



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### Hunter New England Local Health District

To Members of the New South Wales Parliament

### Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Hunter New England Local Health District (the District), which comprise the Statement by the Accountable Authority, the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2023, the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a Statement of Significant Accounting Policies and other explanatory information of the District and the consolidated entity. The consolidated entity comprises the District and the entities it controlled at the year's end or from time to time during the financial year.

In my opinion, the financial statements:

- have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the applicable financial reporting requirements of the *Government Sector Finance Act 2018* (GSF Act), the *Government Sector Finance Regulation 2018* (GSF Regulation) and the Treasurer's Directions
- presents fairly the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the District and the consolidated entity.

My opinion should be read in conjunction with the rest of this report.

### Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under the standards are described in the 'Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements' section of my report.

I am independent of the District and the consolidated entity in accordance with the requirements of the:

- Australian Auditing Standards
- Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 'Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)' (APES 110).

Parliament promotes independence by ensuring the Auditor-General and the Audit Office of New South Wales are not compromised in their roles by:

- providing that only Parliament, and not the executive government, can remove an Auditor-General
- mandating the Auditor-General as auditor of public sector agencies
- precluding the Auditor-General from providing non-audit services.

I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with APES 110.

I believe the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

## **Emphasis of Matter - Presentation of Budget Information**

Without modification to the opinion expressed above, I draw attention to the basis of presenting adjusted budget information detailed in Note 39. The note states that AASB 1055 Budgetary Reporting (AASB 1055) is not applicable to the District. It also states that, unlike the requirement in AASB 1055 to present original budget information, the District's financial statements present adjusted budget information.

## **The Chief Executive's Responsibilities for the Financial Statements**

The Chief Executive is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the GSF Act, GSF Regulation and Treasurer's Directions. The Chief Executive's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Chief Executive determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Chief Executive is responsible for assessing the ability of the District and the consolidated entity to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

My objectives are to:

- obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- issue an Independent Auditor's Report including my opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect material misstatements. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions users take based on the financial statements.

A description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: [www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar3.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar3.pdf) The description forms part of my auditor's report.

The scope of my audit does not include, nor provide assurance:

- that the District and the consolidated entity carried out their activities effectively, efficiently and economically
- about the assumptions used in formulating the budget figures disclosed in the financial statements
- about the security and controls over the electronic publication of the audited financial statements on any website where they may be presented
- about any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the financial statements.



Renee Meimaroglou  
Director, Financial Audit

Delegate of the Auditor-General for New South Wales

13 October 2023  
SYDNEY

# Hunter New England Local Health District

## Statement by the Accountable Authority

for the year ended 30 June 2023



I state, pursuant to section 7.6(4) of the Government Sector Finance Act 2018 ('GSF Act'):

1. The financial statements of the Hunter New England Local Health District for the year ended 30 June 2023 have been prepared in accordance with:
  - a. Australian Accounting Standards (AAS) (which include Australian Accounting Interpretations);
  - b. applicable requirements of the GSF Act, the *Government Sector Finance Regulation 2018*; and
  - c. Treasurer's Directions issued under the GSF Act.
2. The financial statements present fairly the Hunter New England Local Health District's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and the financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
3. We are not aware of any circumstances which would render any particulars in the financial statements to be misleading or inaccurate.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tracey McCosker'.

