the Group's investment properties by replacing property management fees with an internalised cost structure (asset management business) i.e. the value of management rights relating to internally owned assets.

4. Intangible assets (continued)

(b) Impairment of goodwill

The Group evaluated each CGU at 31 December 2015, to determine whether there were any indications of impairment. A number of factors were reviewed, with the increase in the investment portfolio as disclosed in Note 3 and market based valuation cross checks, considered to represent the primary indicators of impairment for goodwill. As a result, the Group assessed the recoverable amount of the Property Investment CGU.

The review indicated that a portion of the goodwill, primarily represented by the value attributable to the diversified portfolio, has now been priced into the value of the Group's underlying investment properties. As a result, an impairment of goodwill related to the portfolio premium of \$295.0 million was recorded at 31 December 2015.

i. Recoverable amount assessment methodology

Recoverable amount is determined using a fair value less cost of disposal (fair value) approach. In order to determine the fair value of the Property Investment CGU as a whole an Enterprise Value (EV) approach has been adopted. This approach estimates fair value based on a discounted cash flow analysis using underlying earnings adjusted for interest expenses, cash flows from the Strategic Partnerships CGU and capital expenditure requirements. The recoverable amount, which is equal to the carrying value, of the Property Investment CGU has been determined as the Group's NAV less the value of the finite and indefinite life management contracts.

The fair value calculated under this approach is considered as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy as it is determined using unobservable inputs, being forecast underlying earnings, discount rates and growth rates.

ii. Enterprise value model key assumptions and estimation approach

The table below summarises key assumptions used in the 31 December 2015 EV model and for comparison also provides the equivalent assumptions used at 30 June 2015. The process applied in the determination the key assumptions is detailed below.

Key assumption	31-Dec-15	30-Jun-15
Cash flows for forecast underlying earnings & operational capital expenditure	3 years	3 years
Terminal growth rates	2.3% - 2.5%	2.5%
Post tax discount rate range	7.92% - 8.42%	7.75% - 8.25%
Cost of equity	8.85% - 9.35%	8.75% - 9.25%

Post tax discount rate and cost of equity

Relevant discount rates are calculated based on the Capital Asset Pricing Model with reference to the Group's cost of debt, cost of equity and target gearing ratios.

Terminal Growth Rates

Estimated with reference to macro-economic conditions and the Group's expected earnings growth through fixed rental contract increases and the realisation of Merger synergies.

Forecast Underlying Earnings & operational capital expenditure

Based on the values determined by the Group's budgeting and planning process.

iii. Future value considerations

The carrying amount of the Property Investment CGU includes the value of the Group's investment properties which are held at fair value. These fair values are determined based on a number of assumptions, as outlined in Note 3. As the carrying amount of the Property Investment CGU is equal to it recoverable amount, any reasonably possible change in the assumptions that impact the property valuations and EV model may have a corresponding impact on the carrying amount of the Property Investment CGU, including goodwill.

Additionally, the future disposal of interests in directly owned or equity accounted investment property assets, where the Group also gives up any future rights under existing finite life, indefinite life or internal management contracts, may lead to the derecognition of the associated carrying values of these management contracts, as the Group may no longer be entitled to the management fees under disposal arrangements.

5. Interest bearing liabilities

The following financing activities were undertaken by the Group during the period:

i. US private placement notes (USPPs)

In December 2015, the Group issued the following USPPs:

- US\$184 million expiring in December 2025, which were converted into A\$263.4 million;
- US\$66 million expiring in December 2030, which were converted into A\$94.4 million; and
- A\$75 million expiring in December 2030.

The proceeds were applied towards the repayment of the \$1,800 million bridge facility.

ii. Bank loans and bridge facility

\$750 million of new 3 and 5 year unsecured bank debt facilities were established with a small group of international banks in December 2015. Proceeds of \$350 million were used to repay the remainder of the \$1,800.0 million bridge facility. The bridge facility was cancelled on 24 December 2015.

iii. Convertible notes

The remaining \$270.4 million of convertible notes outstanding at 30 June 2015 were repaid following the receipt of sufficient redemption notices allowing the Group to exercise its right to acquire all remaining notes. This redemption was financed through available unsecured bank loans.

