

Susan McKinnon Foundation

ABN: 28 739 100 711

Trustee: Susan McKinnon Philanthropy Pty Ltd

ACN: 605 221 814

Financial report

For the year ended 30 June 2024

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors of the Trustee present their report together with the financial report of Susan McKinnon Foundation, the "Trust", for the year ended 30 June 2024 and auditor's report thereon.

Directors names

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

Grant Rule

Michael Schoenfeld

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

Results

The surplus of the Trust for the year amounted to \$84,401,887 (2023: \$39,015,688).

Review of operations

The Trust continued to engage in its principal activity, the results of which are disclosed in the attached financial statements.

Significant changes in state of affairs

There were no significant changes in the Trust's state of affairs that occurred during the financial year, other than those referred to elsewhere in this report.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the Trust during the year was providing grants to fund projects to support organisations whose work and focus strategically align with the desire to enable far-reaching policy and governance change.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

After balance date events

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

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Likely developments

The likely developments in the operations of the Trust and the expected results of those operations in subsequent financial years are as follows:

A related party, Susan McKinnon Charitable Foundation ("SMCF") has recently applied to be specifically listed. If specific listing is granted, the Trust will transfer the majority of its assets to SMCF which may take up to five years. The operations of the Trust will wind down over this time as SMCF becomes the main charitable vehicle of the Susan McKinnon Group.

Environmental regulation

The Trust's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.

Indemnification of officers

During or since the end of the year, the Trust has given indemnity or entered an agreement to indemnify, or paid or agreed to pay insurance premiums in order to indemnify the Directors of the Trust.

Indemnification of auditors

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the year, for any person who is or has been an auditor of the Trust.

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration in relation to the audit for the financial year is provided with this report.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Director: _____


Grant Rule

Director: _____


Michael Schoenfeld

Dated this 16 day of December 2024

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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF SUSAN MCKINNON FOUNDATION

In accordance with section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief in relation to the audit of the financial report of Susan McKinnon Foundation for the year ended 30 June 2024, there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- no contraventions of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* in relation to the audit.



K L BYRNE

Partner



PITCHER PARTNERS

Melbourne

Date: 17 December 2024

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**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
Revenue and other income			
Investment income	2	102,133,567	66,885,984
Other income	2	<u>12,319,401</u>	<u>4,514,878</u>
		<u>114,452,968</u>	<u>71,400,862</u>
Investment advice fees		<u>(165,273)</u>	<u>(180,928)</u>
Net investment income		<u>114,287,695</u>	<u>71,219,934</u>
Operating expenses			
Employee benefits expense		(553,721)	(264,396)
Director and committee fees		(76,250)	(33,750)
Consulting and contractor fees		(69,456)	(568,212)
Professional and legal fees		(175,188)	(77,757)
Group service recharge fees		(136,518)	(155,077)
Other expenses		<u>(74,675)</u>	<u>(105,050)</u>
		<u>(1,085,808)</u>	<u>(1,204,242)</u>
Surplus for the year before grants		113,201,887	70,015,692
Grants distributions		<u>(28,800,000)</u>	<u>(31,000,004)</u>
Surplus for the year		<u>84,401,887</u>	<u>39,015,688</u>
Other comprehensive income for the year		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive income		<u>84,401,887</u>	<u>39,015,688</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	22,105,849	18,734,989
Receivables	4	1,612,298	1,832,868
Other financial assets	5	22,341,248	137,597,905
Other assets	6	<u>13,757,948</u>	<u>7,989,013</u>
Total current assets		<u>59,817,343</u>	<u>166,154,775</u>
Non-current assets			
Other financial assets	5	593,959,581	403,396,802
Plant and equipment	7	<u>48,314</u>	<u>9,618</u>
Total non-current assets		<u>594,007,895</u>	<u>403,406,420</u>
Total assets		<u>653,825,238</u>	<u>569,561,195</u>
Current liabilities			
Payables	8	79,090	248,612
Provisions	9	<u>95,289</u>	<u>63,611</u>
Total current liabilities		<u>174,379</u>	<u>312,223</u>
Total liabilities		<u>174,379</u>	<u>312,223</u>
Net assets		<u>653,650,859</u>	<u>569,248,972</u>
Trust funds			
Trust funds	10	10	10
Accumulated surplus	11	<u>653,650,849</u>	<u>569,248,962</u>
Total trust funds		<u>653,650,859</u>	<u>569,248,972</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	Trust Funds	Accumulated	Total equity
	\$	surplus	\$
Balance as at 1 July 2022	10	530,233,274	530,233,284
Surplus for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>39,015,688</u>	<u>39,015,688</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>39,015,688</u>	<u>39,015,688</u>
Balance as at 30 June 2023	<u>10</u>	<u>569,248,962</u>	<u>569,248,972</u>
Balance as at 1 July 2023	10	569,248,962	569,248,972
Surplus for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>84,401,887</u>	<u>84,401,887</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>84,401,887</u>	<u>84,401,887</u>
Balance as at 30 June 2024	<u>10</u>	<u>653,650,849</u>	<u>653,650,859</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash flow from operating activities			
Receipts from donations and dividends and distributions		12,129,996	4,892,393
Management fee rebates and group service recharges		1,025,687	902,880
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,033,892)	(1,189,067)
Grant payments		(28,800,000)	(31,000,004)
Interest received		<u>1,951,588</u>	<u>1,172,318</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(14,726,621)</u>	<u>(25,221,480)</u>
Cash flow from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of investments		67,865,684	37,960,211
Payment for property, plant and equipment		-	(3,908)
Payment for investments		<u>(51,235,575)</u>	<u>(51,229,055)</u>
Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities		<u>16,630,109</u>	<u>(13,272,752)</u>
Reconciliation of cash			
Cash at beginning of the financial year		18,734,989	56,651,403
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		1,903,488	(38,494,232)
Foreign exchange differences		<u>1,467,372</u>	<u>577,818</u>
Cash at end of financial year		<u><u>22,105,849</u></u>	<u><u>18,734,989</u></u>