Tracey McCosker

**Chief Executive**

11 October 2023

**Hunter New England Local Health District**  
**Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2023**

		Consolidated Actual 2023 \$000	Consolidated Budget <sup>1</sup> 2023 \$000	Consolidated Actual Restated 2022 \$000	Parent Actual 2023 \$000	Parent Actual Restated 2022 \$000
	Notes					
<b>Continuing operations</b>						
<b>Expenses excluding losses</b>						
Employee related expenses	2	1,648,680	1,635,384	1,536,544	-	-
Personnel services	3	-	-	-	1,606,672	1,547,054
Visiting medical officers	4	124,866	121,849	131,044	124,866	131,044
Operating expenses	5	782,970	772,603	777,256	782,970	777,256
Depreciation and amortisation	6	141,390	141,837	109,055	141,390	109,055
Grants and subsidies	7	9,165	7,818	8,784	9,165	8,784
Finance costs	8	6,525	6,619	6,335	6,525	6,335
Payments to Affiliated Health Organisations	9	161,540	161,540	160,577	161,540	160,577
<b>Total expenses excluding losses</b>		<b>2,875,136</b>	<b>2,847,650</b>	<b>2,729,595</b>	<b>2,833,128</b>	<b>2,740,105</b>
<b>Revenue</b>						
Ministry of Health recurrent allocations	12	2,390,000	2,343,559	2,216,556	2,390,000	2,216,556
Ministry of Health capital allocations	12	183,887	181,265	82,580	183,887	82,580
Acceptance by the Crown <sup>2</sup> of employee benefits	16	42,008	42,263	(10,510)	-	-
Sale of goods and services from contracts with customers	13	308,302	312,316	268,685	308,302	268,685
Investment revenue	14	4,763	965	1,146	4,763	1,146
Grants and other contributions	15	63,556	59,422	105,035	63,556	105,035
Other income	17	11,293	6,714	8,692	11,293	8,692
<b>Total revenue</b>		<b>3,003,809</b>	<b>2,946,504</b>	<b>2,672,184</b>	<b>2,961,801</b>	<b>2,682,694</b>
<b>Operating result</b>		<b>128,673</b>	<b>98,854</b>	<b>(57,411)</b>	<b>128,673</b>	<b>(57,411)</b>
Gains / (losses) on disposal	18	(483)	(785)	(216)	(483)	(216)
Impairment losses on financial assets	23	(1,362)	(825)	(519)	(1,362)	(519)
Other gains / (losses)	19	(206)	(205)	(1,205)	(206)	(1,205)
<b>Net result from continuing operations</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>126,622</b>	<b>97,039</b>	<b>(59,351)</b>	<b>126,622</b>	<b>(59,351)</b>
<b>Net result</b>		<b>126,622</b>	<b>97,039</b>	<b>(59,351)</b>	<b>126,622</b>	<b>(59,351)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>						
<i>Items that will not be reclassified to net result in subsequent periods</i>						
Changes in revaluation surplus of property, plant and equipment	26	124,223	-	425,144	124,223	425,144
<b>Total other comprehensive income</b>		<b>124,223</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>425,144</b>	<b>124,223</b>	<b>425,144</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		<b>250,845</b>	<b>97,039</b>	<b>365,793</b>	<b>250,845</b>	<b>365,793</b>

<sup>1</sup> Unaudited adjusted budget, see Note 39.

<sup>2</sup> Crown represents 'The Crown in right of the State of New South Wales'

See Note 21 for details regarding restated prior year balances for the HNELHD.

**The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.**

**Hunter New England Local Health District**  
**Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023**

		Consolidated	Consolidated	Consolidated	Consolidated	Parent	Parent	Parent
		Actual	Budget <sup>1</sup>	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
		2023	2023	Restated	Restated	2023	Restated	Restated
	Notes	\$000	\$000	2022	1 July 2021	\$000	2022	1 July 2021
				\$000	\$000		\$000	\$000
<b>ASSETS</b>								
<b>Current assets</b>								
Cash and cash equivalents	22	132,314	112,886	125,413	123,871	132,314	125,413	123,871
Receivables	23	72,314	69,933	69,961	58,124	72,314	69,961	58,124
Inventories	25	4,741	3,044	4,231	2,790	4,741	4,231	2,790
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>209,369</b>	<b>185,863</b>	<b>199,605</b>	<b>184,785</b>	<b>209,369</b>	<b>199,605</b>	<b>184,785</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>								
Receivables	23	20,971	20,566	566	565	20,971	566	565
Property, plant & equipment	26							
- Land and buildings		3,030,674	2,922,842	2,878,786	2,457,652	3,030,674	2,878,786	2,457,652
- Plant and equipment		174,494	175,486	177,566	159,711	174,494	177,566	159,711
- Infrastructure systems		78,138	52,143	52,163	44,972	78,138	52,163	44,972
<b>Total property, plant &amp; equipment</b>		<b>3,283,306</b>	<b>3,150,471</b>	<b>3,108,515</b>	<b>2,662,335</b>	<b>3,283,306</b>	<b>3,108,515</b>	<b>2,662,335</b>
Right-of-use assets	27	9,304	8,855	12,096	14,556	9,304	12,096	14,556
Intangible assets	28	93	-	-	-	93	-	-
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>3,313,674</b>	<b>3,179,892</b>	<b>3,121,177</b>	<b>2,677,456</b>	<b>3,313,674</b>	<b>3,121,177</b>	<b>2,677,456</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>3,523,043</b>	<b>3,365,755</b>	<b>3,320,782</b>	<b>2,862,241</b>	<b>3,523,043</b>	<b>3,320,782</b>	<b>2,862,241</b>

