

# Michael Boggs CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



## **Executive team**



Michael Boggs Chief Executive Officer



**Greg Hornblow Chief of OneRoof** 



Carolyn Luey Chief Digital and Publishing Officer



David Mackrell Chief Financial Officer



Katie Mills Chief Marketing Officer



Tracey Taylor
Chief People
Officer



Jason Winstanley
Chief Audio Officer



## NZME's brands reach more than 3.5 million people across NZ each month<sup>1</sup>



#### **Audio Audience**

Digital audience  $1,308,300^2$ 

Terrestrial audience  $1,925,400^3$ 



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#### **Publishing Audience**

Digital audience 1,949,0004

Print audience  $1,087,000^{1}$ 





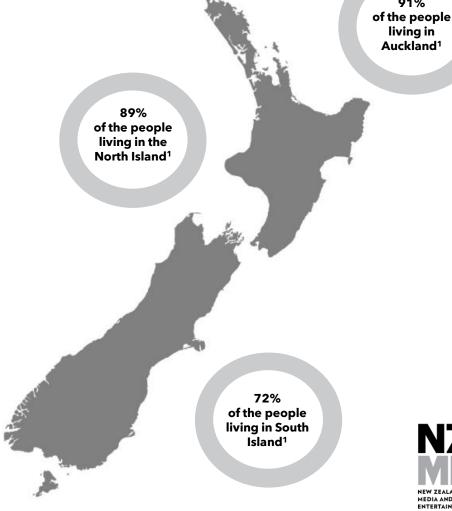


#### **OneRoof Audience**

Digital audience 518,000<sup>4</sup>

△OneRoof

Print audience 293,000<sup>1</sup>





91%

living in

Auckland<sup>1</sup>

### **Board Members**

We are governed and supported by an engaged and independent Board with diverse experience and backgrounds











Barbara Chapman Chairman

Carol Campbell Independent Director

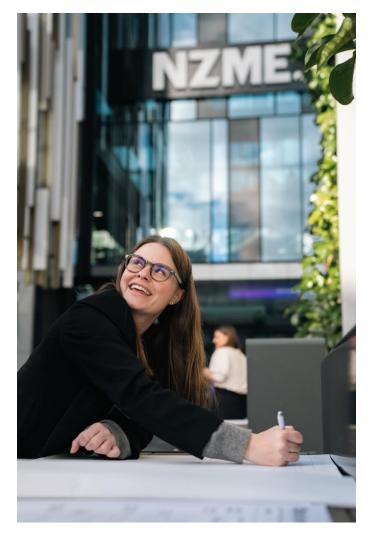
David Gibson Independent Director

Sussan Turner Independent Director

Guy Horrocks Independent Director



## We have a team of more than 1200 people and we are proud of our employer promise - This Could Lead Anywhere



At NZME we are committed to fostering an innovative, engaged, inclusive workplace.

We have three distinct pillars to support engagement and the development of our people:

Inspire Me, Coach Me, Develop Me

Within each pillar we have initiatives to support a great workplace culture, provide learning and development for everyone, and create exceptional leaders.





## We have a strong commitment to sustainability

## **OUR SUSTAINABILITY COMMITMENT**

We are committed to protecting the craft of journalism and broadcasting.



Goals









# Three strategic priorities were set in 2020, with targets for 2023, with digital transformation at the core of the strategy







Create New Zealand's best local audio content



Grow broadcast and digital reach



**Grow market revenue** share and digital revenue



NEW ZEALAND'S HERALD



The #1 News brand for all New Zealanders



**Subscriber** first



Be a safe, scalable destination for advertisers



YOUR COMPLETE PROPERTY DESTINATION



Strengthen core residential listings business



Be indispensable to agents



**Expand the portfolio** 

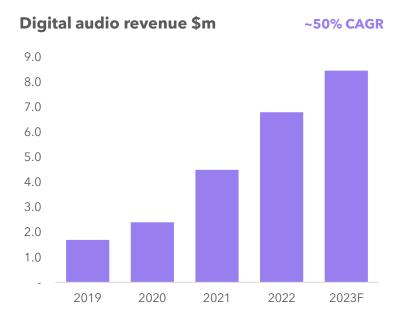


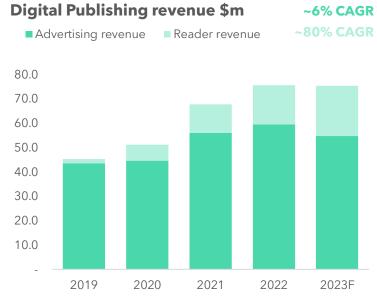
## Digital revenues have shown strong growth

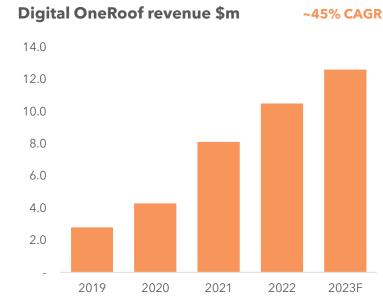






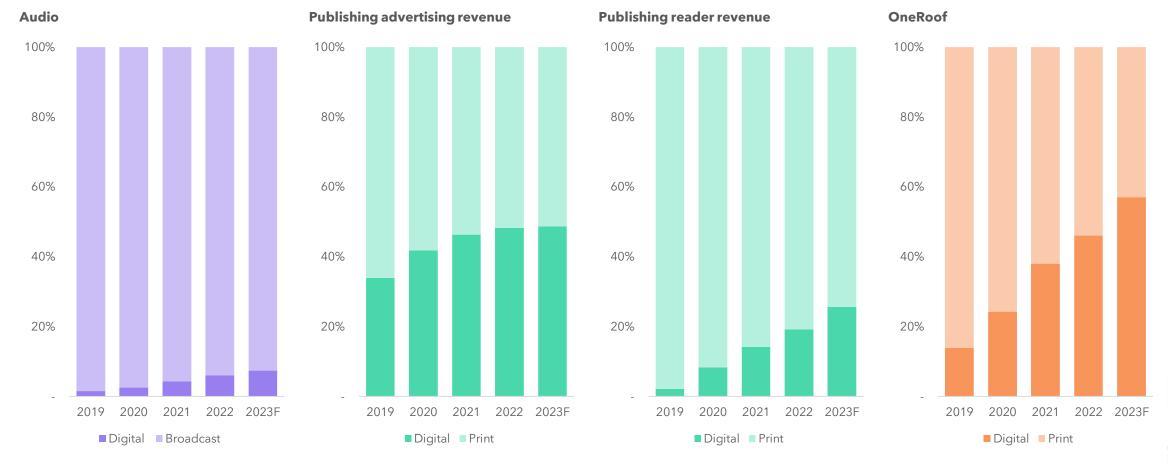






## **Every business is showing digital mix changes**

Total digital revenues now represent 29% of total revenue compared to 13% in 2019





### Audio Scorecard - 2020 to 2023



Metric	2023 Target set in 2020	2020 Achievement	2021 Achievement	2022 Achievement	H1 2023 Achievement	Tracking
NZME share of total audience	> 1% share point growth per annum	35.6% <sup>1</sup>	37.4% <sup>1</sup>	37.7% <sup>1</sup>	38.1% <sup>1</sup>	
Radio Revenue Share	> 1% share point growth per annum	40.4%²	40.9%²	41.4% <sup>2</sup>	42.4% <sup>2</sup>	
Digital audio revenue as a % of total audio revenue	5%	2.4%	3.4%	5.1%	7.0%	
EBITDA <sup>3</sup> Margin Target (pre NZ IFRS16)	15 - 17%	14%4	12%	13%	12%	

<sup>1.</sup> GfK Commercial RAM, NZME excl. Partners, Total NZ, M-S 12mn-12mn, Market Share %, S4 2020 - S1 2023, AP10+



<sup>2.</sup> Radio Broadcasters Association Monthly Radio Market Report, rolling 12-month average to 31 December (2020 - 2022) and 12-month average to 30 June 2023 (H1 2023). Note: report excludes independent broadcasters, contra revenue, and digital audio.

<sup>3.</sup> EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure and excludes exceptional items.

<sup>4.</sup> Includes Covid-19 government wage subsidy received in 2020. Excluding the impact of the government wage subsidy received in 2020, the EBITDA margin was 10.5%.

## Publishing Scorecard - 2020 to 2023



Metric	2023 Target set in 2020	2020 Achievement	2021 Achievement	2022 Achievement	H1 2023 Achievement	Tracking
Subscription Volume Target	More than 210,000 by 2023 year-end	169,000	191,000	209,000 <sup>1</sup>	218,000¹	
Subscription Volume Mix	Digital Only > Print	32% / 68%	43% / 57%	54% / 46%	56% / 44%	
% Households Subscribing	> 12% by year- end	9%²	10%²	11%²	11%²	
Advertising Revenue Mix	> 45% Digital	42% Digital	46% Digital	48% Digital	48% Digital	
EBITDA <sup>3</sup> Margin Target (pre NZ IFRS16)	18-19%⁵	<b>19</b> %⁴	18%	18%	11%	



<sup>2.</sup> Stats.govt.nz Dwelling and household estimates: June 2023 guarter.



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<sup>4.</sup> Includes Covid-19 government wage subsidy received in 2020. Excluding the impact of the government wage subsidy received in 2020, the EBITDA margin was 17.0%.

<sup>5.</sup> Adjusted from 19-20% to reflect the change in accounting policy on SaaS arrangements. Capital expenditure is expected to reduce by a similar amount.

## OneRoof Scorecard - 2020 to 2023



Metric	2023 Target set in 2020	2020 Achievement	2021 Achievement	2022 Achievement	H1 2023 Achievement	Tracking
Residential Listings	96% of listings (100% of non- private)	89%¹	91%¹	89%¹	90%¹	
Audience	Reduce gap to #1	459k, gap to #1 of 250k²	497k, gap to #1 of 396k <sup>2</sup>	564k, gap to #1 of 152k²	518k, gap to #1 of 139k²	
Listings Upgrade % <sup>5</sup>	50% of Auckland residential listing 22% of regional residential listings	17.6% Auckland 3.9% Regional	23.5% Auckland 5.4% Regional	38.4% Auckland 14.8% Regional	42.6% Auckland 16.8% Regional	
Revenue	Digital > Print	24% / 76%	38% / 62%	46% / 54%	53% / 47%	
EBITDA <sup>3</sup> Margin Target (pre NZ IFRS16)	15 - 25%	8%4	7%	(9%)	(17%)	



<sup>2.</sup> Nielsen Online Ratings - Domestic Unique Audience (does not include exclusive mobile app audience), monthly average for Q2 2023. 2020 - 2022 figures as previously stated in 2022 Full Year results presentation.

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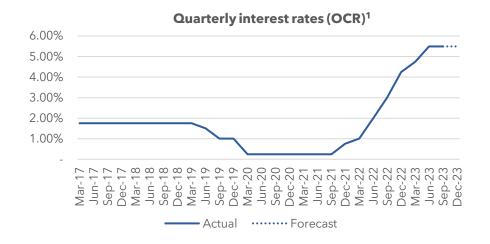
<sup>5.</sup> As at Q4 for 2020 – 2022 and as at June for H1 2023. Updated methodology used from 2022 (multiple upgrade packages for single listings now counted as single upgrade and other categories are more clearly defined).

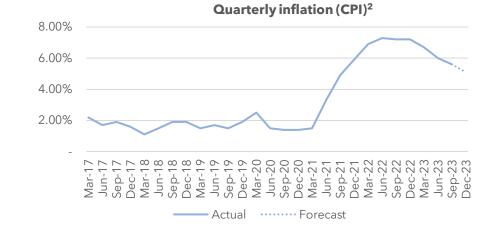
## FY23 and Beyond

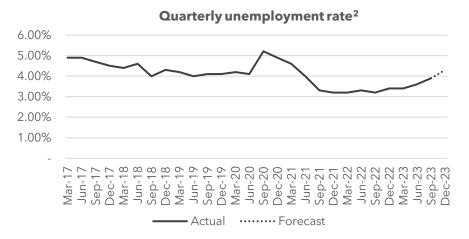


## **Operating Environment**

### NZME has operated amidst a backdrop of difficult trading conditions over the last year









<sup>1.</sup> ANZ Interest rate forecasts as of 19 October 2023

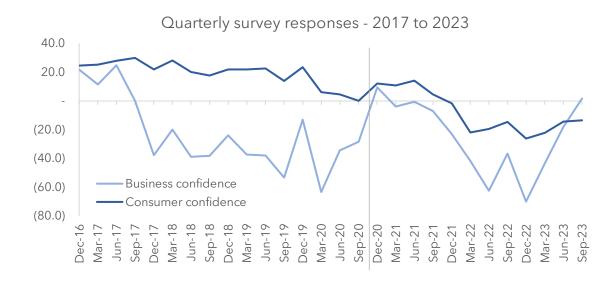
<sup>2.</sup> ANZ Economic forecasts as of 03 November 2023

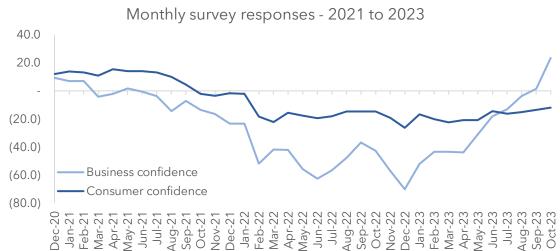
<sup>3.</sup> REINZ data to September 2023 quarter, NZME estimate for December 2023 quarter

## Business confidence has improved significantly, but consumers are still hurting and wary

"NZ remains on course for a period of subdued economic growth as the impact of high interest rates continues, although increasing migration and a strengthened housing market will provide some offset"

Westpac Economic Overview, October 2023

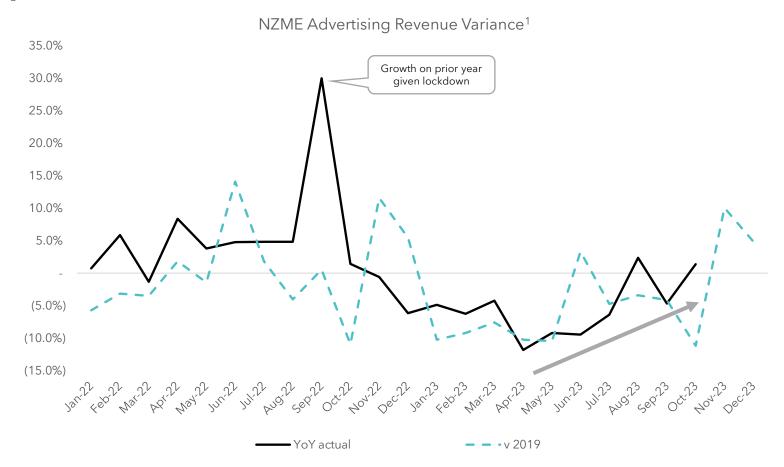






# Business confidence improvement is being reflected in advertising revenue returning to growth, but not consistently

A trend of improvement is evident in H2 2023





## 2023 Update

#### **FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

The economic environment over the past year has been difficult.

For the first half advertising revenue was down 7% year on year.

The second half has seen improvement in business confidence, but this is not yet consistently reflected in advertising revenue results:

- Quarter 3 advertising revenue was down 2% year on year.
- Quarter 4 started with October advertising revenue growth of 1% year on year.
- November (the largest revenue month of the year) and December are currently pacing slower, with customer campaigns being cancelled or deferred until 2024.

Given the current advertising revenue volatility in the market, NZME amends its guidance for EBITDA to be between \$57 million and \$59 million for 2023.

#### **OneRoof UPDATE**

OneRoof is delivering strong results:

- The real estate market is improving.
- Quarter 3 saw OneRoof digital revenues increase by 16% year on year despite listings being subdued.
- Quarter 4 has started well with October delivering year on year growth of 23%.

#### **CAPITAL MANAGEMENT**

The Board wishes to reiterate it remains open to returning any excess capital to shareholders when the right business and market conditions exist, and it continues to be their intention to review the company's capital management options together with the full year 2023 results in February 2024.