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

NOTE 1: BASIS OF PREPARATION

General information

The trustees have determined that the Trust is not a reporting entity on the basis that, in the opinion of the trustees, there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy, specifically, all of their information needs. Accordingly, this financial report is a special purpose financial report, which has been prepared to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

The financial report covers Susan McKinnon Foundation as an individual entity. Susan McKinnon Foundation is a Trust, formed and domiciled in Australia. Susan McKinnon Foundation is a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The financial report was approved by the Directors as at the date of the directors' report.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022*, the recognition and measurement requirements specified by all Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of:

- AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements
- AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- AASB 124: Related Party Disclosures (to the extent required by the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022* and the ACNC Commissioner's discretion)
- AASB 1048: Interpretation of Standards
- AASB 1054: Australian Additional Disclosures

Historical Cost Convention

The financial report has been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by revaluations to fair value for certain classes of assets and liabilities as described in the accounting policies.

Going Concern

The financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and the settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business.

Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied in the preparation and presentation of the financial report.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1: BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

(a) Revenue and other income

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Trust and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

Dividend and other distributions

Dividend and other distribution revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend or other distribution has been established.

Interest

Interest revenue is measured in accordance with the effective interest method.

Donations

Donations are recognised as revenue when received. All financial investments donated to the Trust are recognised at their fair value at the date the Trust obtained control of the asset.

All revenue is measured net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(b) Income tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the Trust is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(c) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

(d) Plant and equipment

Each class of plant and equipment is measured at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment is depreciated over their estimated useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held available for use, consistent with the estimated consumption of the economic benefits embodied in the asset.

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NOTE 1: BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

(e) Employee benefits

(i) Short-term employee benefit obligations

Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and other employee benefits (other than termination benefits) expected to be settled wholly before twelve months after the end of the reporting period are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts based on remuneration rates which are expected to be paid when the liability is settled. The expected cost of short-term employee benefits in the form of compensated absences such as annual leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables in the statement of financial position.

(ii) Long-term employee benefit obligations

The provision for other long-term employee benefits, including obligations for long service leave and annual leave, which are not expected to be settled wholly before twelve months after the end of the reporting period, are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflow to be made in respect of the services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee turnover, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid. Any remeasurements for changes in assumptions of obligations for other long-term employee benefits are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the change occurs.

Other long-term employee benefit obligations are presented as current liabilities in the statement of financial position if the Trust does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur. All other long-term employee benefit obligations are presented as non-current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

(f) Financial instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Trust becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the Trust commits itself to either the purchase or sale of the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value adjusted for transaction costs, except where the instrument is classified as fair value through profit or loss.

Classification of financial assets

Financial assets recognised by the Trust are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, subject to their classification and whether the Trust irrevocably designates the financial asset on initial recognition at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVtOCI) in accordance with the relevant criteria in AASB 9.