**Hunter New England Local Health District**  
**Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023 (continued)**

		Consolidated	Consolidated	Consolidated	Consolidated	Parent	Parent	Parent
		Actual	Budget <sup>1</sup>	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
		2023	2023	Restated	Restated	2023	Restated	Restated
	Notes	\$000	\$000	2022	1 July 2021	\$000	\$000	1 July 2021
				\$000	\$000			\$000
<b>LIABILITIES</b>								
<b>Current liabilities</b>								
Payables	31	196,908	194,816	204,523	171,929	196,908	204,523	171,929
Contract liabilities	32	1,769	4,239	4,239	1,226	1,769	4,239	1,226
Borrowings	33	7,026	2,118	6,334	5,847	7,026	6,334	5,847
Provisions	34	288,637	282,337	319,402	262,260	288,637	319,402	262,260
Other current liabilities	35	1,100	4,002	4,003	2,724	1,100	4,003	2,724
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>495,440</b>	<b>487,512</b>	<b>538,501</b>	<b>443,986</b>	<b>495,440</b>	<b>538,501</b>	<b>443,986</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>								
Borrowings	33	74,473	79,889	80,904	87,105	74,473	80,904	87,105
Provisions	34	5,488	4,990	5,052	5,603	5,488	5,052	5,603
Other non-current liabilities	35	5,667	5,194	5,195	210	5,667	5,195	210
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>85,628</b>	<b>90,073</b>	<b>91,151</b>	<b>92,918</b>	<b>85,628</b>	<b>91,151</b>	<b>92,918</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>581,068</b>	<b>577,585</b>	<b>629,652</b>	<b>536,904</b>	<b>581,068</b>	<b>629,652</b>	<b>536,904</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>2,941,975</b>	<b>2,788,170</b>	<b>2,691,130</b>	<b>2,325,337</b>	<b>2,941,975</b>	<b>2,691,130</b>	<b>2,325,337</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>								
Reserves		1,548,396	1,424,381	1,424,381	999,402	1,548,396	1,424,381	999,402
Accumulated funds		1,393,579	1,363,789	1,266,749	1,325,935	1,393,579	1,266,749	1,325,935
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>2,941,975</b>	<b>2,788,170</b>	<b>2,691,130</b>	<b>2,325,337</b>	<b>2,941,975</b>	<b>2,691,130</b>	<b>2,325,337</b>

<sup>1</sup> Unaudited adjusted budget, see Note 39.

See Note 21 for details regarding restated prior year balances for the HNELHD.

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**Hunter New England Local Health District**  
**Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2023**

**PARENT AND CONSOLIDATION**

	Notes	Accumulated Funds \$000	Asset Revaluation Surplus \$000	Total \$000
<b>Balance at 1 July 2022</b>		1,268,435	1,424,381	2,692,816
Correction of error - long service leave calculations	21	(1,686)	-	(1,686)
<b>Restated balance at 1 July 2022</b>		1,266,749	1,424,381	2,691,130
<b>Net result for the year</b>		126,622	-	126,622
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>				
Net change in revaluation surplus of property, plant and equipment	26	-	124,223	124,223
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		126,622	124,223	250,845
Transfer of asset revaluation surplus to accumulated funds on disposal of assets		208	(208)	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2023</b>		1,393,579	1,548,396	2,941,975

	Notes	Accumulated Funds \$000	Asset Revaluation Surplus \$000	Total \$000
<b>Balance at 1 July 2021</b>		1,327,848	999,402	2,327,250
Correction of error - long service leave calculations	21	(1,913)	-	(1,913)
<b>Restated balance at 1 July 2021</b>		1,325,935	999,402	2,325,337
<b>Restated net result for the year</b>		(59,351)	-	(59,351)
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>				
Net change in revaluation surplus of property, plant and equipment	26	-	425,144	425,144
<b>Total other comprehensive income</b>		-	425,144	425,144
<b>Restated total comprehensive income for the year</b>		(59,351)	425,144	365,793
Transfer of asset revaluation surplus to accumulated funds on disposal of assets		165	(165)	-
<b>Restated balance at 30 June 2022</b>		1,266,749	1,424,381	2,691,130

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**Hunter New England Local Health District**  
**Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2023**