## The next three years



## Global platforms continue to demonstrate the value of digital growth models for NZME











The New York Times

Domain

\$m	iHeart <sup>3</sup>	NZME Audio <sup>3</sup>	NY Times <sup>3</sup>	NZME Publishing³	Domain <sup>4</sup>	OneRoof <sup>3</sup>	NZME Group <sup>3</sup>
Revenue <sup>1</sup>	6,699	114	3,953	225	377	23	365
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	1,627	23	596	47	119	(1)	65
EBITDA margin	24.3%	13.2%	15.1%	17.7%	31.4%	(9.3%)	13.4%
Enterprise value (EV) <sup>2</sup>	10,259		9,009		2,815		229
EV / Revenue	1.5		2.3		7.5		0.6
EV / EBITDA	6.3		15.1		23.7		3.5
Digital % of revenue	26%	5%	56%	41%	95%	46%	27%



<sup>2.</sup> Derived from Market Capitalisation plus reported Net Debt as at reported year end



<sup>3.</sup> Based on FY22 reported results for year ended 31 December 2022

<sup>4.</sup> Based on FY23 reported results for year ended 30 June 2023

## NZME's Publishing division organised into separate digital and print units - a true digital first model

## Publishing Division



#### **Digital Publishing**

- Content produced for digital publishing
- Revenue from subscribers and advertisers
- Costs include all content costs excluding specific print related curation and production



#### **Print Hub**

- Content from Digital journalism curated into print publications
- Revenue from print subscribers and advertisers
- Costs include only those required to curate digital content into print products and print and distribution costs

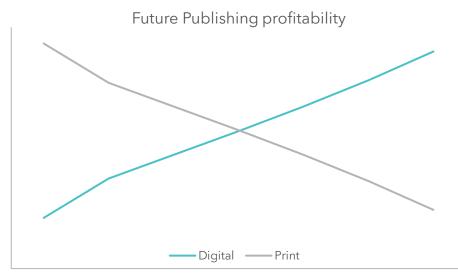




## A profitable digital business that is now funding journalism

\$ million	2022 Print	2022 Digital	2022 Total Publishing
Subscription revenue	63.9	19.8	83.7
Advertising revenue	63.8	59.5	123.3
Other	5.5	13.0	18.5
Total revenue	133.2	92.2	225.4
People	(36.7)	(46.1)	(82.8)
Print & Distribution	(45.4)	-	(45.4)
Agency Commission & Marketing	(7.7)	(10.2)	(17.8)
Content	(1.4)	(8.5)	(9.8)
Other	(8.5)	(13.6)	(22.1)
Publishing expenses	(99.6)	(78.3)	(178.0)
Publishing EBITDA <sup>1</sup> (incl. NZ IFRS 16)	33.6	13.9	47.4
NZ IFRS 16 Adjustment	(5.3)	(2.3)	(7.7)
Publishing EBITDA <sup>1</sup> (pre NZ IFRS 16)	28.2	11.5	39.8
EBITDA <sup>1</sup> Margin (pre NZ IFRS 16)	21%	13%	18%

## Digital will outperform Print in the future (conceptual)



Source: NZME Analysis



## Separating digital from print provides clear line of sight to profit pools

#### Digital Publishing Business

- A profitable digital business is now visible from an operational and profitability perspective. It provides the ability to fund New Zealand's leading journalism.
- Digital business can now make decisions on content and audience growth specifically for the digital product
- Recognises value of digital subscriptions within print bundles
- Transparency enables us to clearly consider the opportunities and future investments in digital products

#### Print Publishing Business

- Improves focus on operating to maximise cashflow, returns and investment trade-offs
- Extends the runway of the business with specific business focus
- Clearly enables consideration of inflection point and the potential future transfer of revenue to digital
- Provides clarity when considering optionality for the business



## **Evolved our three strategic priorities for next three years**









## Digital led strategy focused on delivering superior returns



Our central objective is to relentlessly pursue a digital led strategy across our three key platforms. This will set us apart from our competitors and drive returns for shareholders. Globally these digital centric businesses are valued at much higher multiples than print peers.



We are getting real traction on our leading podcast position in NZ and this will drive future digital revenue growth. Our strong position in news, politics and business continues to grow strongly and is improving our audio profitability. We have entertainment brands that can grow share.



We are currently investing heavily in our digital publishing platform and a new 'business of journalism' operating model. We believe this will provide us with a very different and superior capability relative to our competitors. We have a profitable digital news business that supports journalism for the future generations.



The business is at a tipping point. It is now profitable. With continued focus, we remain confident that it will scale to be in a strong number two position within a sector that has a very large profit pool.

#### Competitive Environment:

We are fortunate, relative to our competitors, that our strong performance, profitability and balance sheet allows us to invest in business. This is delivering gains in our key metrics.

#### **Economic Environment:**

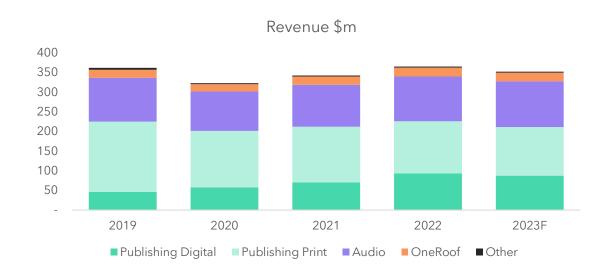
It's hard to predict; however, there are encouraging signs that we are at or just past the bottom of the cycle.

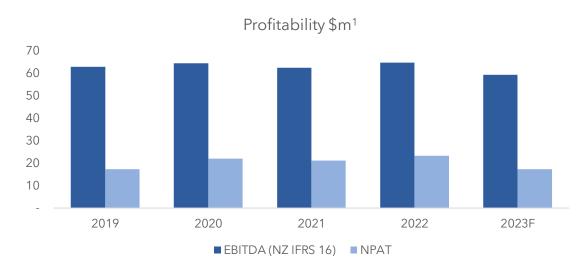


# David Mackrell CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



## Revenue and earnings substantially stable during difficult period

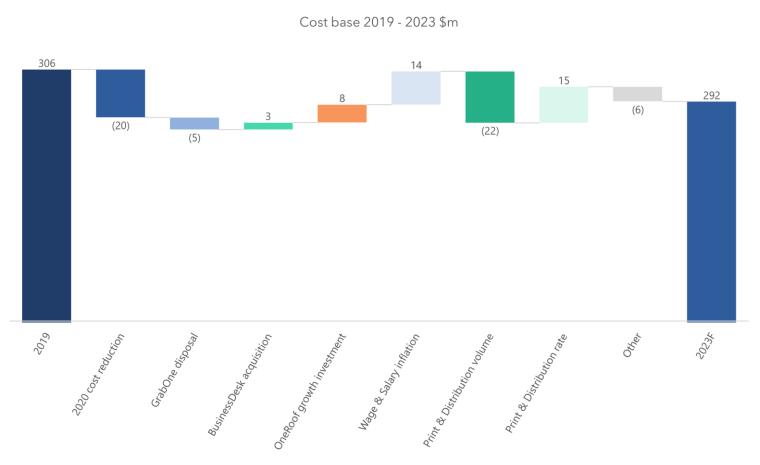






<sup>1.</sup> EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure and excludes the impacts of exceptional items (redundancy costs, one-off projects and other exceptional items) and has been adjusted to remove GrabOne from comparative years. Please refer to the NZME Results Presentation on NZX and ASX for a full explanation. FY19 NPAT excludes goodwill impairment of \$175m, and FY21 NPAT excludes impact of GrabOne gain on sale.

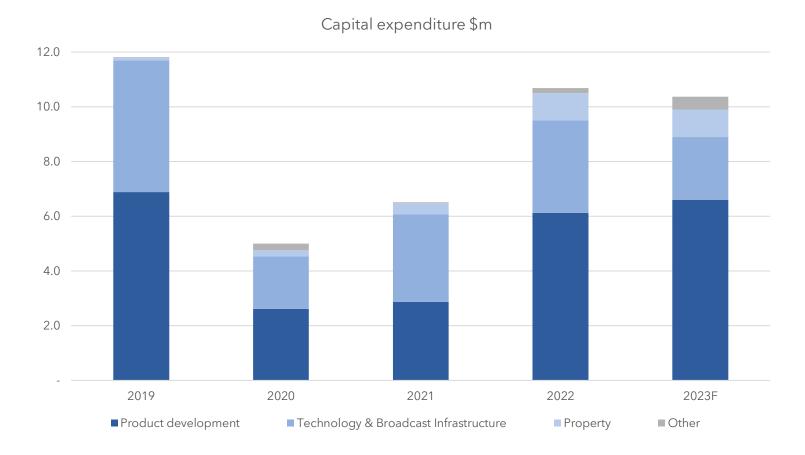
## There has been a continued focus on containing cost base



- Focus on the cost base has continued and remains below the 2019 level
- Investment in OneRoof growth and BusinessDesk addition is partly offset by sale of GrabOne
- Wage and salary inflation has continued to have a significant impact on the cost base
- Print volumes have reduced significantly resulting in lower print and distribution costs, albeit higher paper prices and distribution cost increases have partially offset the volume related reduction



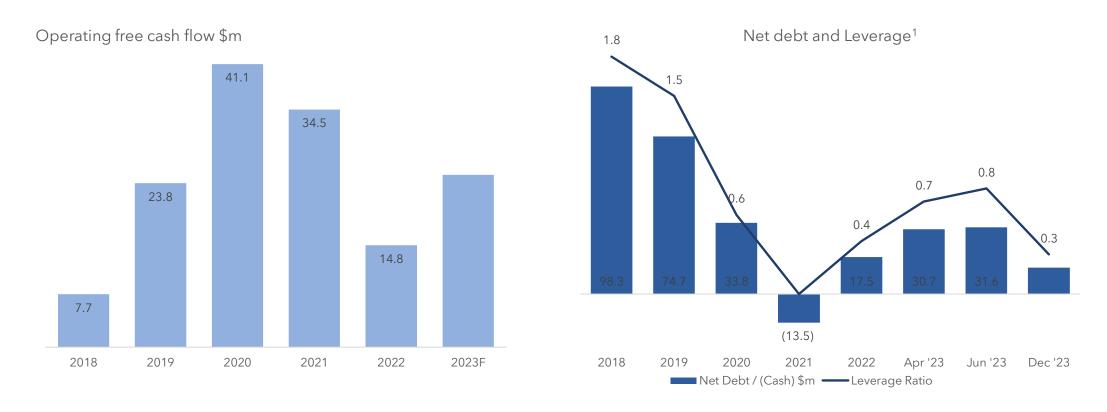
## Capital expenditure has stabilised at ~\$10m



- Majority of annual capital spend is on product development relating to digital platforms
- Core technology and broadcast infrastructure spend is reasonably consistent year to year
- In addition to the capital expenditure amount there is typically \$1-3 million of software as a service development costs which is treated as an operating expense



## Strong free cashflow and net debt substantially reduced - expected to be bottom of target range



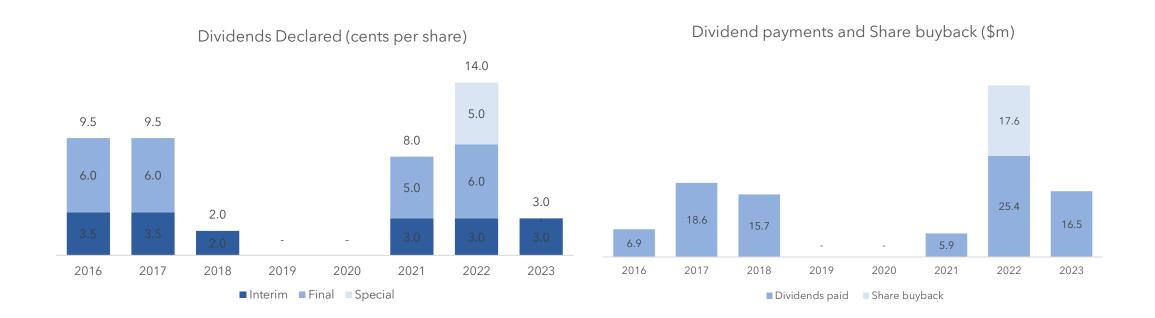
#### **Target Leverage Ratio**

• In the current uncertain economic environment the company intends to operate at the lower end of its target leverage ratio of 0.5 to 1.0 times EBITDA<sup>1</sup> (pre IFRS 16).



#### Notes:

### **Shareholder returns**



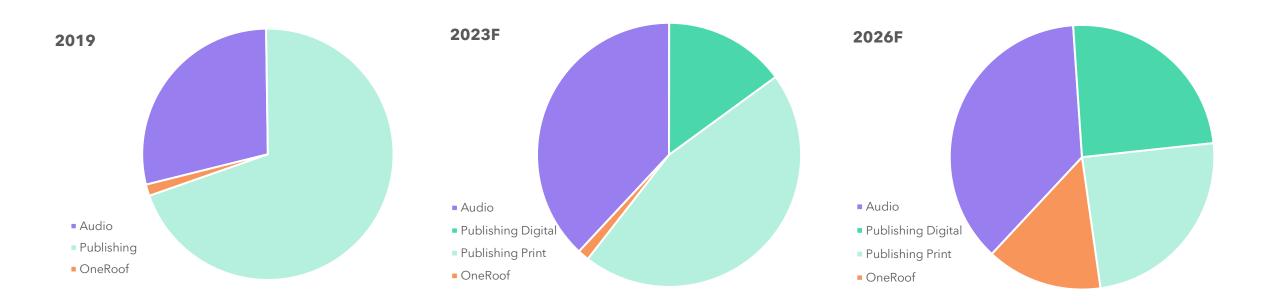
#### **Dividend Policy**

"NZME intends to pay dividends of 50-80% of Free Cash Flow subject to being within its target leverage ratio and having regard to NZME's capital requirements, operating performance and financial position".

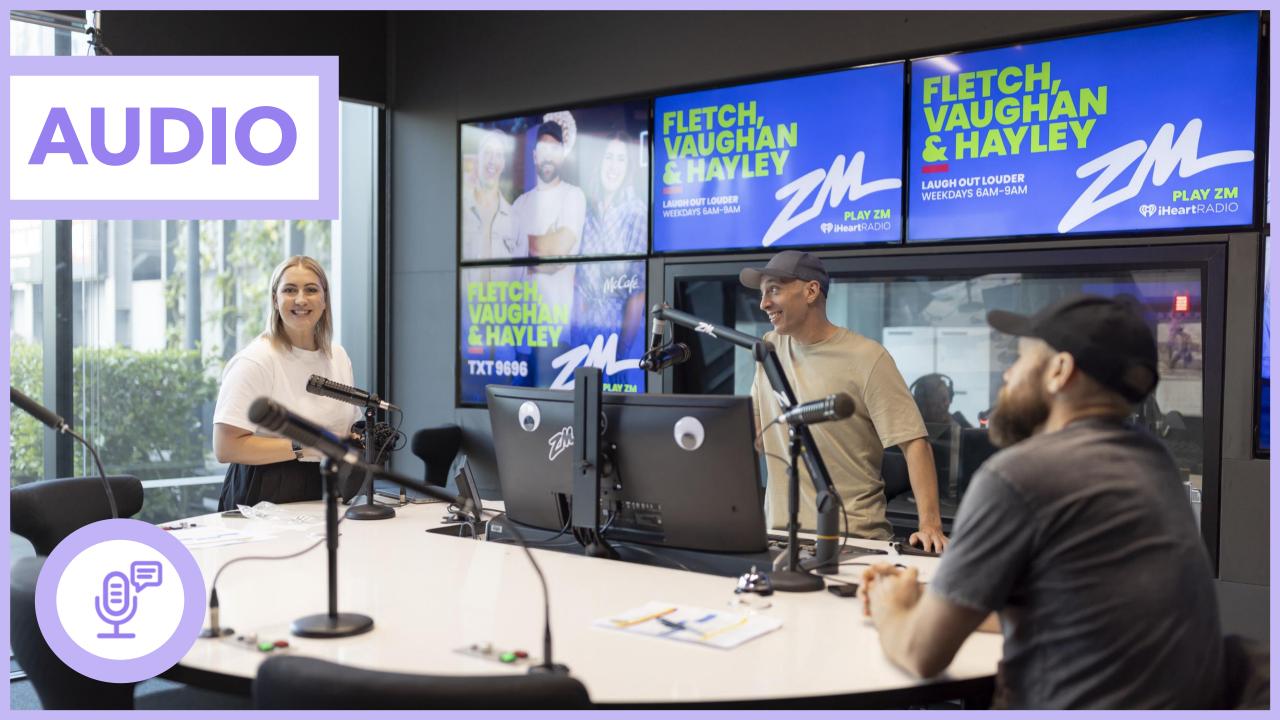


## Earnings mix transitions over the coming years with strong OneRoof contribution

The digital publishing business profitability is expected to overtake the print business during 2026







# Jason Winstanley CHIEF AUDIO OFFICER



### **Number One In Audio**

### There are three pillars to the Audio strategy







**Deliver customer** solutions to grow revenue share



**Grow podcast** engagement and monetisation



## **Number One in Audio**

### There are three pillars to the Audio strategy



**Create the most listened** to and loved content



**Deliver customer** solutions to grow revenue share

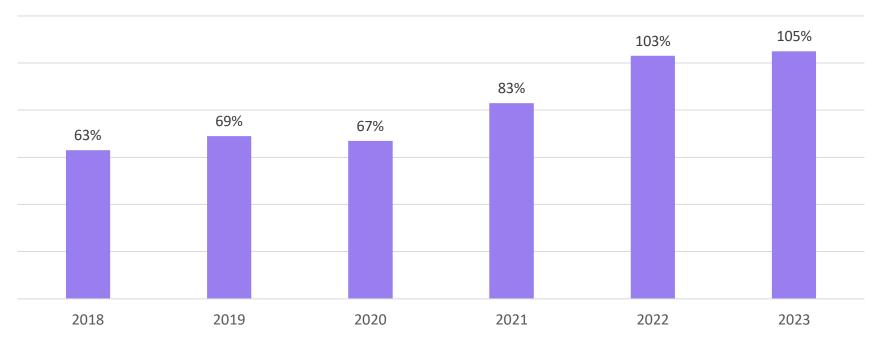


**Grow podcast** engagement and monetisation



## Terrestrial radio's audience is now larger than television in some overseas markets

Nielsen Total Audience Report: Persons 18-49 average audience of AM/FM radio as a % of live + time-shifted TV (USA)

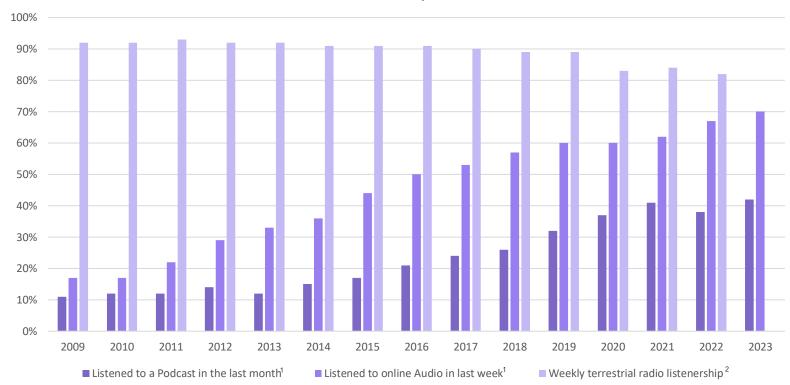


In 2018, AM/FM radio's 18-49 average audience was 63% of TV's. In Q2 2023, AM/FM radio's audience was 5% larger than TV's.



