
Australian Democracy Network Ltd

ABN 35 655 372 133

Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

**Australian Democracy Network Ltd
Directors' Report
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2024**

Your directors submit the financial report of Australian Democracy Network Limited for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Directors

The names of the directors in office at any time during or since the end of the financial year are:

- Brendan Sydes, Board Director
- Elizabeth Jennings, Board Director
- Saffron Zomer, Board Director
- Tim Watts, Board Director
- Upeka Kumarasinghe, Board Director

Directors have been in office since the start of the year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Principal Activities

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

- advancing education, specifically in relation to democracy and civil society;
- promoting changes to law and policy that will advance public welfare by
- promoting a democracy and robust civil society; and
- benefiting the public through promoting a thriving democracy in which civil society is robust; public debate is informed, fair and diverse; citizens are engaged; and government is accountable.

No significant changes in the nature of the entity's activity occurred during the financial year.

Significant Changes

NA

Operating Result

The surplus of the entity for the financial year amounted to \$82,383 (15 months ended 2023: \$489,238 surplus).

After balance date events

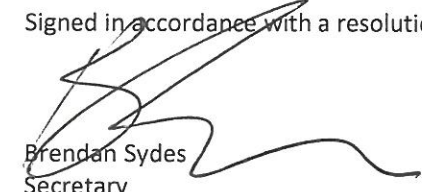
There has not been any matter or circumstance occurring subsequent to the end of the financial year that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the entity, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the entity in future financial years.

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Auditor's Independence Declaration


A copy of the lead auditor's independence declaration as required under section 60-40 of the *Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* is attached to this financial report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Brendan Sydes
Secretary

17 August 2024



Elizabeth Jennings
Treasurer

17 August 2024



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Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Australian Democracy Network Ltd
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2024

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, as lead auditor for the audit of Australian Democracy Network Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2024, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- b) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Simon Joyce".

Simon Joyce
Director
17 August 2024
Sydney, New South Wales

Australian Democracy Network Ltd
Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2024

	12 months to 30-Jun-24	15 months to 30-Jun-23
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Grants	509,500	1,194,400
Donations	654,817	428,245
Interest income	5,817	4,108
Other revenue	383	63,249
Total revenue	1,170,517	1,690,002
Expenses		
Administration and other operating costs	(246,257)	(365,421)
Depreciation	(796)	(15)
Employee benefits	(833,687)	(830,458)
Lease payments for short-term/low-value leases	(6,785)	(4,417)
Net foreign exchange losses	(609)	(453)
Total expenses	(1,088,134)	(1,200,764)
Net surplus for the year/period	82,383	489,238
Income tax expense	-	-
Surplus after income tax	82,383	489,238
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income	82,383	489,238

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Australian Democracy Network Ltd
Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024 \$	2023 \$
Assets			
Current			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	616,456	573,463
Trade and other receivables	5	12,272	24,731
Other assets	6	11,605	8,289
Current assets		640,333	606,483
Non-current			
Property, plant and equipment	7	1,577	2,373
Non-current assets		1,577	2,373
Total assets		641,910	608,856
Liabilities			
Current			
Trade and other payables	8	38,056	91,872
Provisions	9	32,233	27,746
Current liabilities		70,289	119,618
Total liabilities		70,289	119,618
Net assets		571,621	489,238
Equity			
Accumulated funds		571,621	489,238
Total equity		571,621	489,238

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Australian Democracy Network Ltd
Statement of Changes in Equity
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	Accumulated Funds \$	Total Equity \$
Balance at 10 March 2022		-	-
Surplus for the period		489,238	489,238
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income		<u>489,238</u>	<u>489,238</u>
Balance at 30 June 2023		<u>489,238</u>	<u>489,238</u>
Balance at 1 July 2023		489,238	489,238
Surplus for the year		82,383	82,383
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income		<u>82,383</u>	<u>82,383</u>
Balance at 30 June 2024		<u>571,621</u>	<u>571,621</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Australian Democracy Network Ltd
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	12 months to 30-Jun-24 \$	15 months to 30-Jun-23 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from funders, donors, customers and others		1,177,079	1,666,458
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,139,903)	(1,094,715)
Interest received		5,817	4,108
Net cash provided by operating activities		42,993	575,851
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		-	(2,388)
Net cash used in investing activities		-	(2,388)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Net cash provided by financing activities		-	-
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		42,993	573,463
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year/period		573,463	-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year/period	4	616,456	573,463

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Australian Democracy Network Ltd
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2024

1. General information

The financial statements cover Australian Democracy Network Ltd, an entity incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The company is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards and a registered charity under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

These financial statements cover the financial year ended 30 June 2024, whilst the comparative figures cover the financial period from date of incorporation, 10 March 2022 to 30 June 2023.