	Notes	Consolidated Actual 2023 \$000	Consolidated Budget <sup>1</sup> 2023 \$000	Consolidated Actual 2022 \$000	Parent Actual 2023 \$000	Parent Actual 2022 \$000
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>						
<b>Payments</b>						
Employee related		(1,655,339)	(1,652,372)	(1,531,753)	-	-
Suppliers for goods and services		(985,924)	(968,047)	(909,441)	(985,924)	(909,441)
Grants and subsidies		(185,965)	(184,617)	(186,229)	(185,965)	(186,229)
Finance costs		(6,525)	(6,619)	(6,336)	(6,525)	(6,336)
Personnel services		-	-	-	(1,655,339)	(1,531,753)
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>(2,833,753)</b>	<b>(2,811,655)</b>	<b>(2,633,759)</b>	<b>(2,833,753)</b>	<b>(2,633,759)</b>
<b>Receipts</b>						
Ministry of Health recurrent allocations		2,390,000	2,343,559	2,216,557	2,390,000	2,216,557
Ministry of Health capital allocations		183,887	181,263	82,580	183,887	82,580
Reimbursements from the Crown <sup>2</sup>		31,119	31,119	30,479	31,119	30,479
Sale of goods and services		316,969	315,986	260,296	316,969	260,296
Interest received		4,770	1,435	1,135	4,770	1,135
Grants and other contributions		57,603	59,447	98,136	57,603	98,136
Other		69,238	71,086	79,555	69,238	79,555
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>3,053,586</b>	<b>3,003,895</b>	<b>2,768,738</b>	<b>3,053,586</b>	<b>2,768,738</b>
<b>NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	40	<b>219,833</b>	<b>192,240</b>	<b>134,979</b>	<b>219,833</b>	<b>134,979</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>						
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		2,236	1,173	3,138	2,236	3,138
Purchases of property, plant and equipment and intangibles		(208,880)	(200,160)	(130,676)	(208,880)	(130,676)
<b>NET CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>(206,644)</b>	<b>(198,987)</b>	<b>(127,538)</b>	<b>(206,644)</b>	<b>(127,538)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>						
Repayment of borrowings and advances		(3,891)	(3,447)	(3,473)	(3,891)	(3,473)
Payment of principal portion of lease liabilities		(2,397)	(2,333)	(2,426)	(2,397)	(2,426)
<b>NET CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>(6,288)</b>	<b>(5,780)</b>	<b>(5,899)</b>	<b>(6,288)</b>	<b>(5,899)</b>
<b>NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		<b>6,901</b>	<b>(12,527)</b>	<b>1,542</b>	<b>6,901</b>	<b>1,542</b>
Opening cash and cash equivalents	22	125,413	125,413	123,871	125,413	123,871
<b>CLOSING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	22	<b>132,314</b>	<b>112,886</b>	<b>125,413</b>	<b>132,314</b>	<b>125,413</b>

<sup>1</sup> Unaudited adjusted budget, see Note 39.

<sup>2</sup> Crown represents 'The Crown in right of the State of New South Wales'

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



# Hunter New England Local Health District

## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2023

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### 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

#### a) Reporting entity

The Hunter New England Local Health District (the HNELHD), as a reporting entity, was established under the provisions of the Health Services Act 1997 with effect from 1 January 2011. The reporting entity is a not-for-profit entity (as profit is not its principal objective) and it has no cash generating units.

The HNELHD is a NSW Government entity and is controlled by the Ministry of Health, which is the immediate parent. The Ministry of Health is controlled by the State of New South Wales (and is consolidated as part of the NSW Total State Sector Accounts), which is the ultimate parent.

The HNELHD is also a parent entity in its own right, as it controls the operations of the:

- \* Hospital Facilities and the Community Health Centres within its designated geographical remit; and
- \* The Hunter New England Local Health District Special Purpose Service Entity which provides personnel services to the HNELHD to exercise its functions and was established under the provisions of the Health Services Act 1997 with effect from 1 January 2011.

The consolidated entity includes the HNELHD as a parent entity and the HNELHD Special Purpose Service Entity. The consolidated financial statements disclose balances for the parent entity and the consolidated entity.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, all inter-entity transactions and balances have been eliminated, and like transactions and other events are accounted for using uniform accounting policies.

These consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 have been authorised for issue by the Chief Executive on 11 October 2023.

#### b) Basis of preparation

The HNELHD's financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared on an accrual basis and in accordance with:

- \* applicable Australian Accounting Standards (AAS) (which include Australian Accounting Interpretations);
- \* the requirements of the *Government Sector Finance Act 2018* ('GSF Act'); and
- \* Treasurer's Directions issued under the GSF Act.