## Terrestrial remains the biggest channel for consumption and digital continues its growth in USA





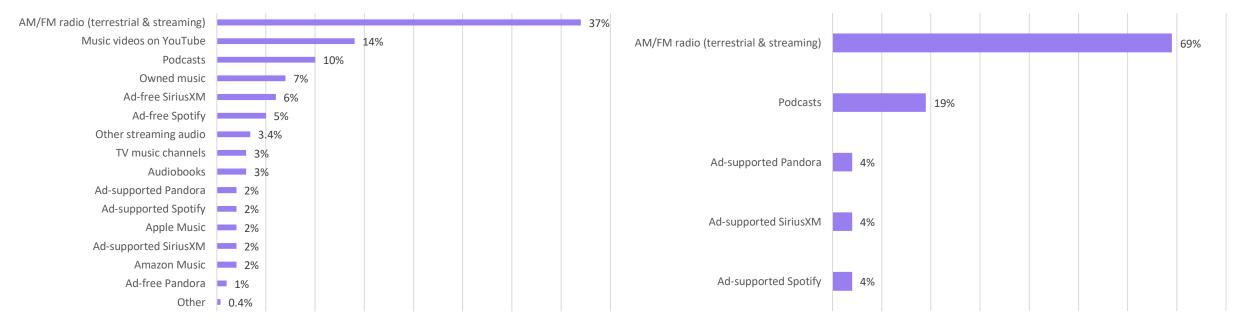
- 82% of Americans listen to terrestrial radio each week
- Strong growth in digital listening across both podcasting and streaming

Note: Online Audio = listening to AM/FM radio stations online or listening to streamed audio content available only on the internet



### Total Audio Consumption (Share)<sup>1</sup>

### Ad-supported Audio Consumption (Share)<sup>2</sup>

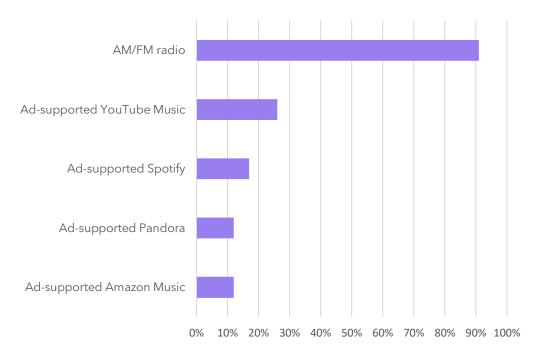




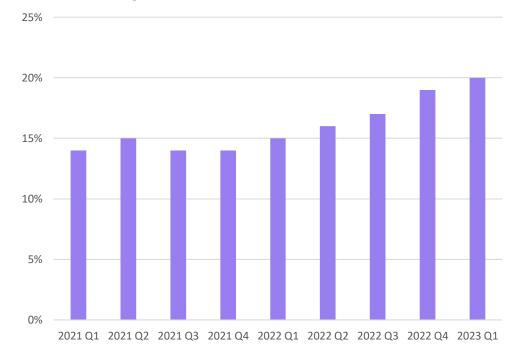
Source: 1Edison Research, "Share of Ear," Q3 2022-Q2 2023. Persons 18+; SiriusXM: Ad-Supported: Spoken Word. Ad-Free: Music; Podcasts listened to on streaming platforms are included in 'podcasts;' Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding. <sup>2</sup>Edison Research, "Share of Ear," Q3 2022-Q2 2023. Persons 18+; SiriusXM: Ad-Supported: Spoken Word. Ad-Free: Music; Podcasts listened to on streaming platforms are included in 'podcasts.

# Streaming radio has grown to account for 20% of time spent listening in the USA

Monthly % reach of ad-supported audio among adults 18+

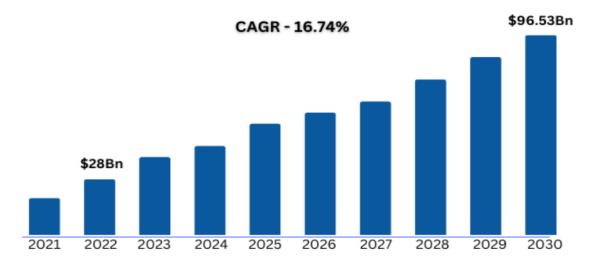


## Percent of AM/FM radio time spent with digital streams of broadcast stations



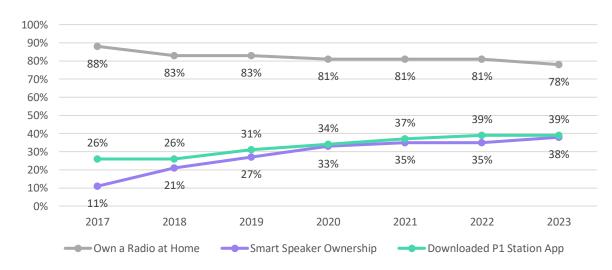


### Global Hearable Market Size<sup>1</sup>



The growth of 'hearables' (in ear, Bluetooth like Apple AirPods) now a societal norm. People are using these to stream audio as they go about their day.

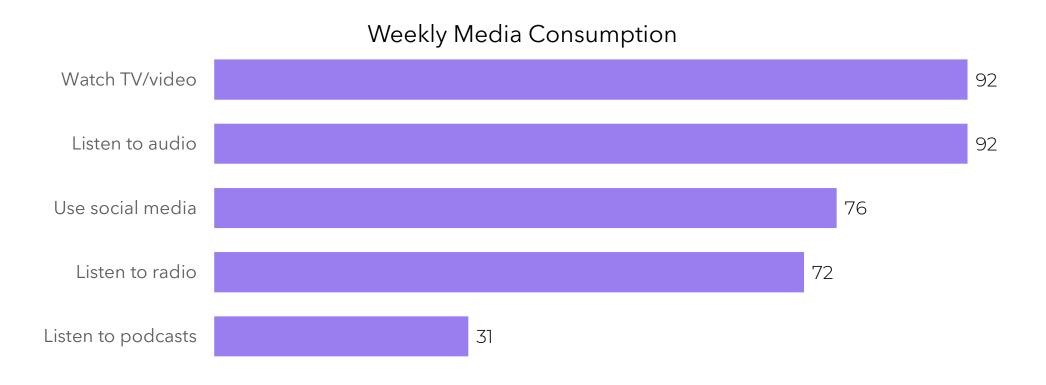
### **USA Smart Speakers & Connected Devices<sup>2</sup>**



Whether it is smart watches, Apple/Android car play, connected TVs and appliances, or smart speakers - there are more devices enabled with voice and audio creating more moments for audiences to stream audio. Devices where listeners can engage via their voice presents new advertising opportunities the digital 'click' for radio.

## Audio consumption in NZ now equals TV/video

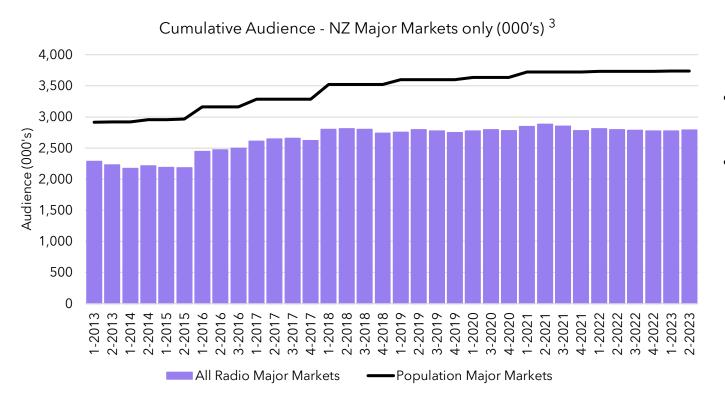
### Radio reaches 72% of New Zealanders each week





## Commercial radio audience levels have been strongly enduring and consistent

3.4 million New Zealanders listen to commercial radio each week<sup>1</sup> and listen on average for 15 hours 19 minutes each week<sup>2</sup>

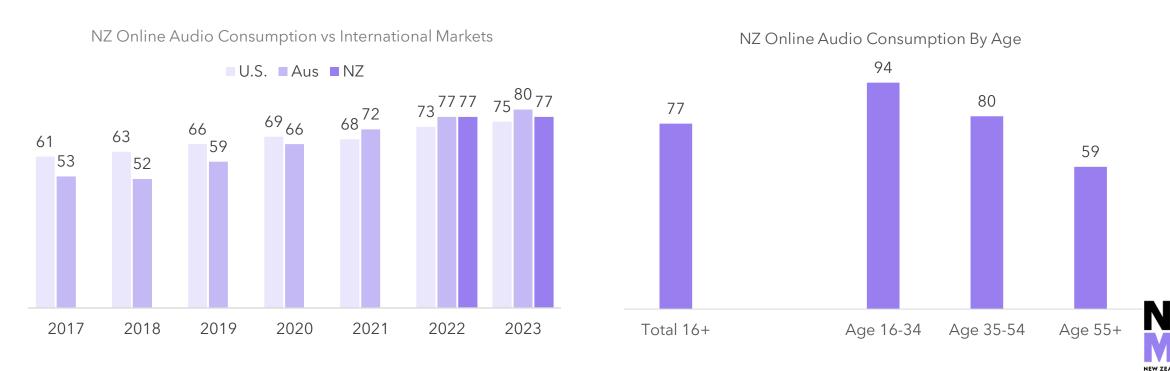


- Major markets is the top 13 markets in New Zealand
- This has show growth since 2013 and remains extremely consistent



## Monthly digital audio consumption in NZ is similar to international markets with an opportunity to monetise a younger audience

Digital audio consumption has been growing internationally over the past six years. The highest consumption is occurring in 16-34 year olds, with 94% consuming either digital radio or unique streamed audio content in a month.



NZME has a wide and competitive range of audio offerings

Audio ecosystem extends beyond traditional radio with growing content offerings across local and international publishers

Brand		Radio		Music Streaming		Podcast			Platform
		Terrestrial Radio	Simulcast Digital Radio	Subscription Music	Ad funded Music	Catch-up Radio	Original Local	Original International	Audio App
NZME	NZ ME.	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		Playlists & Digital Only Radio	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	iHeartRadio
MediaWorks/Rova	modisuories.	✓	✓		Digital Only Radio	✓	✓	✓	rova
RNZ	<b>©</b>	✓	<b>√</b>			✓	✓		RNZ
Stuff	S						✓		
Spotify				√	✓		✓	<b>√</b>	Spotify
Apple	É			<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>		Apple Music & Apple Podcasts
YouTube (music and video)				<b>√</b>	✓				YouTube Music
Amazon	a			✓				<b>√</b>	Amazon Music
Acast	0						✓	✓	



## NZME has a diverse audio content offering

## BROADCAST & DIGITAL STREAMING



We are active in **27 markets** 

**147** commercial radio stations and

**55** local partner or digital only stations

## DIGITAL EXCLUSIVE



**30+** catch up radio show podcasts



**50+** NZME Original Owned or Partner Podcasts.

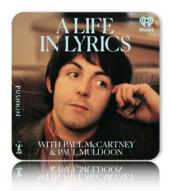
**18** launched 2023



**60M+ music tracks** through Artist Radio

**50+ locally** curated playlists

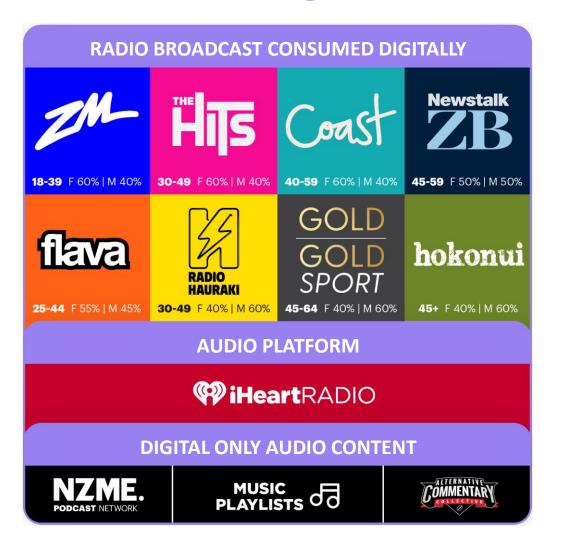
2,300+
international
playlists



Premium international content with over **550k+ podcasts** available on iHeartRadio



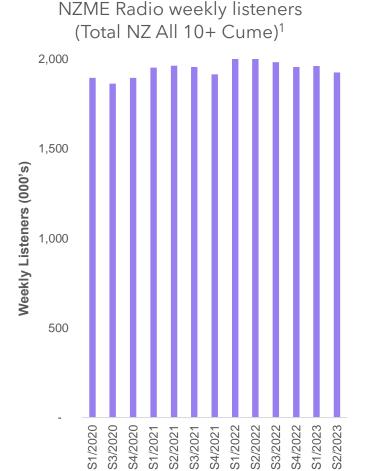
## NZME's leading audio brands target all New Zealanders

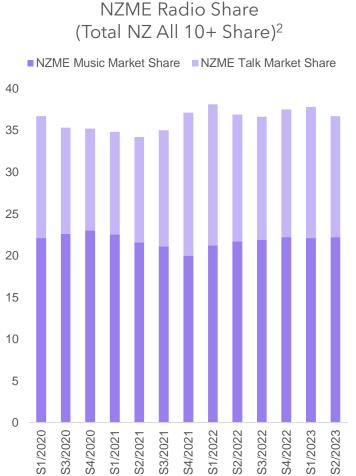


- Brand portfolio incorporating leading talk and music formats
- 2 million listeners every week<sup>1</sup>
- NZ's leading podcast publisher 25 months in a row<sup>2</sup>
- NZME was the leading company at the 2023 NZ Radio Awards, winning six of the eight premier awards, including:
  - Station of the Year Newstalk ZB
  - Best Network Team Show Fletch Vaughan & Hayley,
     ZM
  - Broadcaster of the Year Mike Hosking, Newstalk ZB

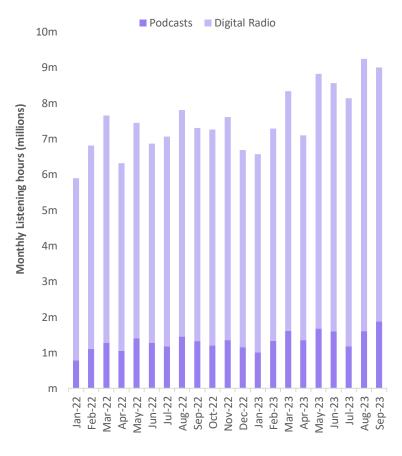


## NZME radio audience has normalised post Covid and digital audio continues strong growth



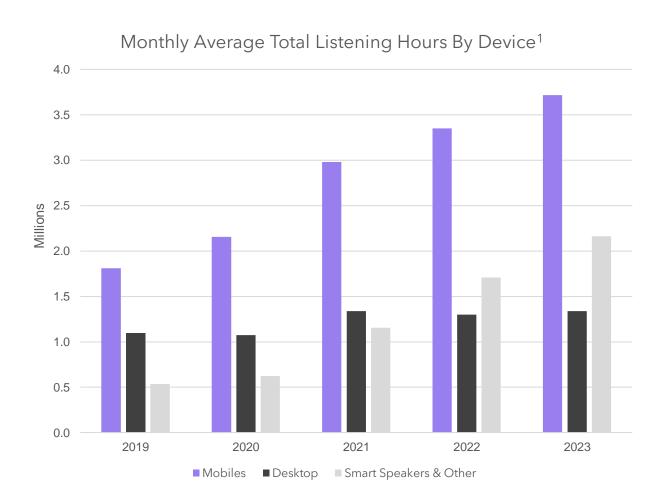


Digital Audio Total Listening Hours (million)<sup>3</sup>





## Listening via connected devices, including smart speakers, is now larger than desktop/laptops

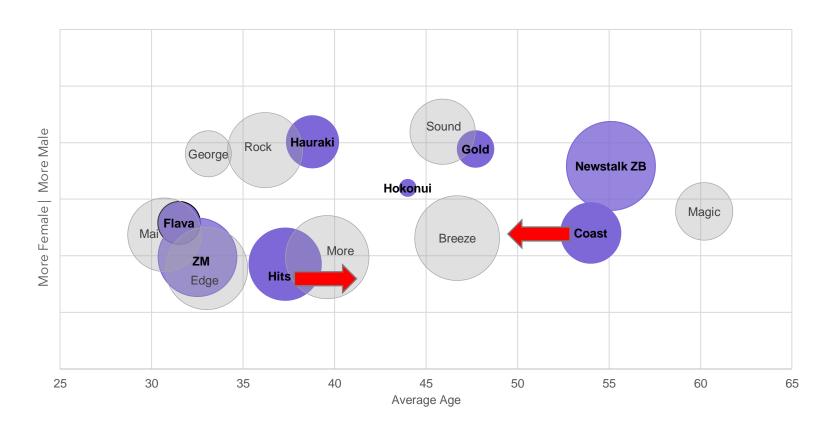


- Whilst Mobile remains the primary device, connected device listening is the fastest growing platform
- Smart Speaker ownership in NZ is still some way behind global markets with ownership currently at 22%, USA at 36% and AUS 28% respectively<sup>2</sup>



Audio

# NZME's focus is on The Hits and Coast to close the gap in the 40-50 demographic, while growing overall audience



- Newstalk 7B is the number one station in New Zealand for both cumulative audience and share of listening
- 7M has the most listeners in the key 25-54 demographic





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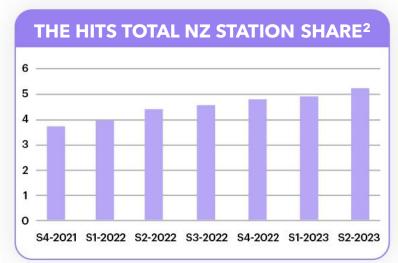
### **Focus Brand: The Hits**

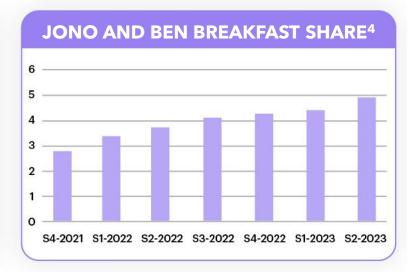


The strategy to grow The Hits audience is working and will continue.

