



Freemasons New Zealand

**Special Purpose Consolidated
Financial Statements**
For the year ended 30 June 2024

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**Special Purpose Consolidated Statement of Financial Performance
For the Year Ending 30 June 2024**

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Operating Revenue			
Capitation		456,632	448,403
Other Income		1,703,011	1,108,139
Total Revenue		2,159,643	1,556,542
Operating Expenses			
Audit Fees		24,400	29,778
Depreciation	7 & 8	13,510	11,919
Other Administrative Expenses		1,057,071	1,789,641
Total Expenses		1,094,981	1,831,338
Operating surplus/(deficit) for the year		1,064,662	(274,796)
Non Operating Revenue			
Interest Received		183,992	492,078
Brokerage Commission		272,622	271,792
Surplus before taxation for the year		1,521,276	489,074
Taxation	4	62,471	49,174
Surplus for the year		1,458,805	439,900
Surplus/Deficit for the year attributable to:			
- Freemasons New Zealand		1,460,257	439,900
- Minority Interests		(1,452)	-
		1,458,805	439,900

Signed for and on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Antient, Free & Accepted Masons of New Zealand who approve these Financial statements for issue:



VW Bro W Bell, Chair of the Board of Directors



VW Bro G Law, Grand Treasurer

Date:

These special purpose consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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Special Purpose Consolidated Statement of Movements in Equity For the Year Ending 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AND RESERVES			
Freemasons New Zealand			
Balance as at 1 July		10,864,899	10,424,999
Add: Surplus/(Deficit)		1,460,257	439,900
Total Recognised Revenue & Expenses		<u>1,460,257</u>	<u>439,900</u>
Balance as at 30 June		<u>12,325,156</u>	<u>10,864,899</u>
Minority Interests			
Balance as at 1 July		-	-
Add: Surplus/(Deficit)		(1,452)	-
Total Recognised Revenue & Expenses		<u>(1,452)</u>	<u>-</u>
Minority Interests arising on Acquisition		267,613	-
Balance as at 30 June		<u>266,161</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS AND RESERVES	3	<u>12,591,317</u>	<u>10,864,899</u>

ANALYSIS OF FREEMASONS NEW ZEALAND INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

General Fund

Balance as at 1 July	2,973,458	3,016,087
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	201,433	(42,629)
Balance as at 30 June	<u>3,174,891</u>	<u>2,973,458</u>

Building Fund

Balance as at 1 July	7,891,441	7,408,912
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	1,258,824	482,529
Balance as at 30 June	<u>9,150,265</u>	<u>7,891,441</u>

Total - Freemasons New Zealand	<u>12,325,156</u>	<u>10,864,899</u>
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Freemasons New Zealand

**Special Purpose Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 June 2024**

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts	1	4,959,243	2,953,441
Accounts Receivable & Prepayments	2	68,284	437,172
Inventory		16,506	21,768
Total Current Assets		5,044,033	3,412,381
Non Current Assets			
Investments, Loans & Mortgages	3	4,797,665	7,248,731
Investment Property	7	3,162,517	265,000
Property, Plant & Equipment	8	160,591	132,451
Total Non Current Assets		8,120,773	7,646,182
Total Assets		13,164,806	11,058,563
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable & Accruals	5	542,218	164,825
Taxation Payable	4	31,271	28,839
Total Current Liabilities		573,489	193,664
Total Liabilities		573,489	193,664
Net Assets		12,591,317	10,864,899
Accumulated Funds			
- Freemasons New Zealand		12,325,156	10,864,899
- Minority Interests		266,161	-
Total Accumulated Funds		12,591,317	10,864,899

These special purpose consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Reporting Entity

These special purpose consolidated financial statements are for Freemasons New Zealand and its subsidiaries as at and for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Freemasons New Zealand is governed by the Grand Lodge of Antient, Free & Accepted Masons of New Zealand, an unincorporated society.

The purpose of Freemasons New Zealand is to provide support to their lodges throughout New Zealand.

Basis of preparation

These special purpose consolidated financial statements have been prepared by the Board in accordance with the Special Purpose Framework for use by For - Profit Entities (SPFR for FPEs) published by Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand. All amounts are stated in New Zealand dollars.

Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Group. The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the special purpose consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases. The subsidiaries of Freemasons New Zealand are:

- Whakatane Masonic Properties Limited - 100% ownership; and
- Canterbury Freemasons Cente Limited - 85% ownership.

Accounting Principles

These special purpose consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out below. There have been no changes in the accounting policies in the current year.

Measurement Base

The special purpose consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historic cost basis.