The financial statements of the HNELHD have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Each year the Secretary of NSW Health, the Chair of The Hunter New England Local Health District Board and the Chief Executive, through the Service Agreement agree to service and funding levels for the forward financial year. The Service Agreement sets out the level of financial resources for public health services under The HNELHD's control and the source of these funds. By agreement, the Service Agreement requires local management to control its financial liquidity and in particular meet benchmarks for the payment of creditors. Where The HNELHD fails to meet Service Agreement performance standards, the Ministry of Health as the state manager can take action in accordance with annual performance framework requirements, including financial support and increased management interaction. The deferral of the NSW 2023-24 Budget to 19 September 2023 has necessitated a staged approach to the service agreements and budget allocation for the financial year 2023-24. The Hunter New England Local Health District has received, from the Ministry of Health, interim funding allocation for the first quarter of 2023-24, initial full year activity targets, key performance indicators and performance deliverables for the year and a commitment to receive and execute the final 2023-24 Service agreement in October 2023.

# Hunter New England Local Health District

## Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2023

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### 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### b) Basis of preparation (continued)

Other circumstances why the going concern assumption is appropriate include:

- \* Allocated funds, combined with other revenues earned, are adequate to pay debts as and when they become due and payable.
- \* The HNELHD has the capacity to review the timing of Ministry of Health allocation cash flows to ensure debts can be paid when they become due and payable.
- \* The HNELHD has developed an Efficiency and Improvement Plan (EIP) which identifies revenue improvement and cost saving strategies. Benefits from the EIP are retained by the HNELHD and assist in meeting its overall budget target. The EIP is monitored and evaluated by the Ministry of Health throughout the financial year.
- \* From 1 July 2023, the HNELHD's Service Agreement will have an adjusted state efficient price to incorporate the additional costs for COVID-19 expenditure.

Property, plant and equipment and certain financial assets are measured using the fair value basis. Other financial statement items are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention except where specified otherwise.

The HNELHD has determined that it is not probable a liability arises to pay superannuation on annual leave loading. This position has been formed based on current inquiries, other information currently available to management, and after considering the facts from a decision in the Federal Court of Australia: Finance Sector Union of Australia v Commonwealth Bank of Australia [2022] FedCFamC2G 409. That decision confirmed that, in relation to the industrial agreement considered in that case, annual leave loading did not form part of ordinary time earnings and therefore, did not require superannuation contributions to be made under superannuation guarantee legislation because the obligation to pay annual leave loading was not referable to ordinary hours of work or to ordinary rates of pay. Rather, it was paid by reference to the period of annual leave, and for the purpose of compensating employees for their loss of opportunity to work additional hours at higher rates during this period.

This position will be re-assessed in future periods as new information comes to light on this matter.

Judgements, key assumptions and estimations management have made are disclosed in the relevant notes to the financial statements.

All amounts are rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars (unless otherwise stated) and are expressed in Australian currency, which is the HNELHD's presentation and functional currency.

#### c) Statement of Compliance

The financial statements and notes comply with Australian Accounting Standards which include Australian Accounting Interpretations.

#### d) Accounting for the Goods & Services Tax (GST)

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except that the:

- \* amount of GST incurred by the HNELHD as a purchaser that is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office is recognised as part of an asset's cost of acquisition or as part of an item of expense; and
- \* receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included.

Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis. However, the GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the Australian Taxation Office are classified as operating cash flows.

#### e) Comparative Information

Except when an Australian Accounting Standard permits or requires otherwise, comparative information is disclosed in respect of the previous period for all amounts reported in the financial statements.

Certain comparative information has been reclassified to ensure consistency with current year presentation and classification.

**Hunter New England Local Health District**  
**Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements**  
for the year ended 30 June 2023

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**1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**f) Changes in estimates**

**(i) Componentisation**

During 2023, the HNELHD conducted a review of the useful lives of its specialised buildings. As part of the review, new depreciation useful lives were determined for each of the four major specialised building components, which previously were all depreciated over 40 years. As a result, the HNELHD has revised the accounting policy for the useful lives for specialised buildings, effective from 1 July 2022. The new useful lives were determined as follows:

	<b>Useful lives 2023</b>	<b>Useful lives 2022</b>
Structure / shell / building fabric	70 years	40 years
Fit out	30 years	40 years
Combined fit out and trunk reticulated building systems	30 years	40 years
Site engineering services / central plant	55 years	40 years

The net effect of the change in useful lives on actual and expected depreciation expense, included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income is as follows:

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	<b>2023 Actual \$'000</b>	<b>Future years Expected \$'000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Depreciation and amortisation	(996)	(1,127)

**g) Changes in accounting policy, including new or revised Australian Accounting Standards**

**(i) Effective for the first time in 2022-23**

Several amendments and interpretations apply for the first time in 2022-23. The HNELHD has assessed the new and amended standards and interpretations that are effective for the first time and have determined they are unlikely to have a material impact on the financial statements of the HNELHD.