The Jono & Ben network breakfast show and a revised music policy has in 2023 delivered The Hits' highest cumulative audience since the brand's launch in 2014.1

- Six consecutive 10+ audience share increases<sup>2</sup>
- 48% growth in iHeartRadio Total Listening Hours 2020 vs 2023<sup>3</sup>
- New Drive show to be launched in 2024







### **Focus Brand: Coast**

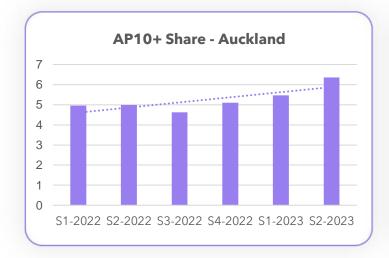


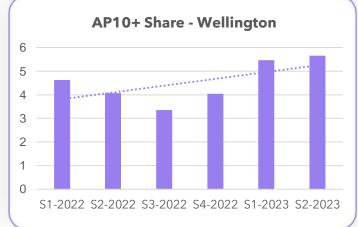
Talent and content changes implemented in 2021/22 are now delivering audience share growth

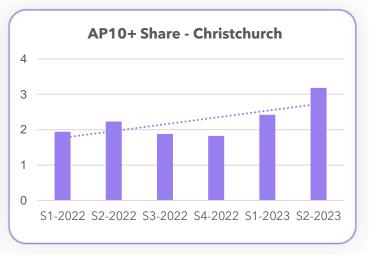




- Audience share growth in the three major metro markets<sup>1</sup>
- 30% growth in iHeartRadio Total Listening Hours 2020  $vs 2023^2$
- Lifestyle and wellness podcast series We Need To Talk with Toni Street has delivered more than 350k downloads since launch<sup>3</sup>





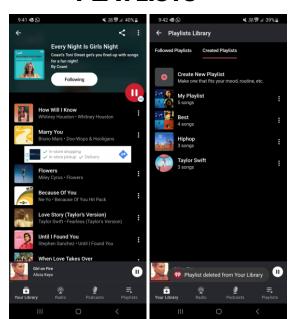




## iHeartRadio functionality provides NZME with market leading capability for audiences and advertisers

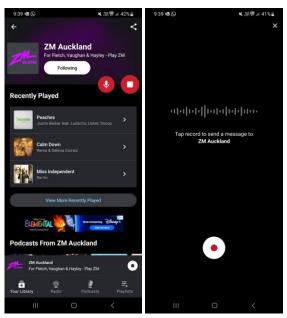
iHeartRadio provides benefits listeners can't access anywhere else, with native integration into more than 250 devices and eco-systems. Since launch, 1.3 million New Zealanders have registered for an iHeart account

#### **PLAYLISTS**



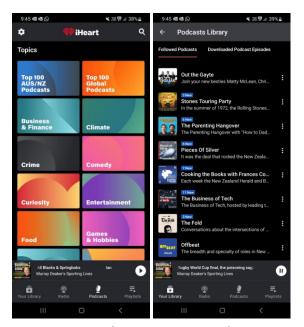
Create your own playlist or discover from 1.000s curated here in NZ or from across the world.

### **TALKBACK**



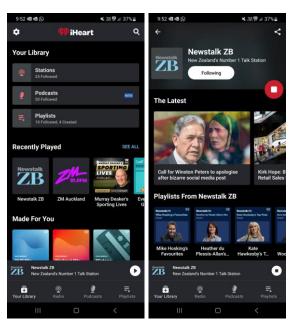
Send a voice note directly to your favourite show or host directly from the iHeartRadio app

### 'PODCATCHER'



Access and follow Podcasts from NZME and other publishers here in NZ and around the world

### **DIGITAL RADIO**



Listen to local radio live on any device as well as stations from around the world



## **Key areas of focus**



Create the most listened to and loved content

- Grow market share with The Hits and Coast
- Leverage iHeartRadio functionality and roadmap
- Grow total digital audience further
- Be seen and heard on all platforms and devices



### **Number One in Audio**

There are three pillars to the Audio strategy



**Create the most listened** to and loved content in NZ



**Deliver customer** solutions to grow revenue share



**Grow podcast** engagement and monetisation



# iHeartMedia USA has experienced rapid growth in digital revenues, now 28% of revenue

### iHeartRadio is the foundational platform for NZME's digital audio growth

- iHeartMedia is the leading audio media company in the USA based on consumer reach. iHeartMedia reach 9 out of 10 Americans every month, 2 x the reach of the largest TV Network, 4 x the reach of the largest ad-enabled streaming music audio service
- Digital revenues comprised 28% to 30 June 2023. FY2022 they were 26%, up from 23% in 2021. Podcasting revenue continues to grow and now makes up 10% of Audio revenue
- iHeartRadio's product strategy is 'to be where our listeners are with the products and services they expect from us regardless of where they are and what platforms they're using

#### Revenue from contracts with customers six months ended 30 June:

	202	3	2022		
	Revenue (\$millions)	%Total	Revenue (\$millions)	%Total	
Revenue Total	1,731		1,797		
Radio	1,247	72%	1,330	74%	
Digital (excluding					
Podcasts)	310	18%	312	17%	
Podcast	173	10%	154	9%	

Radio revenue includes Broadcast, Networks, Sponsorship & Events and Other

• iHeartRadio is the number one podcast publisher and is twice the size of the next largest commercial podcast publisher as measured by audience, according to Podtrac. It is the podcast industry leader with 420 million downloads in August 2023 alone, more than double its nearest competitor Amazon's Wondery (188 million), NPR (166 million) and The New York Times (116 million)

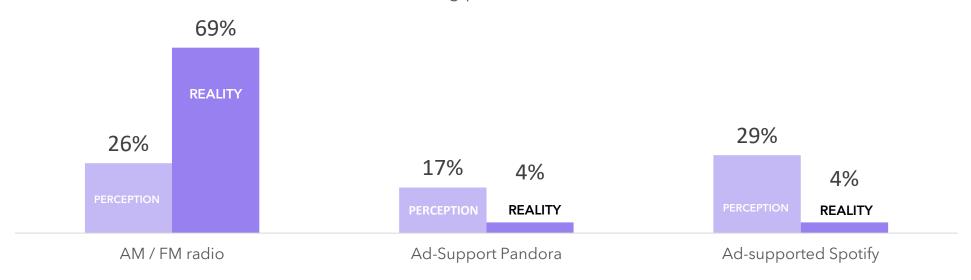


## Radio is significantly bigger than advertisers perceive

"The biggest risk for radio is the 26-year-old planner who ..... does not commute by car and does not listen to the radio and thus does not think anyone else listens to the radio"

- Colin Kinsella, former CEO Havas Media, North America, Radio Ink Forecast Conference

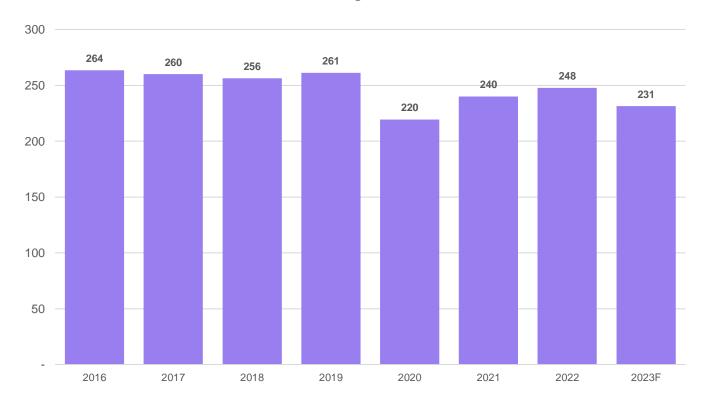
Perception of advertisers and agencies vs. actual share of ad-supported audio time spent among persons 18+





## NZ market revenues were returning to pre-Covid levels prior to 2023 recessionary impacts





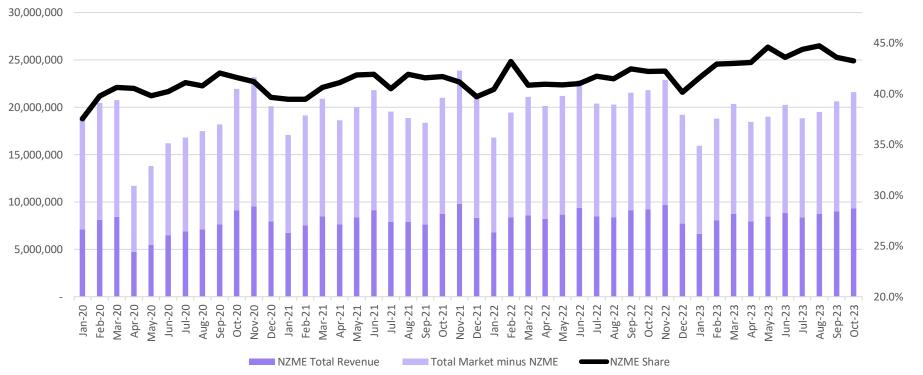
- The market is showing signs of recovery in late 2023
- Direct relationships with clients represents ~70% of revenues, with media agencies delivering ~30%. This is the inverse of many international markets, resulting in strong direct relationships with the majority of clients.



### **NZME** revenue market share growing

While the local market continues to be challenged due to economic conditions, NZME has increased our market share in 2023



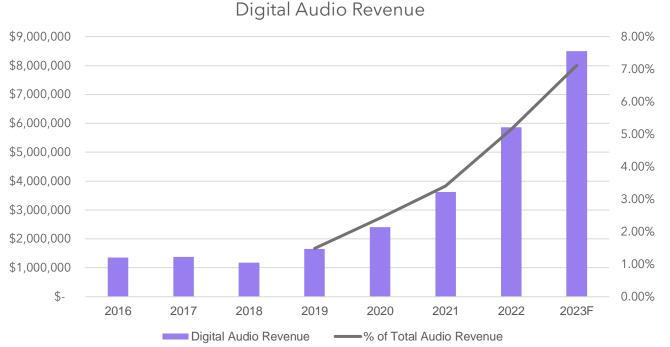


In addition to gaining radio revenue market share, we currently deliver over 70% digital advertising revenue market share versus our main competitor



## NZME is at the forefront of the leading digital audio commercial opportunity in market

Digital audio revenue largely driven by in stream advertising across digital radio, with podcasting revenue rapidly growing



- Digital audio presents new products and capabilities for advertisers to reach audiences
- Podcasting as a percentage of digital revenue forecasted to be over 30% of digital audio revenue where it was 5% in 2021
- NZME is able to commericialise all podcast audiences and listeners regardless of the device or platform they are heard on

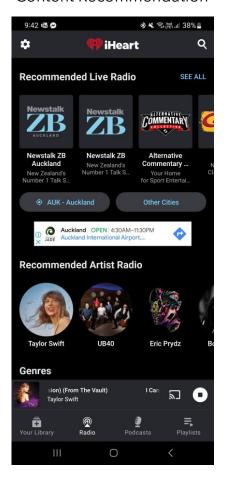


## Further personalisation of content will aid commercial monetisation

Core benefits of growth in data across product offering:

- Better content recommendation, surfacing more relevant content creating more engaged audience
- 2. Improved commercial capability with growing advertiser demand for audience buying (impression + data)
- 3. More relevant and effective advertising leading to a better listening experience

#### Content Recommendation



#### Personalised Advertising

Your brands message with individual user



Use data to create personalised voice over sound effects and music for each ad. Using the data from each user's digital fingerprint and iHeart profile



Audio

### Digital audio allows increased monetisation across multiple platforms

### **Digital Radio**

**Music Streaming** 

#### NZME Podcast Network

**Digital Audio Product**  Live stream any NZME radio station or 100 other custom local & international radio stations on the iHeart network



















Stream music with iHeart's Playlists - ads are inserted in between songs







Australian Radio Network.



Sitting across all podcast players, the NZME

station catch-up, and exclusive reseller rights

iHeartRadio USA, Sirius XM, Audioboom and

to podcasts from our international partners

Podcast Network encompasses NZME

produced original podcasts, NZME radio







**NETWORK** 

**Monthly Audience** 

<b>DEVICE REACH</b> (doesn't include co-listening)	1,308,279		
Total Listening Hours:	6,953,728		

DEVICES					
Mobile	Desktop	Speakers + Other			
63%	15%	23%			

**Playlists** 

Launched Sep 25th

CONTENT OWNER	DOWNLOADS	REACH	
NZME Produced	3,976,907	728,090	
iHeartRadio International**	1,515,114	289,229	
Audioboom	1,040,000	362,720	
SiriusXM	904,608	295,291	
TOTAL (AGREGGATED)	7,436,629	1,675,330	

#### **Available** On

#### **iHeartRadio**



#### **Radio Websites**



**Smart Speakers** 

#### **Connected devices**



#### Your ads in our podcast network, wherever you get them













## **Key areas of focus**



Deliver customer solutions to grow revenue share

- Grow the total audio market revenue, accessing
   TV revenues that are in decline
- Deliver integrated campaigns utilising NZME's wider assets
- Increase data capability, accessing all of NZME's touch points



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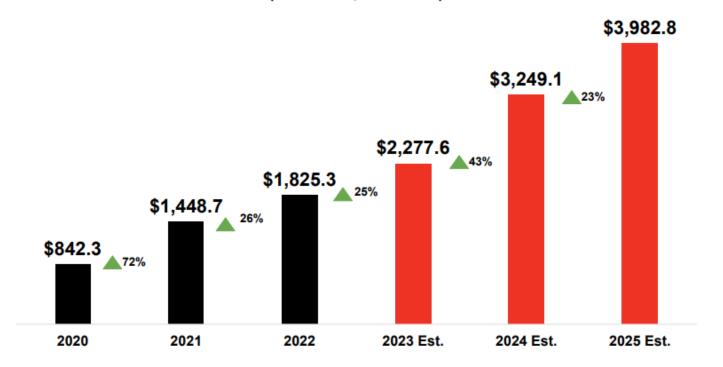
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## Podcast revenues are projected to continue significant growth

Despite economic headwinds, podcast ad revenues posted strong growth in 2022, +26% to \$1.8B

U.S. Market Podcast Ad Revenues Growth Projections (2023-2025, \$ millions)



2023 estimate is \$USD7 per person in the USA

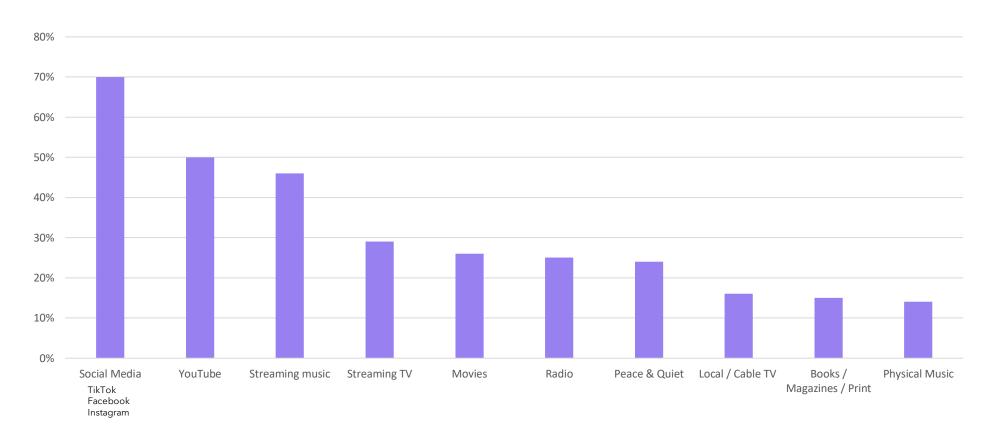
This equals a \$35 million total market opportunity for NZ



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### Podcasting is taking time and attention from other platforms USA listeners are giving up social media and video to listen to podcasts

Has your podcast listening taken the place of time you used to spend with any of the following? (select all that apply)