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NOTE 1: BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

(f) Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets not irrevocably designated on initial recognition at FVtOCI are classified as subsequently measured at amortised cost, FVtOCI or fair value through profit or loss (FVtPL) on the basis of both:

- (a) the Trust's business model for managing the financial assets; and
- (b) the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset.

(g) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and purchased assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
NOTE 2: REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME		
Investment Income		
Dividend and distribution income	13,734,788	8,802,533
Interest income	1,951,588	1,172,318
Realised gains on sale of investments (net)	23,363,088	7,720,226
Unrealised gains on investments at fair value through profit or loss	60,831,968	48,179,389
Foreign currency translation gain	1,467,370	188,830
Other investment income	5,308	16,766
Redbridge Capital Trust management fee rebate	<u>779,457</u>	<u>805,922</u>
	<u><u>102,133,567</u></u>	<u><u>66,885,984</u></u>
Other income		
Donations received	12,166,415	4,500,000
Group services recharges	<u>152,986</u>	<u>14,878</u>
	<u><u>12,319,401</u></u>	<u><u>4,514,878</u></u>
	<u><u>114,452,968</u></u>	<u><u>71,400,862</u></u>

NOTE 3: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash on hand	10	10
Cash at bank	<u>22,105,839</u>	<u>18,734,979</u>
	<u><u>22,105,849</u></u>	<u><u>18,734,989</u></u>

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	2024	2023
	\$	\$
NOTE 4: RECEIVABLES		
CURRENT		
Other receivables		
- Franking credits	94,010	-
- GST input credits	-	241,637
- Other debtors	46,484	211,928
- Unsettled trades	<u>1,471,804</u>	<u>1,379,303</u>
	<u><u>1,612,298</u></u>	<u><u>1,832,868</u></u>
NOTE 5: OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS		
CURRENT		
<i>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</i>		
Private equity and venture capital	15,258,090	45,815,873
External funds	<u>7,083,158</u>	<u>91,782,032</u>
Total financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	<u><u>22,341,248</u></u>	<u><u>137,597,905</u></u>
NON CURRENT		
<i>Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</i>		
Investment in Redbridge Capital Trust	593,286,951	400,984,858
External funds	<u>672,630</u>	<u>2,411,944</u>
Total financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	<u><u>593,959,581</u></u>	<u><u>403,396,802</u></u>
NOTE 6: OTHER ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Prepayments	2,500	3,750
Accrued income	13,755,448	7,976,329
Other current assets	<u>-</u>	<u>8,934</u>
	<u><u>13,757,948</u></u>	<u><u>7,989,013</u></u>

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	2024	2023
	\$	\$
NOTE 7: PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and equipment		
Computer equipment at cost	16,617	20,525
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(12,762)</u>	<u>(10,907)</u>
	3,855	9,618
Work in progress at cost	<u>44,459</u>	<u>-</u>
Total plant and equipment	<u><u>48,314</u></u>	<u><u>9,618</u></u>
NOTE 8: PAYABLES		
CURRENT		
<i>Unsecured liabilities</i>		
Trade creditors	38,265	175,924
Sundry creditors and accruals	<u>40,825</u>	<u>72,688</u>
	<u><u>79,090</u></u>	<u><u>248,612</u></u>
NOTE 9: PROVISIONS		
CURRENT		
Employee benefits	(a) <u>95,289</u>	<u>63,611</u>
(a) Aggregate employee benefits liability	95,289	63,611
NOTE 10: TRUST FUNDS		
Settled sum	<u><u>10</u></u>	<u><u>10</u></u>
NOTE 11: ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		
Accumulated surplus at beginning of year	569,248,962	530,233,274
Net surplus	<u>84,401,887</u>	<u>39,015,688</u>
	<u><u>653,650,849</u></u>	<u><u>569,248,962</u></u>

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 12: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) Transactions with associated entities

Redbridge Capital Trust

Redbridge Capital Trust is an investment unit trust that was setup to manage the financial assets of the Susan McKinnon Foundation and other related parties.

- During the financial year, Susan McKinnon Foundation invested a net amount of \$114,231,708 into Redbridge Capital Trust via cash subscriptions and in-specie transfers of investments (FY23: \$116,614,686).
- As at 30 June 2024, Susan McKinnon Foundation has accrued a distribution receivable from Redbridge Capital Trust of \$13,755,448 (FY23: \$7,976,329).