**(ii) Issued but not yet effective**

NSW public sector entities are not permitted to early adopt new Australian Accounting Standards, unless NSW Treasury determines otherwise.

**h) Impact of COVID-19 on Financial Reporting for 2022-23**

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in significant changes in the HNELHD activity and in the way the services are being delivered. The pandemic has also impacted financial reporting in 2022-23 and increased disclosures are presented in the following notes:

- \* Note 5 Operating expenses
- \* Note 7 Grants and subsidies
- \* Note 12 Ministry of Health allocations
- \* Note 15 Grants and other contributions
- \* Note 19 Other gains / (losses)
- \* Note 25 Inventories
- \* Note 34 Provisions
- \* Note 39 Adjusted budget review

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**2. Employee related expenses**

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated <sup>1</sup> 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
Salaries and wages (including annual leave and allocated days off)	1,438,356	1,404,590	-	-
Superannuation - defined benefit plans	6,029	6,796	-	-
Superannuation - defined contribution plans	142,749	130,246	-	-
Long service leave	36,565	(24,042)	-	-
Redundancies	2,220	881	-	-
Workers' compensation insurance	22,664	17,954	-	-
Fringe benefits tax	97	119	-	-
	<b>1,648,680</b>	<b>1,536,544</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<sup>1</sup> 'Long service leave' costs has been restated to be lower by \$1.84 million in the prior year for the consolidated entity. Refer to Note 21 for further details regarding restatement as a result of an error.

Refer to Note 34 for further details on recognition and measurement of employee related expenses.

Employee related costs of \$1.18 million (2022: \$2.76 million) have been capitalised in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets and are therefore excluded from the above.

The long service leave in 2022 was impacted by significant changes in actuarial factors decreasing the employee benefit liabilities assumed by the Crown.

**3. Personnel services**

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent <sup>1</sup> 2022 \$000
Salaries and wages (including annual leave and allocated days off)	-	-	1,438,356	1,404,590
Superannuation - defined contribution plans	-	-	142,749	130,246
Long service leave	-	-	586	(6,736)
Redundancies	-	-	2,220	881
Workers' compensation insurance	-	-	22,664	17,954
Fringe benefits tax	-	-	97	119
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,606,672</b>	<b>1,547,054</b>

<sup>1</sup> 'Long service leave' costs has been restated to be lower by \$0.23 million in the prior year for the parent entity. Refer to Note 21 for further details regarding restatement as a result of an error.

Personnel services of Hunter New England Local Health District were provided by its controlled entity, Hunter New England Local Health District Special Purpose Service Entity.

Personnel services of \$1.18 million (2022: \$2.76 million) have been capitalised in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets and are excluded from the above.

**4. Visiting medical officers**

Visiting medical officers (VMOs) enhance full-time medical specialist services by providing specialty input in a number of disciplines throughout the HNELHD's hospitals. VMO expenses of \$124.87 million (2022: \$131.04 million) represent part of the day-to-day running costs incurred in the normal operations of the HNELHD. These costs are expensed as incurred.

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**5. Operating expenses**

	<b>Consolidated 2023 \$000</b>	<b>Consolidated 2022 \$000</b>	<b>Parent 2023 \$000</b>	<b>Parent 2022 \$000</b>
Advertising	828	656	828	656
Auditor's remuneration - audit of financial statements	244	245	244	245
Blood and blood products	11,538	12,993	11,538	12,993
Consultancies	1,626	2,475	1,626	2,475
Domestic supplies and services	74,795	85,343	74,795	85,343
Drug supplies*	104,755	97,447	104,755	97,447
Food supplies	48,757	45,501	48,757	45,501
Fuel, light and power	21,002	17,384	21,002	17,384
Patient transport costs	48,075	43,814	48,075	43,814
Information management expenses	38,366	33,917	38,366	33,917
Insurance	3,479	3,463	3,479	3,463
Maintenance (see Note 5 (b))	59,128	79,375	59,128	79,375
Medical and surgical supplies	120,662	131,208	120,662	131,208
Motor vehicle expenses	3,364	3,466	3,364	3,466
Postal and telephone costs	6,536	6,498	6,536	6,498
Printing and stationery	4,607	4,549	4,607	4,549
Rates and charges	3,361	2,864	3,361	2,864
Hosted services purchased from entities controlled by the immediate parent	(121)	(92)	(121)	(92)
Specialised services (dental, radiology, pathology and allied health)	99,960	104,820	99,960	104,820
Staff related costs	18,985	13,048	18,985	13,048
Travel related costs	20,764	11,844	20,764	11,844
Other (see Note 5 (a))	92,259	76,438	92,259	76,438
	<b>782,970</b>	<b>777,256</b>	<b>782,970</b>	<b>777,256</b>

\* Drug supplies includes \$0.33 million (2022: \$11.81 million) of COVID-19 vaccinations administered by vaccination hubs within the HNELHD. Refer to Note 25 for further details on COVID-19 vaccines.