The following table outlines the Group's interest bearing liabilities at balance date:

	31-Dec-15 \$m	30-Jun-15 \$m
Current liabilities	•	4
Unsecured		
A\$ Medium term notes (A\$ MTNs)	440.0	440.0
US private placement notes	-	648.9
Convertible notes	-	270.4
Deferred debt costs ⁽¹⁾	(0.1)	(1.9)
Total current liabilities	439.9	1,357.4
Non-current liabilities		
Unsecured		
Bank loans	2,639.5	2,380.9
A\$ Medium term notes	250.0	250.0
US private placement notes	1,077.9	-
Secured		
A\$ Medium term notes	325.9	328.7
Deferred debt costs ⁽¹⁾	(16.5)	(13.9)
Total non-current liabilities	4,276.8	2,945.7
Total interest bearing liabilities	4,716.7	4,303.1

⁽¹⁾ Deferred debt costs comprise the unamortised value of borrowing costs on establishment or refinance of debt facilities. These costs are deferred on the Balance Sheet and released to the Statement of Comprehensive Income using the effective interest rate method. The amortisation is included in borrowing costs.

5. Interest bearing liabilities (continued)

(a) Financing facilities

The Group's total available facilities by type excluding fair value adjustments⁽¹⁾ at 31 December 2015 are detailed in the table below:

Facility Type	Less than 1 year	1 to 3 years	3 to 5 years	5 to 10 years	Greater than 10 years	Total
Bank debt ⁽²⁾	-	2,146.3	1,900.0	-	-	4,046.3
USPP notes	-	177.6	38.0	407.9	367.4	990.9
A\$ MTNs	440.0 ⁽³⁾	-	400.0	150.0	-	990.0
Total facilities available	440.0	2,323.9	2,338.0	557.9	367.4	6,027.2
Amount drawn						4,620.4
Total undrawn fa	cilities					1,406.8

⁽¹⁾ The carrying amount of the USPPs and secured A\$ MTNs in the Balance Sheet includes adjustments for fair value items of \$112.9 million (June 2015: \$130.4 million). These fair value adjustments are excluded from the calculation of total facilities available and amounts drawn. Additionally, deferred debt costs of \$16.6 million are not reflected in the amount drawn.

- (2) Total debt facilities is reduced by bank guarantees of \$2.7 million drawn against bank debt facilities.
- (3) A\$ MTNs expiring in May 2016 are planned to be refinanced under existing available facilities.

The Group has a long term credit rating of 'A-' from Standard & Poor's, with a stable outlook.

(b) Defaults on debt obligations

At 31 December 2015, the Group had no defaults on debt obligations (June 2015: None).

(c) Breaches of lending covenants

At 31 December 2015, the Group had no breaches of lending covenants (June 2015: None).

(d) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs consist of interest and other costs that an entity incurs in connection with borrowing funds such as establishment fees, legal fees and other fees.

Borrowing costs are expensed to the Statement of Comprehensive Income using the effective interest rate method, except for borrowing costs incurred for the development of investment property which are capitalised to the cost of the investment property during the period of development.

	31-Dec-15	31-Dec-14 ⁽¹⁾
	\$m	\$m
Interest expense	85.6	74.3
Amortisation of borrowing costs	3.2	7.5
Less: capitalised borrowing costs	(5.0)	(7.4)
Total borrowing costs	83.8	74.4

⁽¹⁾ As a result of the reverse acquisition as described in Note 1(a), comparative information for the period ended 31 December 2014 is that of Novion.

(e) Fair value of borrowings

As at 31 December 2015, the Group's debt has a fair value of \$4,766.8 million (June 2015: \$4,355.7 million).

The difference between the carrying amount and fair value is due to fixed rate borrowings held. The fair value of fixed rate borrowings is calculated by discounting the contractual cashflows using the yield to maturity or prevailing market discount rates for market fixed interest debt instruments, with similar terms, maturity and credit quality. Had the fixed debt been recognised at fair value, these would have been classified as Level 2 under the fair value hierarchy as the market discount rates used are indirectly observable.