The entity's principal activity is to create a thriving democracy which brings civil society organisations (with an interest in democratic integrity, advocacy and civil liberties) together to share information, resources and strategy.

Registered office is Level 8, 805/220 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC, 3000.

The financial report was authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 17 August 2024.

2. Changes in accounting policies

New and revised standards that are effective for these financial statements

A number of revised standards became effective for the first time to annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023. The adoption of these revised accounting standards has not had a material impact on the entity's financial statements.

3. Summary of material accounting policy information

Financial reporting framework

The general purpose financial statements of the entity have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Statement of compliance

The general purpose financial statements of the entity have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are presented in Australian Dollars (\$AUD), which is also the functional currency of the company.

The material accounting policy information that has been adopted in the preparation of this report are as follows:

Revenue

Revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the entity expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services.

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Revenue is recognised by applying a five-step model as follows:

1. Identify the contract with the customer
2. Identify the performance obligations
3. Determine the transaction price
4. Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations
5. Recognise revenue as and when control of the performance obligations is transferred

Grants

If conditions are attached to a grant, revenue is recognised when the entity satisfies those conditions.

Income tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is exempt from income tax as a registered charity under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any allowance for expected losses.

Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the entity prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to the short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

Significant judgement in applying accounting policies

When preparing the financial statements, the Board of Directors undertake a number of judgements, estimates and assumptions about the recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses.

Estimation uncertainty

Information about estimates and assumptions that have the most significant effect on recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses is provided below. Actual results may be substantially different.

Receivables

The receivables at reporting date have been reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that any of the receivables are impaired. An allowance for expected losses is included, where applicable, based on historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment. The allowance for expected losses is based on the best information at the reporting date.

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	2024	2023
	\$	
4. Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at bank	616,456	573,463
	616,456	573,463

5. Trade and other receivables

Current

Trade receivables	7,147	19,526
Net GST receivable	4,467	5,103
Other debtors	658	102
	12,272	24,731

6. Other assets

Current

Prepayments	11,605	8,289
	11,605	8,289

7. Property, plant and equipment

Plant and equipment at cost	2,388	2,388
Plant and equipment accumulated depreciation	(811)	(15)
	1,577	2,373

	Plant & Equipment	Total
	\$	\$
Net carrying amount 1 July 2023	2,373	2,373
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation	(796)	(796)
Net carrying amount 30 June 2024	1,577	1,577

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
8. Trade and other payables		
Current		
Trade payables	450	56,818
Accrued expenses	37,606	35,054
	38,056	91,872

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	2024	2023
	\$	\$
9. Provisions		
Current		
Provision for employee benefits	32,233	27,746
	32,233	27,746

10. Related parties

The entity's related parties include its key management personnel and related entities. Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties.

	12 months to	15 months to
	30-Jun-24	30-Jun-23
	\$	
<u>Key management personnel compensation</u>		
Total key management personnel compensation	253,232	318,706

11. Remuneration of auditors

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Audit of financial report	6,300	6,000
Assistance with financial report preparation	1,600	1,500
	7,900	7,500

12. Commitments

The entity had no material unrecognised contractual commitments as at 30 June 2024.

13. Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2024.

14. Subsequent events

No adjusting or significant non-adjusting events have occurred between the reporting date and the date of authorisation of these accounts.

**Australian Democracy Network Ltd
Directors' Declaration
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2024**

The Directors declare that in the Directors' opinion:

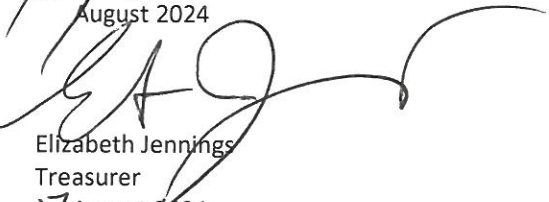
- a) the financial statements and notes are in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:
 - i) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022*; and
- b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022*.



Brendan Sydes
Secretary

17 August 2024



Elizabeth Jennings
Treasurer

17 August 2024

Australian Democracy Network Ltd
Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Australian Democracy Network Ltd
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2024

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Australian Democracy Network Ltd (the registered entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policy information, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the financial report of Australian Democracy Network Ltd has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act), including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the registered entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information is the directors' report accompanying the financial report.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Responsibilities of Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the ACNC Act, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the registered entity or to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors are responsible for overseeing the registered entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <http://www.auasb.gov.au/>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.



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Simon Joyce

Director

17 August 2024

Sydney, New South Wales