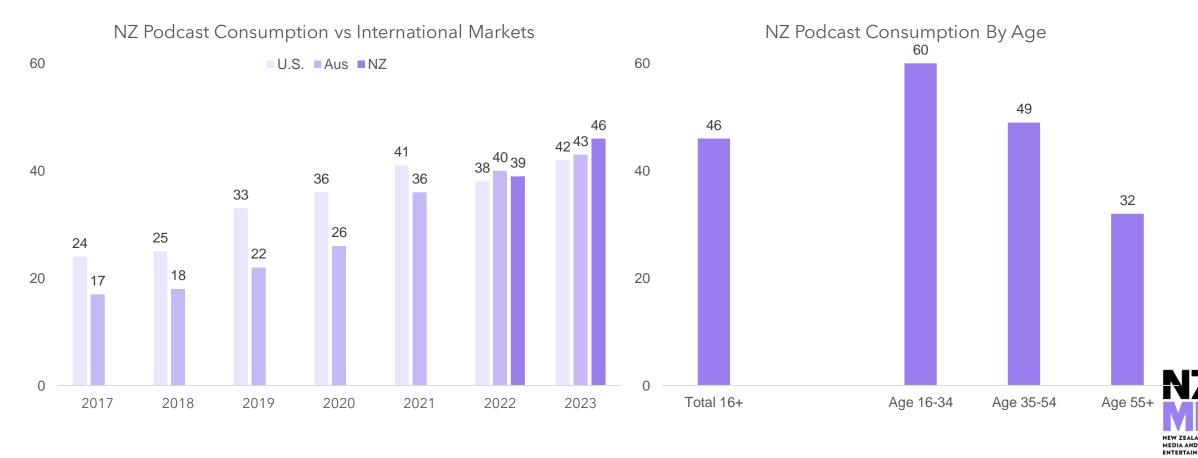




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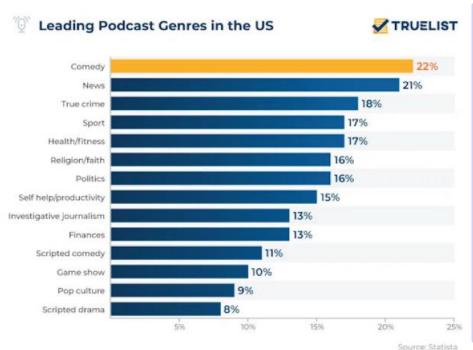
## NZ podcast consumption is following international trends

Monthly podcast listening in NZ is ahead of USA/AUS. Predominantly driven by a younger demographic with 60% of 16-34 year olds having listened to a podcast in the last month, 38% have listened in the last week



## Leading international podcast genres are well serviced by NZME content

NZME major advantage in significant broadcasting and digital channels to support the promotion and discoverability of podcast titles. Quality of content determines long-term success. Leading categories internationally include Comedy, News and Sport





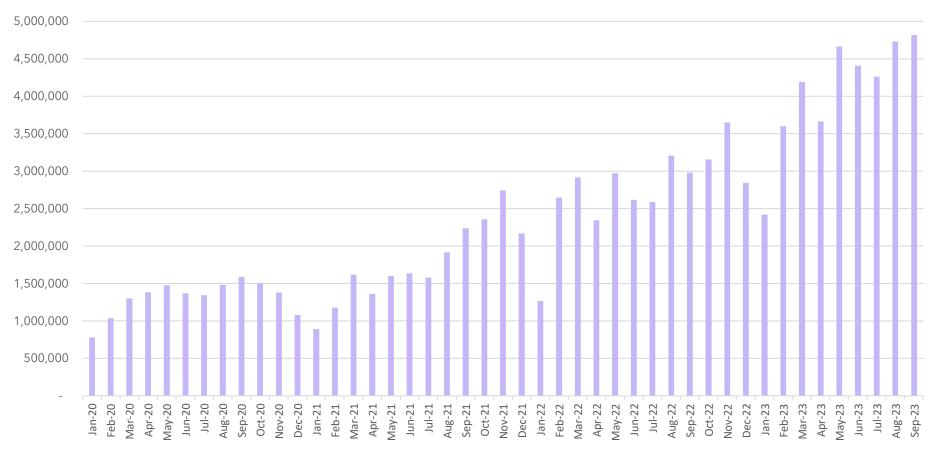






Year to date growth of 56% on 2022

#### **NZME Produced Podcast Content Downloads**





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## NZME is the largest podcaster in NZ

### NZME has led every Podranker for 25 consecutive months. Total podcast downloads within the NZME Commercial Network is over 14 times our nearest competitor

### NZ Triton Podranker September 2023 - Top Networks

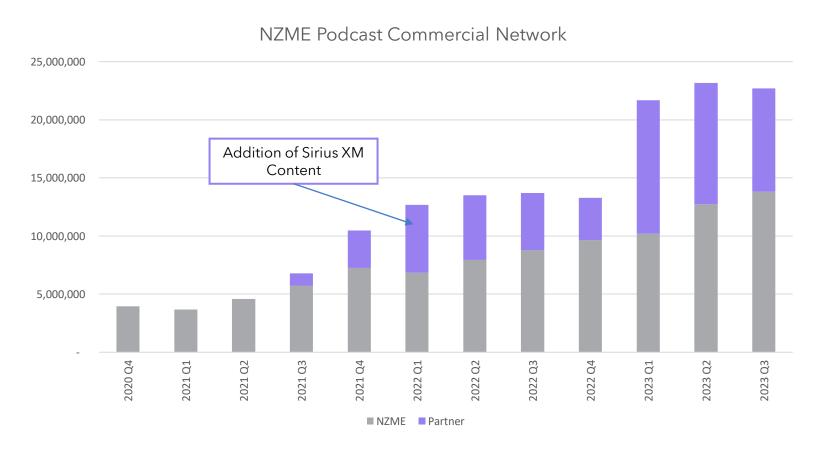
Rank	Network	Sales Representation	Monthly Listeners (CUME)	Monthly Downloads
1	NZME & iHeartRadio	NZME Podcast Network	1,017,319	5,492,021
2	Audioboom	NZME Podcast Network	362,720	1,040,000
3	Sirius XM Podcast Network	NZME Podcast Network	295,291	904,608
4	rova (MediaWorks)	rova (MediaWorks)	211,107	517,714
5	LiSTNR (SCA)	LiSTNR (SCA)	185,309	491,836
6	Brodie Kane Media	Brodie Kane Media	41,061	87,526
7	Sports Entertainment Network (SEN)	Sports Entertainment Network (SEN)	28,822	117,491
8	Studio71	Studio71	21,980	46,558
9	Nova Entertainment	rova (MediaWorks)	6,887	25,531

NZ Only



## Partner content provides NZME incremental reach

NZME not only generates revenue from content it makes, but also locally represents some of the leading podcast publishers from around the world





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## **Key areas of focus**



**Grow podcast** engagement and monetisation

- Produce new content in line with international genre preferences
- Continue to utilise NZME's platforms to grow podcast awareness and consumption
- Grow known podcast audience, by increasing consumption through 'owned' iHeartRadio platform
- Leverage NZME's leadership position to drive incremental audio revenue



### **Number One in Audio**

#### **Scorecard**



METRIC	H1 FY23 Actual	2026 Target
Audience share (% of radio audience)	38.1% <sup>1</sup>	>1% share point growth per annum
Revenue share - Radio - Digital - Total	42.4% <sup>2</sup> _72.4% <sup>3</sup> 43.0%	>1% share point growth per annum
<b>Digital audio revenue</b> (as a % of total audio revenue)	7%	12%
EBITDA <sup>4</sup> Margin Target (pre NZ IFRS16)	12% (FY23 15-17%)	15-17%

<sup>1.</sup> GfK Commercial RAM, NZME excl. Partners, Total NZ, M-S 12mn-12mn, Market Share %, S1 2023, AP10+



<sup>2.</sup> Radio Broadcasters Association Monthly Radio Market Report, 12-month average to 30 June 2023 (H1 2023). Note: report excludes independent broadcasters, contra revenue, and digital audio.

<sup>3.</sup> Radio Broadcasters Association Monthly Radio Market Report, 6-month average to 30 June 2023 (H1 2023). Note: report excludes independent broadcasters and contra revenue.

<sup>4.</sup> EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure and excludes exceptional items.



# Carolyn Luey CHIEF DIGITAL AND PUBLISHING OFFICER



The news media landscape continues to evolve. Global publishers are preparing for a digital-only world

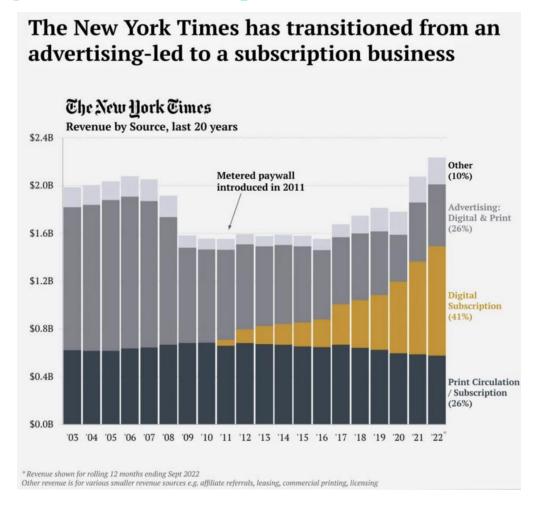
## News media landscape will converge

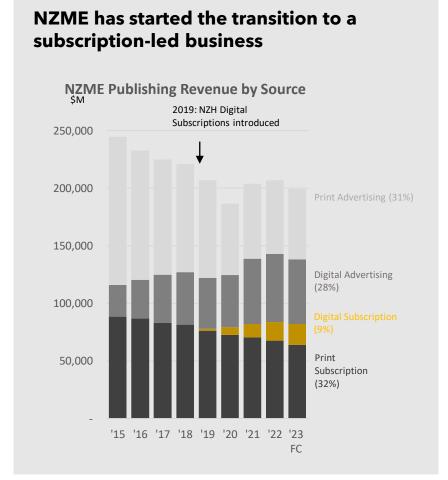
- News media will be digitally led
- Newspaper, magazines, radio, television will converge
- Media types: Text media, image media, audio media, video media, multimedia





# New York Times continues to be the gold standard in the global publishing market with more than 40% of revenue in digital subscriptions







## We have shifted into the next horizon of our digital transformation by creating separate digital teams

#### **Print Centric Model**

#### **Audience**

Local mastheads serving distinct regional footprints with stories published online

#### Revenue

Local print subscribers Local print advertisers National digital advertisers

#### **CURRENT**

#### Digital Centric Hybrid Model

#### **Audience**

Distinct digital free and paid content with stories published in print

#### Revenue

National digital subscribers National digital advertisers Local print subscribers Local print advertisers

#### Q4 23+

## Separate Digital and Print Model

#### **Audience**

Distinct digital free and paid content then curated into print publications by a dedicated print hub

#### Revenue

National digital subscribers National digital advertisers Local print subscribers Local print advertisers

#### **Digital Only Model**

#### **Audience**

Distinct digital free and paid content

#### Revenue

National digital subscribers National digital advertisers



**Publishing** 

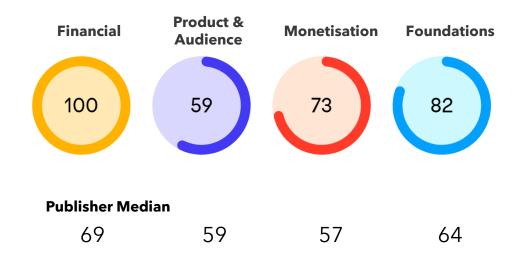
## NZME's Publishing business is well placed for the future and benchmarks higher than 90% of global publishers

NZME scores higher than 90% of publishers across the world on the Google News Initiative Publishers Sustainability Diagnostic

NZME performs well across the different drivers of sustainability versus the global publisher median





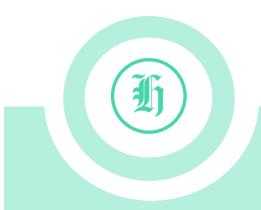


Key opportunity is to grow audience and engagement through focus on editorial and product platforms



## New Zealand's leading news destination

### There are three pillars to the Publishing strategy



Scalable digital audience and advertising News platform



that grows subscriber lifetime value



High quality and efficient print business



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## NZME's journalism reaches 3.3 million Kiwis each month



News Brand audience monthly reach of 2.5M<sup>1</sup>

- Digital reach of 1.85M<sup>2</sup>
- Print audience of 1.54M<sup>3</sup>

**WeekendHerald** 

Herald on Sunday

**M** Waikato **Herald** 

**M** Hawke's Bay TODAY

**M** Bay of Plenty Times

**M** Whanganui Chronicle

ROTORUA Daily Post

- NZ's biggest daily newspaper <sup>3</sup>
- NZ's biggest Sunday newspaper <sup>3</sup>
- Biggest share of regional newspaper readership<sup>3</sup>

1) Te Puke Times 1) The Porthland age 1) Kāpiti News
1) Courier 1) Courier 1) Herald
1) Stratford 1) GUARDIAN 1) BUSHTELEGRAPH

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NZME Newsroom 300+ Expert Journalists Nationwide Coverage



### **NewstalkZB**

NZ's biggest commercial radio station with a reach of 677K<sup>4</sup>



BusinessDesk.





Rich portfolio of digital subscriptions with 220K+ readers

Award winning journalism:











## Our mission

We are here to inform, explain and entertain — reporting without fear or favour, acting with dignity and respect.

Always at the centre of debate, agents of positive change, and unswerving in our pursuit of **truth** for all of Aotearoa

## Our journalism

Tell New Zealand's best and most important stories that are engaging and trustworthy Produce breaking news that is accurate, timely and provides valuable context

We will inspire and champion our communities and be an important advocate on issues that matter Be a broad church, offering analysis and opinion that challenges thinking and provides a contest of ideas



### Our stories that connected



Hurricane Gabrielle coverage *NZ Herald* 



In Her Head: Fighting for better womens' health care NZ Herald



Michael Wood share fiasco Thomas Coughlan



All Blacks march into the final and sit on cusp of history

Liam Napier



Simon Barnett's heartbreak for beloved wife Shayne Currie



Labour Weekend: Five best places to visit near Auckland *Travel* 

### The New Zealand Herald

-NEWS WORTH KNOWING

**News Worth Knowing** aims to boost presence and familiarity nationwide, to ensure the Herald is front of mind and known as a modern, trusted source of news, views and opinion.

#### Our brand strategy is to;

- Build the **brand code** with highly distinctive assets
- Build the **brand experience** across product and customer touchpoints

#### **RESULTS:**

- Campaign recall has now surpassed 55%
- Those exposed to the brand campaign show an
   11% increase in propensity to subscribe
- Across NZ, the gothic 'H' is recognised by 88% of people.

#### **NZ Herald Positioning**

#### **PURPOSE:**

To deliver greater clarity and connection for all New Zealanders.

#### -- BRAND PROMISE

#### NEWS WORTH KNOWING

A commitment to deliver information of value, whether it's the need-to-know news or a deeper understanding of the Issues and events of the day.

#### --- BRAND EXPERIENCE

TRUSTWORTHY. VALUABLE. RELEVANT

The Herald fulfils its promise through high-quality, trusted journalism.

#### -- <u>VISION:</u>

To be New Zealand's Herald.