5. Interest bearing liabilities (continued)

(f) Derivative financial instruments

The Group holds derivative financial instruments relating to interest rate swaps and cross currency swaps to hedge against the interest rate risk and foreign currency risk of the Group's borrowings. The fair value of these derivatives are estimated using valuation techniques, including use of reference to current fair value of other instruments that are substantially the same or discounted cash flow techniques. Valuation methodologies are observable inputs, mainly interest rates and interest rate curves as well as foreign currency rates. As such, the derivative instruments held by the Group are classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

As at 31 December 2015 the carrying value and notional principal amounts of these derivative financial instruments are:

	Carrying Amount		Notional Principal Value	
	31-Dec-15 \$m	30-Jun-15 \$m	31-Dec-15 \$m	30-Jun-15 \$m
Cross currency swaps (pay A\$ receive US\$) – Assets	104.2	84.7	518.1	524.2
Interest rate swaps (floating to fixed) – Assets	0.4	2.4	75.0	1,056.7
Total Assets	104.6	87.1	n/a	n/a
Cross currency swaps (pay A\$ receive US\$) - Liabilities	(17.2)	-	357.8	-
Interest rate swaps (floating to fixed) – Liabilities	(18.6)	(1.0)	2,495.1	747.5
Total Liabilities	(35.8)	(1.0)	n/a	n/a

6. Stapled entity allocation of net profit

In accordance with AASB 3 *Business Combinations*, Vicinity Limited (the Company) is the deemed parent of the Vicinity Centres stapled group (comprising Vicinity Limited and Vicinity Centres Trust). As the Company has no legal ownership over Vicinity Centres Trust and its controlled entities (the Trust), the allocation of net profit and net assets is shown separately for the Company and the Trust in the Statement of comprehensive income, Balance sheet and Statement of changes in equity.

The following illustrates the contribution of the Company to the stapled Group's net profit after tax:

	31-Dec-15	31-Dec-14 ⁽¹⁾
Vicinity Limited and controlled entities	\$m	\$m
Operating result of the Companies	8.2	8.5
Less: transaction costs incurred by the Companies (2)	(20.9)	(0.5)
Less: impairment and amortisation of intangibles	(296.6)	(1.4)
Net (loss)/profit before tax attributable to securityholders of Vicinity Limited (as the Companies)	(309.3)	6.6
Income tax expense ⁽³⁾	-	(3.2)
Net (loss)/profit after tax attributable to securityholders of Vicinity Limited	(309.3)	3.4
Net profit after tax attributable to securityholders of Vicinity Centres Trust (as other stapled entities of the Group)	733.9	409.3
Net profit after tax of the Stapled Group	424.6	412.7

- (1) As a result of the reverse acquisition as described in Note 1(a), the comparative information for the period ended 31 December 2014 is that of Novion.
- (2) Transaction costs of \$26.9 million on the Statement of Comprehensive Income include transaction costs of \$6.0 million incurred by the Trust.
- (3) Under current Australian income tax legislation the Trusts are not liable to pay Australian income tax, including capital gains tax, provided that unitholders are presently entitled to the income of the Trusts as determined under the Trust Constitutions. Accordingly, income tax expense is only brought to account in relation to the profit or loss incurred by the Companies. For the period to 31 December 2015, as illustrated in the table above, the Companies made an accounting loss. A tax loss was also recorded, primarily due to the transaction costs incurred during the period. These additional tax losses have not been brought to account as deferred tax assets in the Group financial statements at 31 December 2015, as their future utilisation is not considered probable based on taxable income forecasts. Unrecognised deferred tax assets will continue to be reviewed at each reporting period and may be recognised at a later date if considered likely to be recovered.

7. Events occurring after the reporting date

No matters have arisen since the end of the half year which have significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Group, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Group in future financial periods.

Directors' Declaration

In the Directors' opinion:

- (a) the half year financial statements and notes of Vicinity Centres (the Group) set out on pages 11 to 29 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
 - (i) complying with Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001*, the Constitutions of the Trusts and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2015 and of its performance, as represented by the results of its operations, changes in equity and its cash flows, for the half year ended on that date; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Group will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Vicinity Limited.

PAF Hay Chairman

Melbourne 17 February 2016

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To the members of Vicinity Limited

Report on the Half Year Financial Report

We have reviewed the accompanying half year financial report of Vicinity Centres (the 'Group'), which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 December 2015, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the half year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity comprising Vicinity Limited (the 'Company'), Vicinity Centres Trust and the entities they controlled at the half year end or from time to time during the half year.

Directors' Responsibility for the Half Year Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the half year financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal controls that the directors determine are necessary to enable the preparation of the half year financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half year financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including: giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2015 and its performance for the half year ended on that date; and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*. As the auditor of Vicinity Limited and the entities it controlled during the half year, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

A review of a half year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We have given to the directors of the Company a written Auditor's Independence Declaration, a copy of which is included in the Directors' Report.

Conclusion

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half year financial report of Vicinity Centres is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2015 and of its performance for the half year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

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David Shewring Partner Melbourne 17 February 2016