Specific Accounting Policies

The following specific accounting policies that materially affect the measurement of reporting of financial performance and financial position have been applied:

(a) Revenue Recognition

- i) Rental Income: Lease receipts under an operating Lease are recognised as revenue on a straight line basis over the Lease term.
- ii) Brokerage Commission: 0.25% per annum is paid by Heartland Bank for total deposits held in the Freemasons Deposit Scheme. This is received monthly and recorded on an accrual basis.
- iii) Capitation Fees: Fees are invoiced on 1st July to the individual lodges on an annual basis and recognised as revenue at this point.
- iv) Interest Received: Interest is recognised on an accruals basis in the year to which it relates.
- v) Other Income: Revenue is reported on an accruals basis.

(b) **Expenditure** - Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis in the year to which it relates.

(c) **Depreciation** - Assets have been depreciated on following basis and rates:

EV Assets	40% on a diminishing value basis
Office Equipment	18 - 36% pa on a straight-line basis or 50% on a deminishing value basis
Furniture & Fittings	10 - 20% pa on a straight-line basis
Library & Museum	7 - 10% pa on a straight-line basis
Property & Equipment	3.3 to 39.6% pa on a diminishing value basis
Investment Property - Buildings	2% pa on a straight-line basis or 0-16% on a deminishing value basis
Property Improvements	3% pa on a straight line basis or 10% pa on a deminishing value basis

(d) **Income Tax** - This entity is subject to taxation on revenue earned from external sources.

(e) **Bank Accounts and Cash** - Bank and Cash amounts are recognised at fair value at reporting date.

(f) **Receivables** - Receivables are valued at the amount expected to be realised after allowing for doubtful debts. An invoice is recorded as a receivable when it is raised. Loans to lodges are recorded at cost when the funds are transferred.

(g) **Inventory** - Inventories are stated at lower of cost and net realisable value.

(h) **Building fund loans** - These are amounts advanced to the lodges under a signed (and secured) agreement and are recognised when the funds are transferred to the lodge. Subsequent movements are for interest accrued on the loans and payments received from the lodges.

(i) **Investment** - Shares held in Masonic Property Companies are shown at cost.

(j) Investment Property

Investment property is recognised as an asset, when and only when

- it is probable that the future economic benefits or service potential that is associated with the investment property will flow to Freemasons New Zealand
- the cost or fair value of the investment property can be measured reliably.

Investment property is measured at cost, including relevant transaction costs, less accumulated depreciation.

(k) **Plant & Equipment** - including EV Charging stations, Office Equipment, Furniture & Fittings and Library & Museum are shown at cost less accumulated depreciation, Regalia & Jewels are shown at cost with no depreciation. These are constantly recycled for Grand Lodge Officers and replaced when necessary.

(l) **Goods and Services Tax** - These special purpose financial statements have been prepared on a GST - exclusive basis except Accounts Receivable and Payables which are stated inclusive of GST.

(m) Employee Entitlements

Employee entitlements are expenses expected to be settled with 12 months of the reporting date and are measured at nominal values based on accrued entitlements at current rates of pay. These include salaries and wages accrued up to the reporting date and annual leave earned but not yet taken at each reporting date.

(n) Comparative Figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to ensure consistency with the current year's presentation.

Notes to the Special Purpose Consolidated Financial Statements
For the Year Ending 30 June 2024

Note 1: Bank Accounts	2024	2023
	\$	\$
ANZ Bank		
Current Account	33,970	185,507
Heartland		
Current Account	638,042	403,419
Term Deposits	1,705,321	2,199,558
Building Fund	2,427,540	164,957
Property Companies	154,370	-
Total Bank	4,959,243	2,953,441

Note 2: Accounts Receivable	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Receivables from Lodges	19,869	405,310
Receivables from Tennants	930	-
GST Receivable	7,021	(8,021)
Brokerage Fee Receivable	15,686	23,759
Prepayments	24,778	16,124
Total Current Receivables	68,284	437,172

Note 3: Investments, Loans & Mortgages	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Shares Masonic Property Companies	891,747	1,591,747
Building Fund Loans to Lodges	782,168	2,656,174
Mortgage	3,123,750	3,000,810
Total Investments, Loans & Mortgages	4,797,665	7,248,731

Note 4: Taxation	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Tax Expense		
Net Surplus Before Tax	1,521,276	489,074
Non Assessable Income & Other Deductions	(2,120,538)	(1,921,369)
Non Deductible Expenses	791,968	1,660,539
Subsidiary Losses not recognised in tax calculation	18,449	-
Taxable income (loss) for year	211,155	228,244
Loss brought forward		(51,716)
Taxable income (loss)	211,155	176,528