- **1** Waikato Herald
- **∭** Hawke's Bay TODAY
- ROTORUA Daily Post
- **Bay of Plenty Times**
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#### TRUSTED JOURNALISM

'When it's news you can trust, it's News Worth Knowing'

#### **ENGAGING LIFESTYLE**

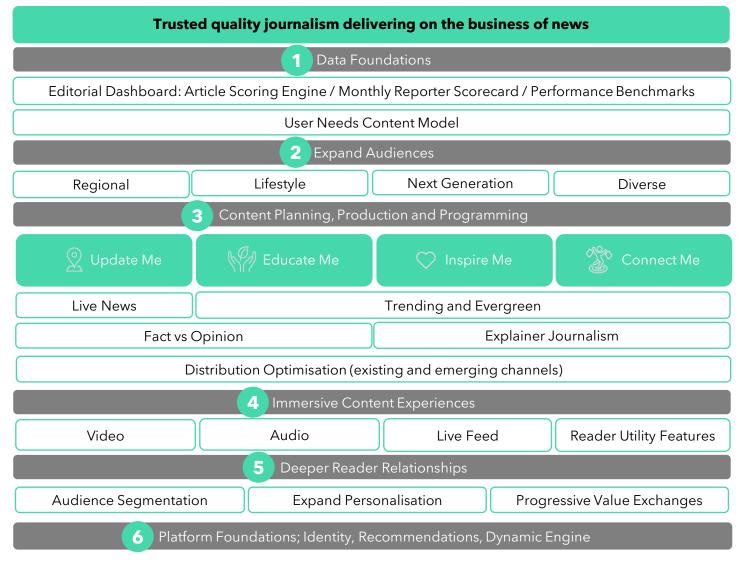
Reviews Worth Knowing Recipes Worth Knowing Destinations Worth Knowing Tips Worth Knowing

#### **NEW ZEALAND'S HERALD**

Waikato News Worth Knowing

# Expanding audience reach and engagement through six priorities

- **Data foundations** will deliver deeper audience and content insights to inform editorial decision making
- Content planning, production and programming will focus on delivering right mix of stories, at the right time, in the right channels based on user needs and behaviours
- **Immersive content experiences** to enhance story telling and leverage technology enabled production to meet different user preferences
- Modernise platform foundations to create scalable platform for the future



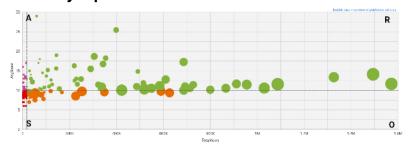
- **Expand audiences by:** 
  - Producing stories and perspectives targeted at key segments
  - · Creating engaging and relevant product experience
  - Growing brand preference
- Build deeper reader 5 relationships by building a richer understanding of readers to deliver more relevant content experiences and next best action



## Data foundations: utilise deeper audience and content insights to inform editorial decision making



#### **Monthly Reporter Scorecard**



Daily editorial scoring report to

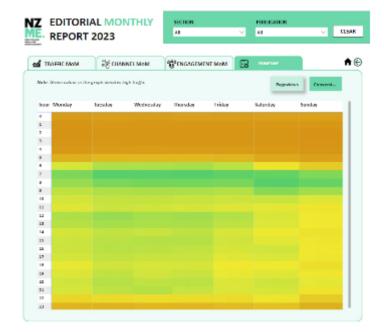
understand top and bottom

Monthly reporter scorecard to

identify opportunities to improve

performing articles

quality and output



- Editorial dashboard to deliver audience and traffic insights and competitive benchmarks
- User behaviour heatmaps to inform optimal publishing times for traffic and conversions

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			Lifestyle Entortainment	l Haetula	Hawkes-Bay-Today	Rotorua-Daily-Post	Viva	Travel
				Litestyle	Bay-Of-Piersty-Times	Whanganui-Chroni	The-C., Prop.	Stratfo_Auc_Hi Ma_Te Nor_KSp
	Section	Article			Publish Date		ticle Age stal Days)	Average Dail Pageviews (Last 30 Days
1.	Nz	14-year-old raped girl on first day of school, sex offender Corey.			Sep 5, 2023		51	4K
2.	Lifestyle	How healthy are fish o	How healthy are fish oil supplements? And is eating fish better?				31	2K
3.	Entertainment	I know who killed Tupac". Ex-panaster Keefe D confesses in ne			Jul 2, 2018		1,942	1K
4.	NZ	Joseph Day case: UK court records open conclusion on camera			Aug 5, 2022 44		447	902
5	Puzzies-And-Games	Crosswords - Puzzles and games News - NZ Herald			Apr 30, 2019		1,640	558
6.	Puzzies And Games	Sudoku - fest yourself - Puzzles and games News - NZ Herald			Apr 9, 2020		1,295	527
7.	Lifestyle	How healthy are fish oil supplements? And is eating fish better?			Sep 24, 2023		32	521
8.	World	Israel and Palestine conflict. 70-year-old map at heart of crisis -		May 15, 2021		894	473	

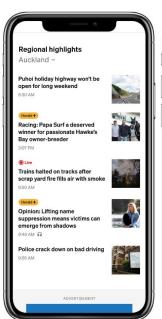
 Content insights to identify opportunities for evergreen content, trending topics and new angles on stories 4.

## **Expand Audiences: strategic focus on regional, lifestyle** and next generations to fuel audience expansion

Build deeper relationships with regional readers

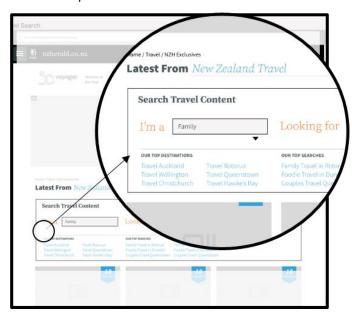
**Publishing** 

- Herald branded regional editions and product experience
- 100% locally relevant content and business advertising





- New operating model to focus on digital-first readership
- Expand topics within reporter rounds to grow and engage audiences.
- Grow engagement through better search and user experience



#### **Next Generation**

- Build on 'What The Actual?!' social presence, expansion into a newsletter and podcast
- Create new formats based on younger generations news consumption habits

### WHAT THE ACTUAL?!







**Publishing** 

## Expand Audiences: continue to expand the diversity of our journalism and audiences, building on the success of Kāhu

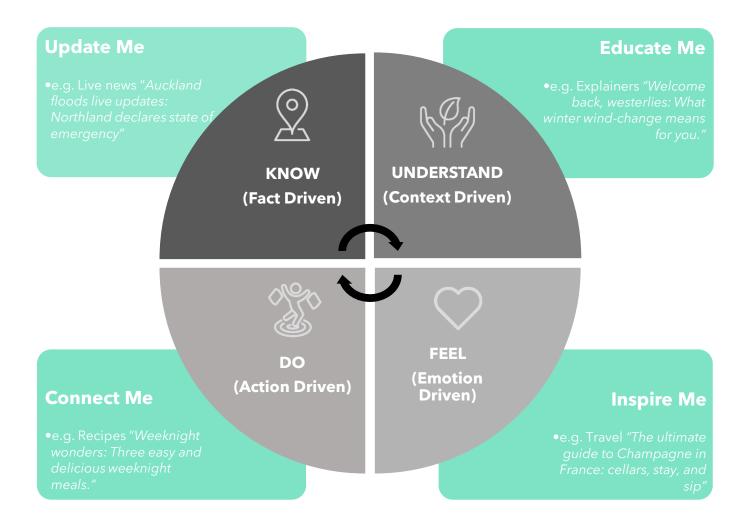


Kāhu will be one of New Zealand's leading mainstream platforms for Māori stories





**Publishing** 



#### Key benefits;

- Unlock new story angles
- Shift from commoditised 'update me' content to stories with stronger performance
- Actionable and measurable leveraging 'large language model' to categorise all stories
- Newsroom wide adoption

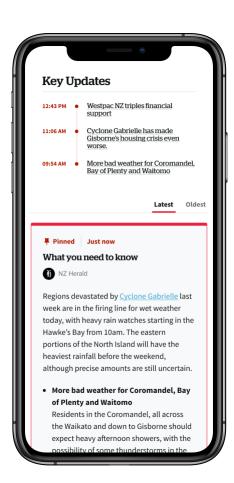


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## Immersive Content Experiences: enhanced story telling and create different formats based on reader preferences

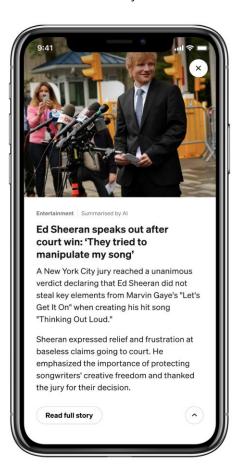
#### **Live News Experience**

**Publishing** 

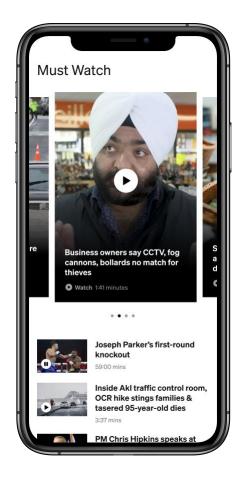


#### **Summaries**

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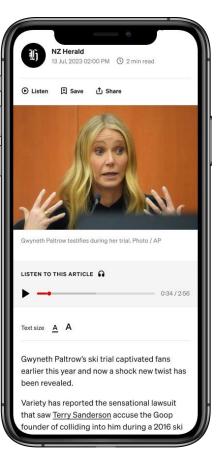


#### **Vertical Video Experience**



#### **Text to Speech Audio Experience**

Created by AI



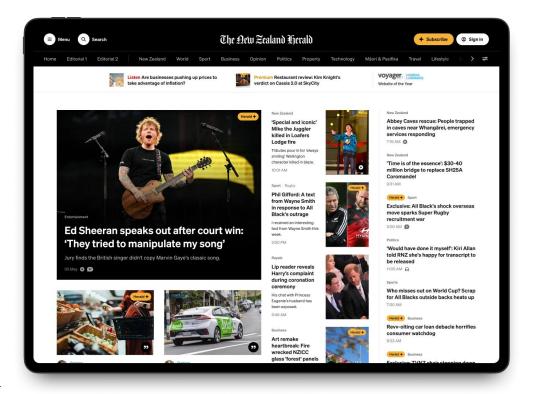


### Deeper Reader Relationships: multiple homepage variants Curated segments combined with personalisation to optimise content discovery

#### Redesigned homepage with multiple variants

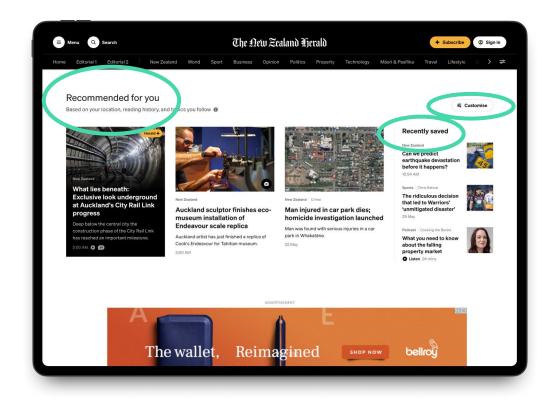
80% of top 15 stories will be curated for segments to drive relevancy

**Publishing** 



#### 1 to 1 personalised modules

Development of browsing and location models will continue to improve performance of recommendations





## Deeper Reader Relationships: growing 1st party data is key to unlocking more subscribers and advertising revenue

#### **More Known Users**

More registered users with logged in behaviour

### Machine Learning / Predictive Models

Propensity to buy

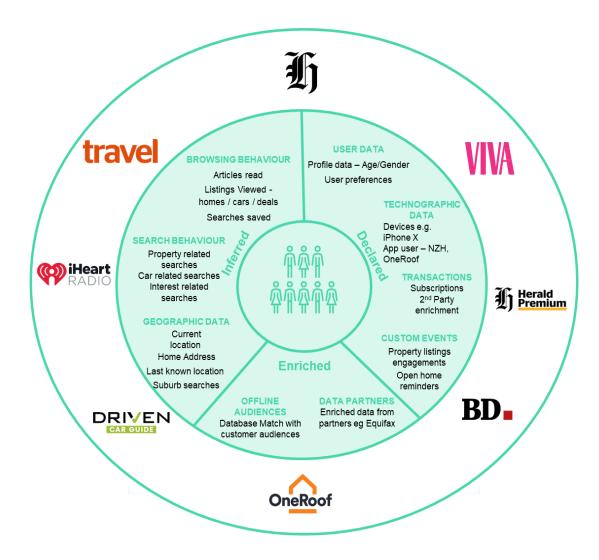
Propensity to churn

Next best action

#### Subscriber / Reader Activation

Grow reader engagement and nurture to subscribers

Grow subscribers



#### **Richer User Profiles**

Progressive profiling to build out intent, trends & tastes

### Look A Like / Predictive Models

Scale audience targeting through finding similar users

Predictive models on use sentiment / motivations based on article content

#### **Advertiser Activation**

Enhanced audience targeting to improve campaign results

Deeper audience insights for advertisers to drive rebooking



## Modernise Platform Foundations: to create a scalable platform for the future and enhanced customer experience

#### **Identity**



#### **Recommendations**



#### **Dynamic Engine**



- Single sign on convenience cross platform
- Privacy safe frictionless experience

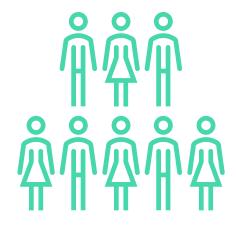
- Recommendations as a service across domains / platforms
- Audience engagement and recirculation keeping them inside NZME's ecosystem

- Next best action engine to create a personalised customer experience
- Drive engagement funnel to increase conversion



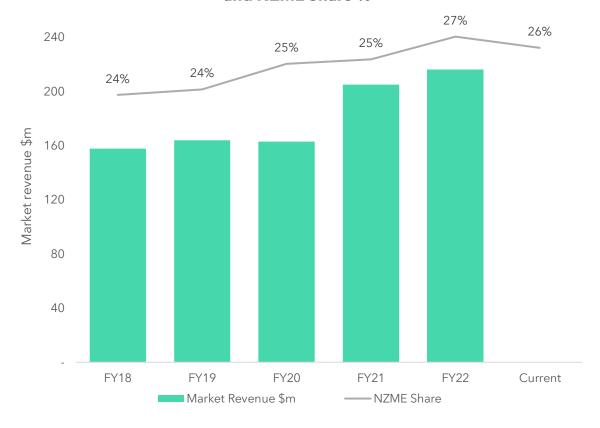
Future proofed scalable platform to enable rapid extensions in the future

## NZME's digital audience and platform delivers the digital advertising revenue opportunity



**AUDIENCE AND PLATFORM** 

### Total Digital Display Advertising Market Revenue and NZME Share %1





<sup>1.</sup> IAB Digital Advertising Revenue, Digital Display includes video, audio, sponsorship, native and display. 2018 - 2022 rolling 4-quarter average to 31st December. 2023 NZME share for 6 months to 30 June 2023

## Advertisers are seeking out quality brand safe environments that deliver results through reduced emissions

# Quality brand safe scalable environments that deliver client results

- Well known NZ local brand
- Trusted content
- Transparency



#### **Active Attention**

Looking directly at the ad on mobile





#### **Passive Attention**

Eyes on screen not the ad



- Advertisers increasingly looking to achieve sustainability goals and reduce waste
- Buyers seeking out low carbon media
- Focus on reducing ad supply chain



## 1<sup>st</sup> party data enabled products and quality intent based contextual environments will be critical in a cookieless world

Individuals

Groups of People

Environments / Interests



Logged in users

Match customers via clean rooms



**Shared ID Solutions** 



NZME's 1<sup>st</sup> Party Data Segments

Target segments

- Profile
- Location
- Interest
- Intenders
   (Off Network Ext)



3<sup>rd</sup> party interest topics

Target broad topics



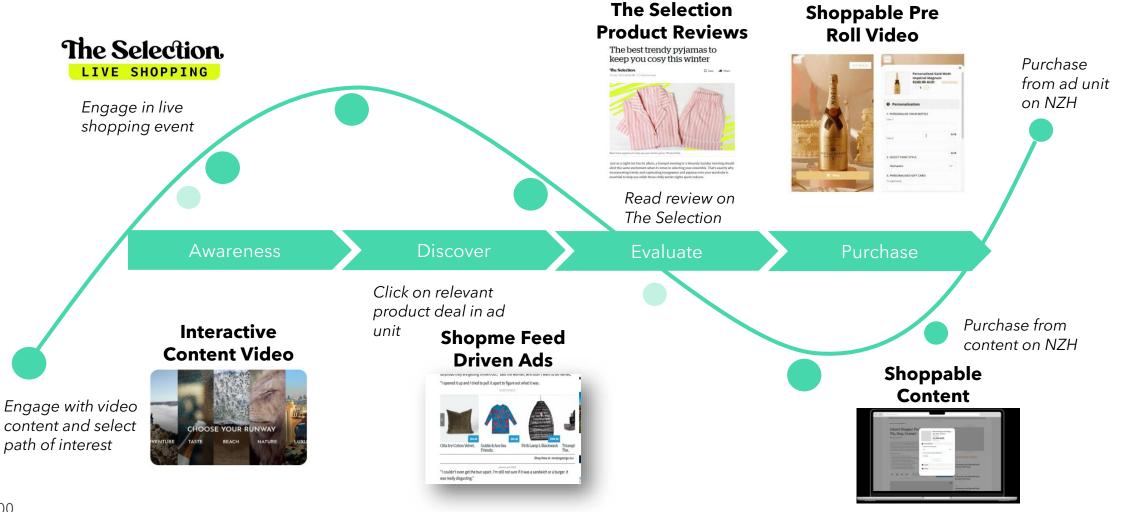
**Contextual** 

Target contextual information on site

- Context
- Sentiment
- Affinities

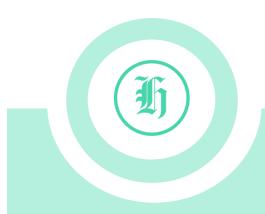


## Portfolio of e-commerce ad solutions offering immersive shoppable experiences that align to the path to purchase



## New Zealand's leading news destination

### There are three pillars to the Publishing strategy



Scalable digital audience and advertising News platform



that grows subscriber lifetime value

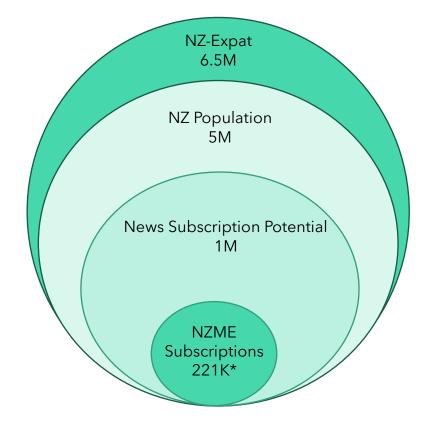


High quality and efficient print business

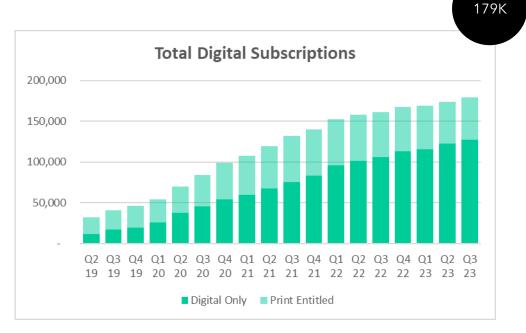


### The total addressable market for news in NZ is significant, while our digital subscriptions continue to grow as the market evolves