The majority of the costs in relation to drug supplies and medical and surgical supplies expenses relate to the consumption of inventory held by the HNELHD.

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**5. Operating expenses (continued)**

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
<b>(a) Other</b>				
Contract for patient services	52,395	24,435	52,395	24,435
Corporate support services <sup>1</sup>	13,414	12,966	13,414	12,966
Courier and freight	1,523	1,595	1,523	1,595
Disability equipment support expenses <sup>1</sup>	1,542	1,517	1,542	1,517
Isolated patient travel and accommodation assistance scheme*	-	4,642	-	4,642
Legal services	605	612	605	612
Membership/professional fees	1,252	1,065	1,252	1,065
Public private partnership contracted services	5,466	4,502	5,466	4,502
Quality assurance / accreditation	378	431	378	431
Security services	1,381	5,366	1,381	5,366
Expenses relating to short-term leases	3,370	8,129	3,370	8,129
Expenses relating to leases of low-value assets	2,018	2,091	2,018	2,091
Other miscellaneous	8,915	9,087	8,915	9,087
	<b>92,259</b>	<b>76,438</b>	<b>92,259</b>	<b>76,438</b>

<sup>1</sup> Disability equipment payments under the Enable NSW program has been reclassified from 'Corporate support services' to 'Disability equipment support expenses' in the current year. The prior period 'Disability equipment support expenses' has been restated higher by \$1.517 million and 'Corporate support services' lower by \$1.517 million to reflect this change.

\* From 1 July 2022, the isolated patient travel and accommodation assistance scheme program is being managed by HealthShare NSW, a controlled entity of the immediate parent.

**(b) Reconciliation of total maintenance expense**

Maintenance contracts	20,472	24,282	20,472	24,282
New / replacement equipment under \$10,000	22,642	33,652	22,642	33,652
Repairs maintenance / non contract	16,005	21,551	16,005	21,551
Other	9	(110)	9	(110)
Maintenance expense - contracted labour and other (non-employee related) in Note 5	<b>59,128</b>	<b>79,375</b>	<b>59,128</b>	<b>79,375</b>
Employee related/personnel services maintenance expense included in Notes 2 and 3*.	9,328	9,720	9,328	9,720
	<b>68,456</b>	<b>89,095</b>	<b>68,456</b>	<b>89,095</b>

\* This balance consists of employees who have been classified as providing maintenance services for the HNELHD and the expense is included in employee related expenses / personnel services in Notes 2 and 3.

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**5. Operating expenses (continued)**

**Recognition and Measurement**

Operating expenses includes non-employee costs incurred in delivering the services provided by the HNELHD. These expenses are recognised in the reporting period in which they are incurred.

***Maintenance expense***

Day-to-day servicing costs or maintenance are charged as expenses as incurred except where they relate to the replacement or enhancement of a part or component of an asset, in which case the costs are capitalised and depreciated.

***Insurance***

The HNELHD's insurance activities are conducted through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund (TMF) Scheme of self-insurance for government entities. The expense / (premium) is determined by the Fund Manager based on past claims experience. The TMF is managed by Insurance for NSW, a controlled entity of the ultimate parent.

***Lease expense***

The HNELHD recognises the lease payments associated with the following types of leases as an expense on a straight-line basis:

- Leases that meet the definition of short-term, i.e. where the lease term at commencement of the lease is 12 months or less. This excludes leases with a purchase option.
- Leases of assets that are valued at \$10,000 or under when new.

Variable lease payments are not included in the measurement of the lease liability (i.e. variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date). These payments are recognised in the period in which the event or condition that triggers those payments occurs.

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**6. Depreciation and amortisation**

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
Depreciation - buildings	101,849	80,328	101,849	80,328
Depreciation - plant and equipment	32,458	23,483	32,458	23,483
Depreciation - infrastructure systems	3,742	2,553	3,742	2,553
Depreciation - right-of-use buildings	3,341	2,691	3,341	2,691
	<b>141,390</b>	<b>109,055</b>	<b>141,390</b>	<b>109,055</b>

Depreciation - buildings is lower by \$1.00 million in 2023 due to a change in the useful lives for specialised buildings. Refer to Note 1(f) for further details.