Tax Payable at Individual Rates Based on Annualised Income	62,471	49,174
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Tax Liability		
Opening Balance	28,839	(23,407)
Plus Current Year Tax Expense	62,471	49,174
Tax Refunds Received / (Payments)	(28,839)	17,936
Tax paid during the year	(31,200)	(14,864)
Closing Balance	31,271	28,839

Tax paid during the year		
RWT Credits	31,200	14,864
Closing Balance	31,200	14,864

Note 5: Accounts Payable & Accruals	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Accounts Payable, Accruals, Monies in Advance	94,441	125,990
Employee Entitlements	21,232	-
Building Fund Accounts Payable, Accruals	426,545	-
	542,218	125,990

Note 6: Operating Lease Commitments	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Photocopier		
Within One Year	6,097	6,437
One - Two Years	3,557	536
Two - Five Years	-	-
	9,654	6,973

Lease expenses for the year are \$7,080 (2022: \$7,080).

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Note 7: Investment Property

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Closing Book value	Acquisitions (net)	Additions / (Disposals)	Depreciation	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Closing Book Value
	2023	2023	2023				2024	2024	2024
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Charlton Lane, Gore:									
- Land	81,000	-	81,000	-	-	-	81,000	-	81,000
- Buildings and Property Improvements	184,000	-	184,000	-	-	3,060	184,000	3,060	180,940
Louvain Street, Whakatane:									
- Land	-	-	-	531,300	-	-	531,300	-	531,300
- Buildings and Property Improvements	-	-	-	717,737	11,420	5,137	842,006	117,985	724,021
Shirley Freemasons Centre, Christchurch:									
- Land	-	-	-	490,000	-	-	490,000	-	490,000
- Buildings and Property Improvements	-	-	-	1,156,545	-	1,288	1,406,970	251,714	1,155,256
	265,000	-	265,000	2,895,582	11,420	9,485	3,535,276	372,759	3,162,517

Investment Property acquisitions (net) include land cost \$1,021,300; Buildings and property improvements cost \$2,237,555 and depreciation \$363,273 (refer Note 13).

Note 8: Property, Plant and Equipment

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Opening Book value	Acquisitions (net)	Additions/ (Disposals)	Depreciation	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Closing Book Value
	2023	2023	2023				2024	2024	2024
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Plant & Equipment	-	-	-	30,762	(486)	1,084	255,821	226,629	29,192
Computer/Office Equipment	40,036	34,296	5,740	-	(3,156)	(1,477)	36,880	32,819	4,061
Furniture & Fittings	47,575	45,535	2,040	-	-	1,360	47,575	46,895	680
Library & Museum	42,138	39,754	2,384	-	-	2,384	42,138	42,138	-
Regalia & Jewels	118,935	-	118,935	-	-	-	118,935	-	118,935
Trade Mark	3,380	28	3,352	-	-	338	3,380	366	3,014
EV Assets	-	-	-	-	5,045	336	5,045	336	4,709
	252,064	119,613	132,451	30,762	1,403	4,025	509,774	349,183	160,591

Plant & Equipment acquisitions (net) includes \$255,821 cost and \$225,935 depreciation (refer Note 13)

**Notes to the Special Purpose Consolidated Financial Statements
For the Year Ending 30 June 2024**

Note 9: Related Party Transactions

2024 **2023**

\$ \$

Transactions between Freemasons New Zealand and The Freemasons Charity

Administration fee	155,250	125,000
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Transactions between Freemasons New Zealand and associated Trusts

Administration fee Potter Trust	110,000	110,000
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Administration fee Hugh Rankin Education Trust	9,779	8,500
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Administration fee Lawson-Smith Freemasons Education Trust	8,779	7,652
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Freemasons New Zealand is a related party of the following entities based upon the governance personnel within each entity being identical:

- The Freemasons Charity
- The Potter Masonic Trust
- Lawson-Smith Freemasons Education Trust
- Hugh McDougall Rankin Education Trust

Note 10: Financial Instruments

2024 **2023**

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Financial Assets

Loans and receivables

Cash	4,959,243	2,953,441
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Accounts receivable	68,284	437,172
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Building Fund loans & Mortgage	3,905,918	5,656,983
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	8,933,446	10,904,344
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Financial Liabilities

Accounts Payable	520,986	125,990
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Employee Entitlements	21,232	38,835
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	542,218	164,825
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Note 11: Contingent Liabilities and Commitments

There were no contingent liabilities or commitments notes as at 30 June 2024 (2023: \$Nil).