#### Total Addressable Market

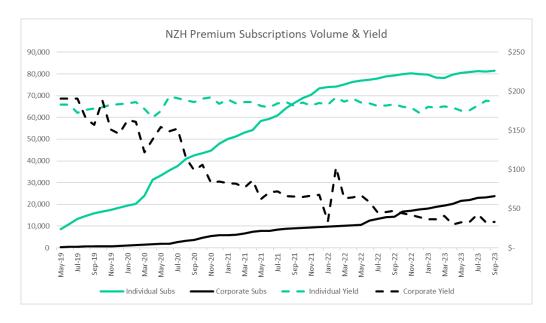


- Sizable addressable market for news subscriptions in NZ
- NZME subscriptions now at 221K inclusive of 179K digital subscriptions
- Opportunity for further growth as category continues to grow in maturity in NZ

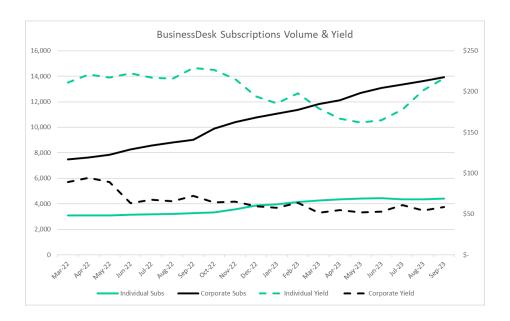




# As the digital subscription base has grown and the mix has changed, balancing volume and yield has become increasingly important for profitability



- Individuals: stimulate volume through dynamic offers based on propensity to buy and annual price increases
- Corporates: balancing corporate growth with the cannibalisation of individuals by removing 'unlimited user' plans and reducing bulk user discounts



- Individuals: monthly and annual prices increased, drive acquisition and retention with annual Wall Street Journal bundle / monthly bundle with Herald Premium
- Corporate: lift yield year on year from corporates as user activation and engagement grows



## Herald Premium subscriptions are performing well versus global publishing benchmarks











	Measure	Subscriber Penetration Rate	Monthly ARPU	Paywall Stop Rate	Paid Stop Conversion Rate	Monthly Churn Rate
	International Benchmark (Median)	3.23%	\$8.36 (USD)	25%	0.15%	3.9%
	Herald Premium	5.3%	\$7.65 (USD)	20.5%	0.74%	3.2%



**Status** 

Above Top Quartile

Below Median (due to exchange rate) Median

Upper Quartile

Median

## Evolution of reader revenue strategy to accelerate growth, reinvention and investment is required







#### **Primary Goal**

## Building viable proposition and solid customer base

## Focus on growing volume of subscribers

## Focus on growing recurring revenue and optimising volume

## **Priority Focus Areas**

Launch new paywall as minimum viable product

Focus on product market fit - expansion into verticals

Technology enhancements to build scalable platform to optimise conversion and yield

Newsroom adapt to change in focus from audience to conversions

Newsroom have clear view of the types of content that converts and engages Newsroom focused on users needs, developing new formats and methods

Marketing and technology lead

Adjust operating model to cross functional squad to manage increased complexity

Reinvention of operating model and the addition of new talent and capabilities to focus on execution of reader revenue strategy



## Expert journalism that engages and converts



Restaurant Reviews - Jesse Mulligan *Viva* 



Media Insider Shayne Currie



Power List: Top NZ McDonald's owners

Anne Gibson



All Blacks' quarter-final effort against Ireland was 15 months in the making Gregor Paul



The Business of Health: What we learned Victoria Young



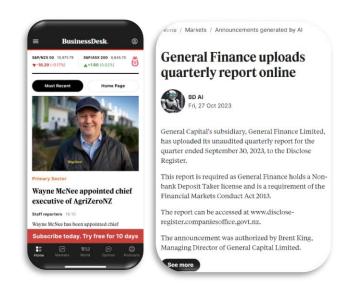
Election 2023 result: Anatomy of Labour's collapse Derek Cheng

## BusinessDesk has grown 80% since acquisition, with a strong pathway for further growth

### BusinessDesk.









#### **Grow brand awareness**

- Increased from 44% to 54%
- Portfolio of podcasts to engage new audience in BusinessDesk content

#### **Enhanced utility**

- Launched new app to deliver greater utility
- Grow AI and data capabilities

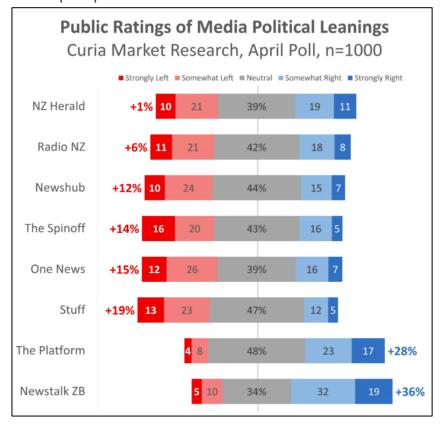
#### **Grow subscriptions**

- Aligned reporter rounds to key growth industry verticals
- Wall Street Journal bundle to drive acquisition and retention



## ZB Plus was launched to address the gap in the market for an opinion-heavy platform that resonated

Market gap for a publishing proposition for our ZB audience





- Leverage the strength of the Newstalk ZB audio brand and opinion from the Breakfast and Drive shows
- Targeting an audience craving clear, constructive analysis and opinion on the issues that matter to help inform their views
- A standalone subscription offering that can be bundled with NZME's other subscriptions
- Enrich the content proposition and features to build subscriber engagement and value



### Broaden the addressable market by building out subscriber centric product and verticals











Continue to build out subscription portfolio through build, partner, buy strategy

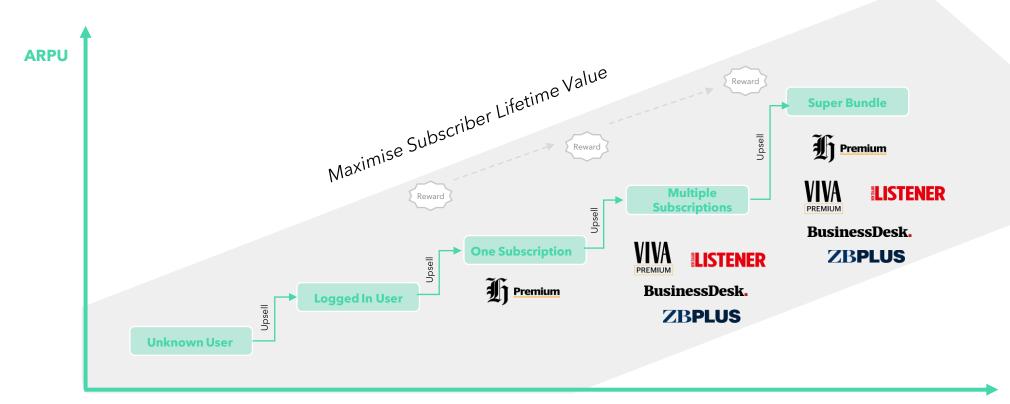
Deliver increased utility and features to drive value perceptions e.g. puzzles, quizzes, article sharing, live events



Introduce new product types aligned to specific user needs e.g. International, app only, podcasting



## Build dynamic offers and a connected customer experience to maximise subscriber lifetime value



**Dynamic** Connected **Experience Layer** 

- Next best article
- Registration gate
- Subscribe to newsletter

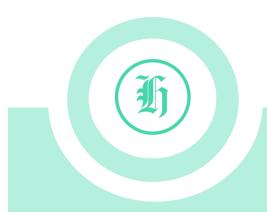
- Personalised content recommendation
- Next best action download app / newsletter opt in to drive engagement
- Personalised subscription offer based on behaviour -Day Pass, Vertical Subscription
- Next best action to reduce churn risk content of interest / newsletter topic
- Cross sell offers across key journey touch points
- Upsell offers to annual
- Promote exclusive subscriber benefits commenting, live stream
- Upsell value offer to upgrade to all access
- Promote exclusive subscriber benefits to drive engagement and value perceptions
- Surprise and delight for loyal subscribers

Time



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## NZME's print business continues to drive strong audiences and serve our readers across the North Island

#### **NZME Daily Metro and Regional Newspapers**

The Dew Zealand Ijerald
1,039,000 weekly readers

**Advocate** 65,000 weekly readers

**Bay of Plenty Times** 87,000 weekly readers

ROTORUA Daily Post 42,000 weekly readers

Whanganui Chronicle 27,000 weekly readers

Hawke's Bay TODAY
62,000 weekly readers



NZME Community Newspapers Weekly audience: 223,000

1 Te Puke Times

N The Porthland Age

**Napiti** News

**1** Courier

1 Courier

Herald Herald

**∰** Stratford

Manawatū
 GUARDIAN

BUSHTELEGRAPH
Taranua

T CHRONICLE

**1** Katikati Advertiser

1 HC POST

1 Leader

∰ Mäil





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50

Market 001

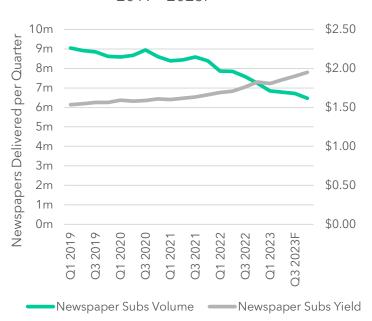
## Print revenue trend continues, with challenging market conditions contributing to the predicted decline in FY23



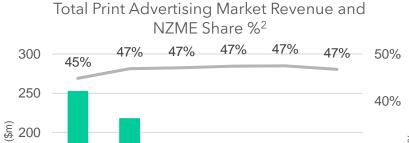


- Print reader revenue FY23 forecasted decline of 6% YoY
- Cost of living and weather events have impacted volumes in FY23

Print Subscription Volume vs. Yield 2019 - 2023F<sup>1</sup>



- Cover price increased in H1 to \$4.50 M-F, Sat \$5.00
- Average subscription price remains well below cover price
- Individual subscriber pricing continues to be reviewed annually





NZME share remains strong at 47%



10%

0%

FY22 Current

NZME analysis

### Our business will be focused on maximising revenue, streamlining production while exploring strategic synergies

#### **Maximise Revenue**



#### Reader Revenue

- Maximise yield improvement programme
- Up sell to digital, create unique proposition to drive uptake
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party partnerships to grow base



#### **Advertising Revenue**

- Simplify product and packaging to make it easy to sell
- Align yield and reach across the week to maximise revenue
- Targeted print focused sales model

#### **Streamline Production**



#### **High Quality and Efficient**

- Standardise product layouts and design features
- Simplify, outsource and automate processes
- Maintain multiple suppliers to de-risk market consolidation / contraction

#### **Strategic Synergies**



#### **Industry Print Collaborations**

- Explore opportunities to consolidate print capabilities to create synergies
- Optimise printing location and distribution to reduce costs
- Grow 3<sup>rd</sup> party print and distribution revenues to reduce fixed cost burden on NZME products



## NZME is well positioned to manage the print business through the next phase of the lifecycle

#### **Print Supply Chain**

#### **Current State**

- Diversified newsprint supply chain
- New ink and plate suppliers -aligned with other NZ Printers

#### **Future State**

- Volume based driven costs
- Actively manage supply chain partners for continuity of supply
- Industry collective negotiation to achieve benefits of scale

#### **Print Plant**

- Print plant located at Ellerslie
- Equipment is maintained by expert inhouse team
- Lease on Print Plant expires in 2029, with option to extend
- Option to decommission part of plant as volume declines

#### **Distribution**

 Distribution franchise network is managed by expert in-house team

- Actively growing third party volume to offset decline
- Actively manage distribution contracts to maximise flexibility



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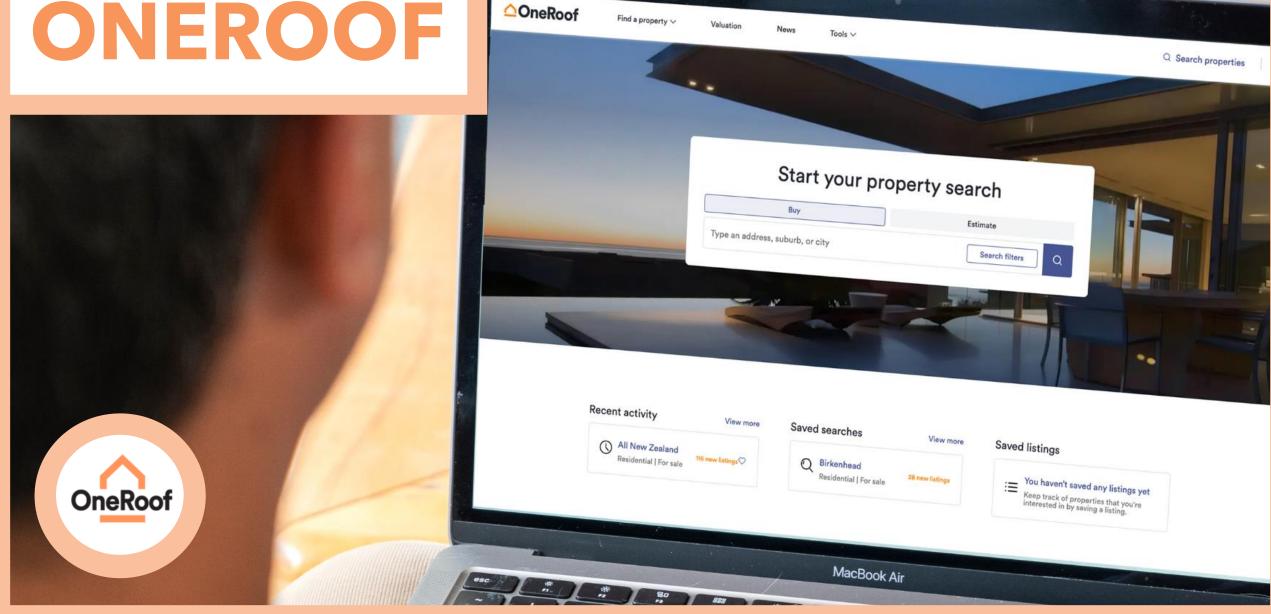
## **New Zealand's Leading News Destination**

#### **Scorecard**

	Dig	ital	Print		
Metric	H1 FY23 Actual	FY26 Target	H1 FY23 Actual	FY26 Target	
Subscription Volume Target	123,000	190,000	90,000	>65,000	
Advertising Revenue Mix	48%	60%	52%	40%	
<b>EBITDA<sup>3</sup> Margin Target</b> (pre NZ IFRS16)	~8%	14-16%	~19%	13-15%	



## **ONEROOF**







## Your essential property platform

There are three pillars to the OneRoof strategy



**Superior listings** experience and performance



**Grow listings revenue** 



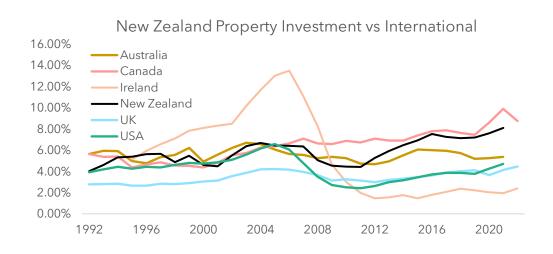
**Accelerate non-listings** portfolio

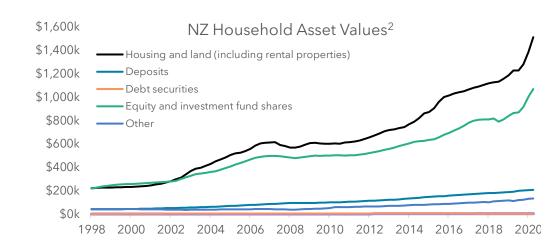


## International portals have developed clear roadmaps for business growth, embracing total marketplace model

	realestate.com.au	Domain	<b>QVIEW</b>	<b>Zillow</b> °
Scale	#1 in Australia, interest also in India, US and South East Asia	#2 in Australia	#3 in Australia	#1 in USA
Background	Founded in 1995	Founded in 1996 as print publication, online portal in 1999, scaled up in 2014	Founded in 2001, increased investment and focus from 2020	Founded in 2006, rapid expansion in 2008, listed in 2011
Key stakeholder	NewsCorp (61%)	Nine Entertainment (60%)	Australian Community Media, ANZ, Seven West Media	
Focus	16 plus brands in portfolio including marketing insights and mortgages, strategy accelerated through acquisition	Similar to REA but driving a more diverse marketplace model, smaller scale	Embraced total marketplace model and offmarket property sales	Wide range of property related adjacent services
EV/EBITDA	30	24	n/a	15







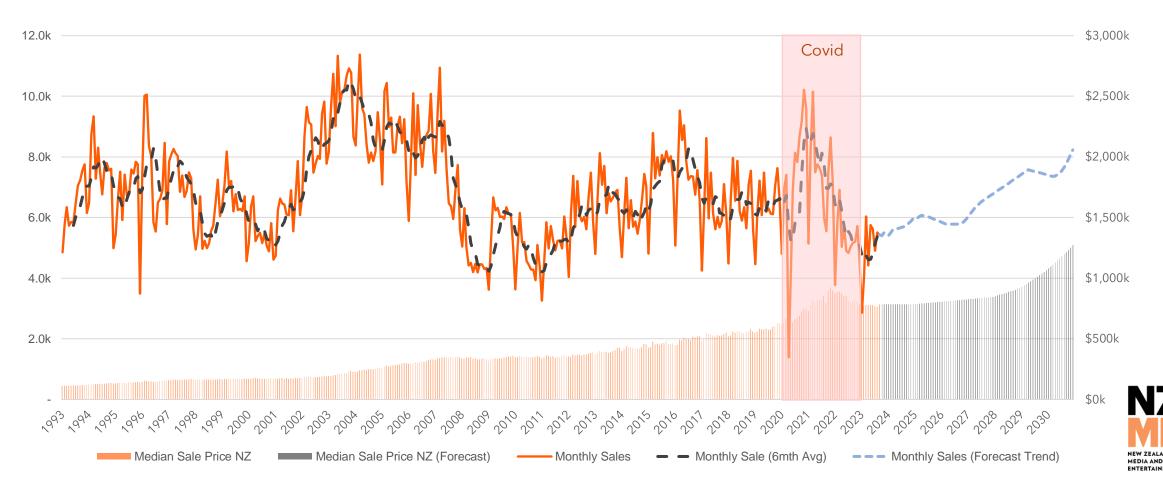
In New Zealand there are 1:

924,000 FIRST HOME BUYERS 1,150,000 RENOVATORS 664,000 INVESTORS 140,000 MOVERS



## Property is cyclical

Historically, property has been in 7-10 year cycles. The bottom of this cycle has passed and we expect volumes and values to grow from here.