Redbridge Capital Pty Ltd

Redbridge Capital Pty Ltd is the investment manager of Redbridge Capital Trust and provides back office administration support to Susan McKinnon Foundation.

- Via its investment in Redbridge Capital Trust, Susan McKinnon Foundation paid management fees to Redbridge Capital Pty Ltd of \$3,337,648 (FY23: \$2,279,713), equating to a management fee of 0.65% pa.
- Redbridge Capital Pty Ltd provided a rebate to the Trust which equated to \$779,457 (FY23: \$805,922) at a rate of 0.15% of the management fee paid by Susan McKinnon Foundation. This results in a net management fee paid of 0.50% pa post rebate.
- Susan McKinnon Foundation was charged \$130,402 (FY23: \$76,555) by Redbridge Capital Pty Ltd for finance and accounting services, office management, and rent. These were charged at cost.
- Susan McKinnon Foundation was paid \$2,851 (FY23: \$3,705) by Redbridge Capital Pty Ltd for shared IT expenses. These were charged at cost.
- As at 30 June 2024, Susan McKinnon Foundation has a receivable amount of \$46,484 (FY23: \$55,324) from Redbridge Capital Pty Ltd.

Susan McKinnon Research Centre Ltd

Susan McKinnon Research Centre Ltd runs research and charitable programs, aimed at delivering tangible progress on the goals of the Susan McKinnon Foundation.

- Susan McKinnon Foundation was paid \$10,135 (FY23: \$11,173) by Susan McKinnon Research Centre Ltd for shared IT and insurance expenses. These were charged at cost.
- Susan McKinnon Foundation was charged \$6,114 (FY23: \$78,522) by Susan McKinnon Research Centre Ltd for marketing and strategic advisory services related to Susan McKinnon Foundation's grant program. These were charged at cost.

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NOTE 12: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

- Susan McKinnon Foundation donated \$19,530,300 (FY23: \$21,050,384) to Susan McKinnon Research Centre Ltd during the financial year.

- As at 30 June 2024, Susan McKinnon Foundation has a payable amount of \$3,208 (FY22: \$5,663) to Susan McKinnon Research Centre Ltd.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
NOTE 13: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION		
Total key management personnel remuneration	279,583	239,564
Key management personnel services provided by Redbridge Capital Pty Ltd	<u>14,371</u>	<u>13,242</u>
	<u><u>293,954</u></u>	<u><u>252,806</u></u>

NOTE 14: EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE

There has been no matter or circumstance, which has arisen since 30 June 2024 that significantly affected or may significantly affect:

- (a) the operations, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2024, of the Trust or
- (b) the results of those operations, or
- (c) the state of affairs, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2024, of the Trust.

NOTE 15: TRUST DETAILS

The registered office of the Trust is:

Susan McKinnon Foundation
Level 11
90 Collins Street
Melbourne VIC 3000

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION OF THE TRUSTEE COMPANY

The directors have determined that the Trust is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the Trust declare that:

1. In the directors' opinion, the financial statements and notes thereto, as set out on pages 4 - 15, satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:
 - (a) complying with Australian Accounting Standards as detailed in Note 1 to the financial statements and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022*; and
 - (b) giving a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2024 and performance for the year ended on that date of the Trust in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.
2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Trust will be able to pay 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*.

Director: 
Grant Rule

Director: 
Michael Schoenfeld

Dated this 16 day of December 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF SUSAN MCKINNON FOUNDATION

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the special purpose financial report of Susan McKinnon Foundation ("the Trust"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in trust funds and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements including material accounting policy information, and the declaration by Directors of the Trustee Company.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Susan McKinnon Foundation, is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Trust'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 to the extent described in Note 1 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 Trust in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* ("ACNC Act") and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* ("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.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Trust's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trust's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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.

Responsibilities of Management and the Directors for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and the ACNC Act, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of the members. The responsibility of management also includes such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Trust or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors are responsible for overseeing the Trust'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 the 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 this financial report.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report (Continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

The Directors are required to comply with the ATO Private Ancillary Fund Guidelines 2019 ("Guidelines") and have the responsibility for ensuring that the Trust complies with these Guidelines. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion as to whether the Directors and the Trust have complied with those Guidelines in all material respects. Our audit has been conducted in accordance with ASAE 3100 Compliance Engagements to provide reasonable assurance that the Trust has complied with the Guidelines. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting compliance with the requirements of the Guidelines in all material respects for the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.



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Partner



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Melbourne

Date: 17 December 2024