Note 12: Subsequent Events Notes

There are no subsequent events as at 30 June 2024.

**Notes to the Special Consolidated Purpose Financial Statements
For the Year Ending 30 June 2024**

Note 13: Acquisitions

Whakatane Masonic Properties Limited

On 31 March 2024 Freemasons New Zealand acquired 100% of the shares in Whakatane Masonic Properties Limited.

Whakatane Masonic Properties Limited had been owned by Whakatane Lodge No 198 who wished to contribute the company to the Building Fund in exchange for the extinguishment of the Building Fund loan (and accumulated interest).

The following table summarises the recognised amounts of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition:

	\$
Bank accounts	34,035
Accounts Receivable and prepayments	3,456
Accounts Payable and Accruals	(3,357)
Plant & Equipment	7,955
Investment Property	<u>1,249,037</u>
Total identifiable net assets acquired	1,291,126
Less total consideration - extinguishment of Building Fund loans (and accumulated interest)	<u>817,749</u>
Gain on acquisition (i.e. Members Contribution from a Lodge)	<u><u>473,377</u></u>

The Members Contribution on acquisition has been recognised in Other Income.

Cantebury Freemasons Centre Limited

On 30 April 2024 Freemasons New Zealand increased its shareholding to 85% of Cantebury Freemasons Centre Limited.

Cantebury Freemasons Centre Limited had been owned by 66.67% by 6 Lodges / Trusts and 33.33% by Freemasons New Zealand. The shareholders recognised that, in order to secure the companies financial future and to retain the building as a strategic masonic property, the Building Fund loan (and accumulated interest) was converted to equity.

The following table summarises the recognised amounts of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition:

	\$
Bank accounts	117,530
Accounts Payable and Accruals	(3,594)
Plant & Equipment and Office Equipment	22,807
Investment Property	<u>1,647,348</u>
Total identifiable net assets	1,784,091
Ownership %	<u>85%</u>
Total identifiable net assets attributable to Freemasons New Zealand	<u>1,516,477</u>
Less total consideration:	
- Building Fund loans (and accumulated interest) converted to equity	1,321,685
- Building Fund Investment (2018) in 33.33% interest in Cantebury Freemasons Centre Limited	<u>700,000</u>
Total consideration / investment	<u>2,021,685</u>
Loss on acquisition (i.e. Members Contribution to a Lodge)	<u><u>(505,208)</u></u>

The Contribution to a Member Lodge on acquisition has been recognised as an expense.

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Notes to the Special Purpose Consolidated Financial Statements

For the Year Ending 30 June 2024

	2024 General Fund \$	2024 Building Fund \$	2024 Total \$	2023 General Fund \$	2023 Building Fund \$	2023 Total \$
Revenue						
Capitation Fees	456,632	-	456,632	448,403	-	448,403
Other Income	383,800	12,594	396,394	899,892	-	899,892
Member Contributions	-	1,018,402	1,018,402	-	208,247	208,247
Building Fund Loans Interest	-	263,910	263,910	-	379,512	379,512
Property Rental Income	-	24,305	24,305	-	-	-
Total Revenue	840,432	1,319,211	2,159,643	1,348,295	587,759	1,936,054
Expenses						
National Office	788,001	-	788,001	1,214,848	-	1,214,848
Grand Lodge	189,073	-	189,073	405,598	-	405,598
Strategic Initiatives	39,705	-	39,705	103,894	-	103,894
Building Fund Expenses	-	34,274	34,274	-	106,998	106,998
Property Rental Expenses	-	43,928	43,928	-	-	-
Total Expenses	1,016,779	78,202	1,094,981	1,724,340	106,998	1,831,338
Operating surplus/(deficit) before tax	(176,347)	1,241,009	1,064,662	(376,045)	480,761	104,716
Interest Received	165,985	18,007	183,992	110,323	2,243	112,566
Brokerage Commission Received	272,622	-	272,622	271,792	-	271,792
Surplus/(deficit) before tax	262,260	1,259,016	1,521,276	6,070	483,004	489,074
Taxation	60,827	1,644	62,471	48,699	475	49,174
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	201,433	1,257,372	1,458,805	(42,629)	482,529	439,900
Surplus/Deficit for the year attributable to:						
- Freemasons New Zealand	201,433	1,258,824	1,460,257	(42,629)	482,529	439,900
- Minority Interests	-	(1,452)	(1,452)	-	-	-
	201,433	1,257,372	1,458,805	(42,629)	482,529	439,900