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### Continuous product improvement is at the core of OneRoof

#### OneRoof continues to evolve and improve



- Residential for sale
- Estimate/Valuation section
- News/editorial section
- Historical sold records
- Rental, commercial & business verticals
- Find an agent

- Home builders section
- Improved valuation tool
- Mortgage calculator
- Chatbot integration

- Presence on nzherald.co.nz improved
- Valuation data enhancements
- Search profile builder
- Virtual Open Homes + Live Stream Auctions in response to Covid
- New Rural vertical
- Retirement vertical
- Personalisation
- Enhanced agent/admin tools
- Enhancements to ad units
- Agent reviews
- SEO improvements
- Audience segmentation model
- Claim/track a home



- Refactor of back end and databases.
- Complete rebuild of desktop and mobile websites
- Technical SEO improvements<sup>1</sup>
  - Organic sessions +86% YoY
  - Listings pages + 172% YoY
  - Search results pages + 44% YoY
  - Estimate/valuation pages +70% YoY

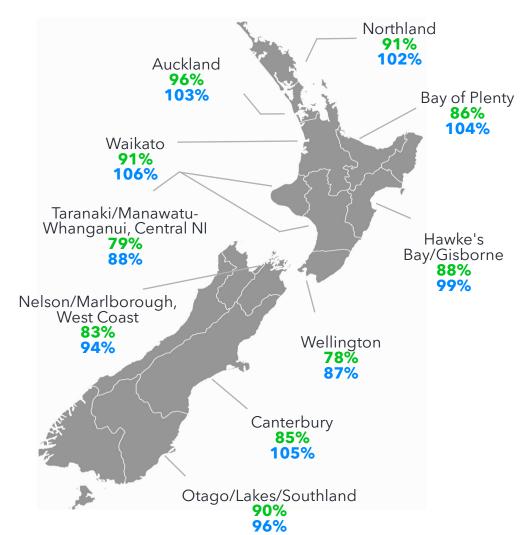


## OneRoof has strong coverage of for sale listings across the country

#### OneRoof carries:

- ~ 90% of TM property listings note TM carries private sale listings which is estimated a 5%-8% of for sale listings
- ~100% of Reconz inventory

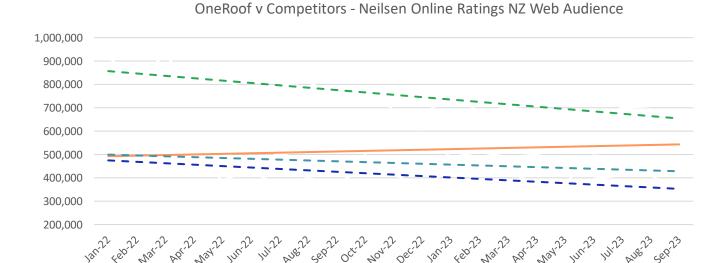
Key: % of TM stock % of Reconz stock





## OneRoof has continued to close the web audience gap

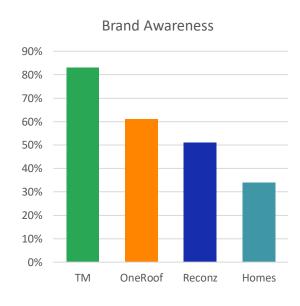
Web audience for competitors has been decreasing during weaker property market cycle. OneRoof has continued to grow, closing average gap to 139k in 2023<sup>1</sup>



Source: Nielsen Online Ratings - Domestic Unique Audience, Sep 2023 (does not include exclusive mobile app audience)

OneRoof —— TM —— Reconz —— Homes

- OneRoof's news audience has grown nearly 50% in the last three years.
- News now <30% of total sessions and remains important in delivering passive buyer audience for conversion to active
- With increased direct traffic, NZ Herald referrals are a lower proportion (30% of sessions in 2020, 23% in 2021, 19% in 2022, 17% in 2023 YTD)<sup>2</sup>

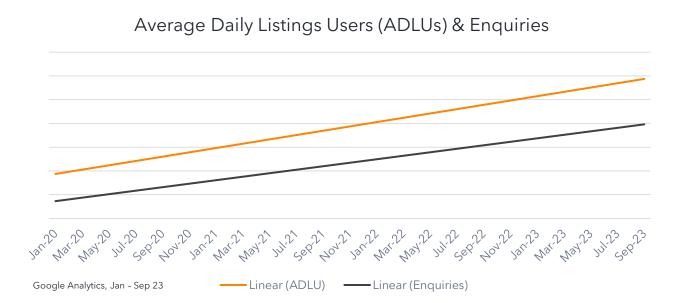


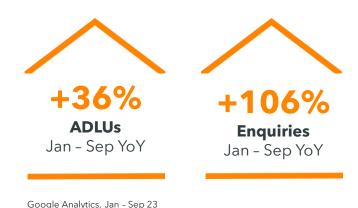
Source: Tracksuit, Jun 23 - Aug 23

 OneRoof's brand awareness highlights the unique ability to leverage NZME assets



## Increased audience engaging in listings and enquiries





- Focus on key audience metrics, has driven impressive growth, despite the challenging housing market
- Average Daily Listings Users (ADLUs) and Enquiries growth helps to drive revenue growth with a correlation between both metrics and future revenue



## OneRoof has a unique value proposition

The only platform to deliver through the entire consumer lifecycle from passive to active property buyer

OneRoof is New Zealand's only multi-media real estate platform, with market leading offers and a unique audience

 16% of the real estate market is reached only by OneRoof.co.nz, and 32% of the OneRoof audience is not visiting any competitor<sup>1</sup>



**Digital** 





**Print** 





((J)) Radio

2.300.000+ **OneRoof monthly** digital users<sup>2</sup>

38,000,000+ **NZ Herald monthly** sessions<sup>2</sup>

322,000 Weekly print readers<sup>3</sup>

623,000 **Property Report** readers<sup>3</sup>

5.700+ Monthly downloads4



#### **Passive**

- News
- Insights
- Property newsletter
- Inspiration
- Homes we love
- Brand spotlight
- NZ Herald carousels
- NZ Herald articles



- Thousands of property listings
- Property recommendations and alerts
- Accurate Estimates
- Property data
- Find an agent
- House price report
- Open home planner
- Save a listing and alerts



- Market commentary from Tony Alexander
- Estimate updates
- Suburb analysis
- Sold properties
- Property report
- The OneRoof Radio Show



## Continued platform development and leveraging OneRoof's passive audience will further increase listings views and enquiries



#### **Enhance listings point of difference**

Continue product development initiatives



#### Improve the website

• Improve user experience to make finding a property and enquiring easier



#### **Optimise the app**

- Refocus the app to improve the inmarket experience
- Differentiate the app with personalisation and more features







#### Leverage the passive audience

 Leverage unique passive audience by driving news and valuations audience to listings



#### **Activate the in-market audience**

- High-impact brand activity targeting buyers to increase listings views
- Drive direct listings views and enquiries with paid digital marketing, Search Engine optimisation, personalised communications, and leveraging assets





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**Grow listings revenue** 



Accelerate non-listings portfolio



## Digital listings revenue continued to grow

## This growth continued against the backdrop of a lower number of new listings coming to market

#### OneRoof Real Estate Revenue Mix and New Listings

- The property market witnessed a decline in new total listings coming to market in 2022
- Against this trend, digital listing and total OneRoof revenue improved year over year given unique multi-media approach



### Residential new property listings have declined further in 2023

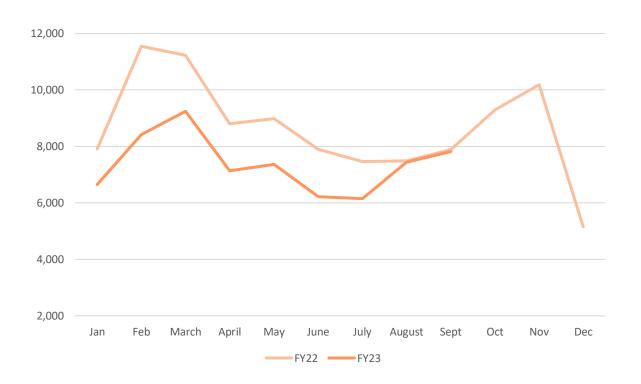
New properties coming to market have reduced over recent years. Large reductions seen in Auckland which was OneRoof's initial focus.

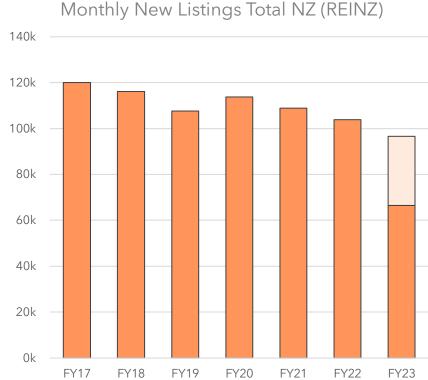
Annual New Listings	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Sep 22 YTD	Sep 23 YTD
Auckland (000s)	39.6	36.6	42.7	42.4	36.6	28.4	23.3
Rest of NZ (000s)	76.6	71.1	71.1	66.5	67.2	50.8	43.2
Total New Zealand (000s)	116.2	107.7	113.8	109.0	103.8	79.2	66.4
Auckland YoY %	(5.8%)	(7.7%)	16.8%	(0.7%)	(13.7%)	(5.0%)	(18.0%)
Rest of NZ YoY %	(1.7%)	(7.1%)	(0.1%)	(6.4%)	1.0%	7.5%	(15.1%)
Total New Zealand YoY %	(3.2%)	(7.3%)	5.7%	(4.3%)	(4.7%)	2.7%	(16.1%)
Auckland listings as % of total	34%	34%	38%	39%	35%	36%	35%



## The decline in new listings has slowed in second half of 2023, creating further opportunity for growth

#### Monthly New Listings Total NZ (REINZ)





■ NZME Forecast

■ New Listings (Total NZ)



### Recent commentary notes market improvements

#### **ANZ property Focus - October 2023**

"The Government's policy changes are likely to put upward pressure on house prices".

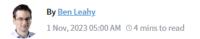
The Auckland housing market is picking up...

...and post-election policy changes will support the housing market

#### Kiwibank - First View - 16 October 2023

"The housing market stabilised much sooner than expected, partly because of the surge in migration. Over the year to August 2023, we welcomed over 152,000 migrants (a record high) but waved goodbye to over 42,000 kiwis (the most since 2012). The net gain of 110,200 is the largest on record. So far, strong net migration is helping to boost within the economy. The impact on housing and domestic spending has been relatively limited. But we still face a shortage of dwellings, at a time of a fast-growing population. Price gains are likely to continue".

New Zealand and Auckland house prices: Analyst CoreLogic says downturn is officially over



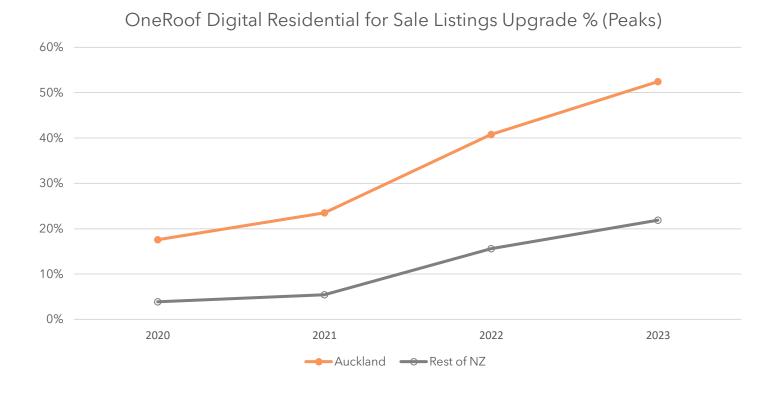




## Residential listings monetisation is growing

## Residential listings conversion has seen strong continuous growth, with further opportunity to increase nationally

- Auckland hit peak of
   52% in September 2023
- Rest of NZ hit peak of 21% in September 2023

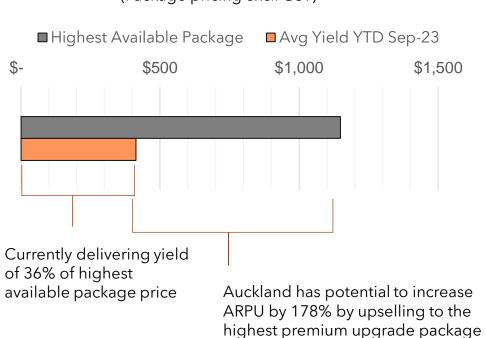




## Significant opportunity to grow listings revenue by upselling to OneRoof's higher packages

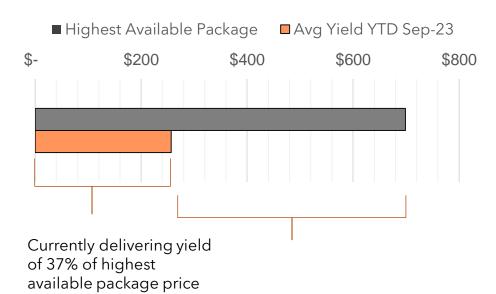
#### **Auckland**

(Package pricing excl. GST)



#### **Rest of NZ**

(Package pricing excl. GST)



Rest of NZ has potential to increase ARPU by 173% by upselling to highest premium upgrade packages



## Significant opportunity to grow listings revenue with Agents

#### OneRoof - the preferred partner of the Real Estate industry



### **Create and transform National Sales force**

 Optimise distribution of current NZME sales team, creating a dedicated OneRoof national sales force based on regional market sizes to ensure realisation of market potential, increase customer service levels, and align sales strategy execution



#### **Enhance listing packages**

- Reconfigure and simplify packages across all real estate and agent products, incentivising conversion to higher value packages
- Enhance Boost product options and performance



#### **Strengthen Agent relationships and tools**

- Launch of further Agent insights tools
- Control Panel (internal tool) rebuild to improve sales team efficiency
- Improve agent communications strategy, targeting and offerings
- Further utilise NZME assets to improve agent engagement
- Rebuild the Agent back end portal, OneRoof Advantage



## Your essential property platform

There are three pillars to the OneRoof strategy



Superior listings experience and performance



**Grow listings revenue** 



Accelerate non-listings portfolio



## Continue to grow non-listings revenue



#### **Partner for consumer solutions and services**

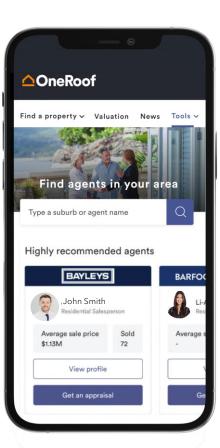
- Finance partnership
- Expansion of home services integrations/widgets
- Partner to provide opportunities for assisting with property lifecycle



#### Monetise unique audience and data

- Additional high impact Ad units added
- Enhance agent lead generation tools
- Optimisation of existing advertising solutions, using NZME's data capabilities, to drive personalisation and better conversion for customers









## Your essential property platform

#### **Scorecard**

METRIC	H1 2023 Actual	2026 Target
Engagement	Audience 518k Gap to #1 of 139k -	Reduce Audience Gap to #1 Increase listing enquiries by 100%
Listings Upgrade %	42.6% of Auckland 16.8% Rest of NZ	End of Year - 60% End of Year - 40%
Revenue	Digital 53% / Print 47%	Digital 78% / Print 22%
EBITDA Margin Target (pre NZ IFRS16)	(17%)	15-25%



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## NZME can leverage its strength to deliver significant shareholder value creation

#### NZME strength

- NZME platforms reach 84% of the NZ population across a month<sup>1</sup>
- 40-50% market shares in audio and publishing businesses, with further growth identified
- High value relationships with audience and customers across multiple platforms
- Leading print business which delivers strong cashflows well into the future

#### Digital transformation well progressed with meaningful digital revenue<sup>2</sup>

- Digital revenues exceed \$100 million per annum or 29% of total revenue
- Digital revenue growth of 19% CAGR (2019 2023)

#### High growth asset in OneRoof

- Consistently reducing the audience gap on the #1 player Trademe
- The strategy plans for strong delivery of revenue and profitability growth
- Key opportunity to realise higher value multiples for growth business

#### Strong balance sheet - exceptionally strong when comparing to local competitors

- Significant reduction in debt
- Disciplined capital management
- Dividends are delivering high yield returns



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