	Note	2024 General Fund \$	2024 Building Fund \$	2024 Total \$	2023 General Fund \$	2023 Building Fund \$	2023 Total \$
Current Assets							
Bank Accounts	1	3,099,553	1,859,690	4,959,243	2,788,484	164,957	2,953,441
Accounts Receivable & Prepayments	2	60,333	930	61,263	220,131	217,041	437,172
Stock on Hand		16,506	-	16,506	21,768	-	21,768
Intra Fund Balance		12,603	(12,603)	-	2,912	(2,912)	-
GST Due/Refund	2	6,150	871	7,021	-	-	-
Total Current Assets		3,195,145	1,848,888	5,044,033	3,033,295	379,086	3,412,381
Non Current Assets							
Building Fund Loans to Lodges	3	-	782,168	782,168	-	2,656,173	2,656,173
Mortgage	3	-	3,123,750	3,123,750	-	3,000,810	3,000,810
Investments in Lodge Companies	3	-	891,747	891,747	-	1,591,748	1,591,748
Investment Property	7	-	3,162,517	3,162,517	-	265,000	265,000
Property, Plant & Equipment	8	126,690	33,901	160,591	132,451	-	132,451
Total Non Current Assets		126,690	7,994,083	8,120,773	132,451	7,513,731	7,646,182
Total Assets		3,321,835	9,842,971	13,164,806	3,165,746	7,892,817	11,058,563
Current Liabilities							
Accounts Payable	5	94,441	426,545	520,986	125,090	900	125,990
Employee Entitlements	5	21,232	-	21,232	38,835	-	38,835
Taxation Payable	4	31,271	-	31,271	28,839	-	28,839
Total Current Liabilities		146,944	426,545	573,489	192,764	900	193,664
Total Liabilities		146,944	426,545	573,489	192,764	900	193,664
Net Assets		3,174,891	9,416,426	12,591,317	2,972,982	7,891,917	10,864,899
Accumulated Funds							
Accumulated funds and reserves as at 1 July		2,973,458	7,891,441	10,864,899	3,016,087	7,408,912	10,424,999
Minority Interests			267,613	267,613			
Surplus for the year		201,433	1,258,824	1,460,257	(42,629)	482,529	439,900
Surplus for the year - Minority Interest			(1,452)	(1,452)			
Total Accumulated Funds		3,174,891	9,416,426	12,591,317	2,973,458	7,891,441	10,864,899

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To the Members of Freemasons New Zealand

Report on the Audit of the Special Purpose Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of Freemasons New Zealand on pages 3 to 10 which comprise the special purpose consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the special purpose consolidated statement of financial performance, the special purpose consolidated statement of movements in equity and notes to the special purpose financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying special purpose financial statements present fairly in all material respects, the financial position of Freemasons New Zealand as at 30 June 2024, and of its financial performance for the year then ended, in accordance with Special Purpose Financial Reporting Framework For-Profit-Entities (the "framework") issued by Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (NZAuASB). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Special Purpose Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of Freemasons New Zealand in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand) issued by the NZAuASB, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, Freemasons New Zealand.

Emphasis of matter

We draw attention to special purpose accounting policies of the special purpose financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The special purpose financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special purpose framework, and therefore may not be suitable for any other purpose. Our report is intended solely for the members of Freemasons New Zealand and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than Freemasons New Zealand.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Information other than the performance report and auditor's report thereon

The Board Members are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information contained on pages 11 to 12 of the special purpose financial statements but does not include the special purpose financial statements and our audit report thereon.

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Our opinion on the special purpose financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of audit opinion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the special purpose financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the special purpose financial statements, 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.

Board members' responsibilities for the special purpose financial statements

The Board Members are responsible on behalf of Freemasons New Zealand for the preparation and fair presentation of these special purpose financial statements in accordance with the framework and for such internal control as the Board Members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the special purpose financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the special purpose financial statements, the Board Members are responsible on behalf of Freemasons New Zealand for assessing the Freemasons New Zealand'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 Board Members either intend to liquidate the Freemasons New Zealand or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the special purpose financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the special purpose financial statements as a whole are 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 ISAs (NZ) 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 these special purpose financial statements.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the External Reporting Board's website at: <https://www.xrb.govt.nz/standards/assurance-standards/auditors-responsibilities/audit-report-7/>

Restriction on use of our report

This report is made solely to Freemasons New Zealand's members as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the members of Freemasons New Zealand as a body, those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the members of Freemasons New Zealand as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinion we have formed.

Grant Thornton New Zealand Audit Limited



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Wellington, New Zealand

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