Refer to Note 26 Property, plant and equipment, Note 27 Leases, and Note 28 Intangible assets for recognition and measurement policies on depreciation and amortisation.

**7. Grants and subsidies**

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
Non-government organisations	5,818	5,245	5,818	5,245
Grants to research organisations	1,142	662	1,142	662
Grants to entities controlled by the immediate parent*	918	407	918	407
Other grants*	1,287	2,470	1,287	2,470
	<b>9,165</b>	<b>8,784</b>	<b>9,165</b>	<b>8,784</b>

\* The HNELHD granted COVID-19 vaccines to other NSW Health entities and to third parties for nil consideration at current replacement cost. Refer to Note 25 for further details on COVID-19 vaccines. The total value of COVID-19 vaccines provided as a grant under grants to entities controlled by the immediate parent (NSW Health entities) was \$Nil (2022: \$0.10 million) and under other grants (external third parties) was \$0.02 million (2022: \$0.05 million).

**Recognition and Measurement**

Grants and subsidies expense generally comprise contributions in cash or in kind to various local government authorities and not-for-profit community organisations to support their health-related objectives and activities. The grants and subsidies are expensed on the transfer of the cash or assets. The transferred assets are measured at their fair value.



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**8. Finance costs**

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
Interest expense from lease liabilities	318	276	318	276
Interest expense from financial liabilities at amortised cost	6,207	6,059	6,207	6,059
	<b>6,525</b>	<b>6,335</b>	<b>6,525</b>	<b>6,335</b>

**Recognition and Measurement**

Finance costs consist of interest and other costs incurred in connection with the borrowing of funds. Borrowing costs are recognised as expenses in the period in which they are incurred, in accordance with NSW Treasury's mandate to not-for-profit NSW General Government Sector entities.

**9. Payments to Affiliated Health Organisations**

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
<b>(a) Recurrent sourced</b>				
Calvary Mater Newcastle	160,044	158,751	160,044	158,751
	<b>160,044</b>	<b>158,751</b>	<b>160,044</b>	<b>158,751</b>
<b>(b) Capital sourced</b>				
Calvary Mater Newcastle	1,496	1,826	1,496	1,826
	<b>1,496</b>	<b>1,826</b>	<b>1,496</b>	<b>1,826</b>
	<b>161,540</b>	<b>160,577</b>	<b>161,540</b>	<b>160,577</b>

**Recognition and Measurement**

Payments to non-government affiliated health organisations generally comprise contributions in cash or in kind. Non-government affiliated health organisations support the Ministry of Health's role of 'system manager' in relation to the NSW public health system. The payments are expensed on the transfer of the cash or assets. The transferred assets are measured at their fair value.

General operating expenses / revenues of Calvary Mater Hospital (Affiliated Health Organisation) have only been included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income prepared to the extent of the payments made / received or accrued to the health organisations concerned. HNELHD is not deemed to own or control the various assets / liabilities of the aforementioned health organisations and such amounts have been excluded from the Statement of Financial Position. Any exceptions are specifically listed in the notes that follow.

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### 10. Revenue

#### Recognition and Measurement

Income is recognised in accordance with the requirements of AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15) or AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (AASB 1058), dependent on whether there is a contract with a customer defined by AASB 15. Comments regarding the accounting policies for the recognition of income are discussed below.

Under the GSF Act 2018, the HNELHD's own source revenue (which includes but is not limited to receipts from operating activities and proceeds from the sale of minor property, plant and equipment) meets the definition of deemed appropriation money under the GSF Act.

Deemed appropriation money is money received directly by the HNELHD which forms part of the consolidated fund and is not appropriated to the HNELHD by an Act.

### 11. Summary of compliance

The Appropriation Act 2022 (Appropriations Act) (and the subsequent variations, if applicable) appropriates the sum of \$18,730 million to the Minister for Health out of the Consolidated Fund for the services of the Ministry of Health for the year 2022-23. The spending authority of the Minister from the Appropriations Act has been delegated or subdelegated to officers of the Ministry of Health and entities that it is administratively responsible for, including the HNELHD.

The Treasury and Energy Legislation Amendment Act 2022 made some amendments to sections 4.7 and 4.9 of the Government Sector Finance Act 2018 (the GSF Act). These amendments commenced on 14 November 2022 and are applied retrospectively. As a result, the lead Minister for the HNELHD, being the Minister for Health, is taken to have been given an appropriation out of the Consolidated Fund under the authority section 4.7 of the GSF Act, at the time the HNELHD receives or recovers any deemed appropriation money, for an amount equivalent to the money that is received or recovered by the HNELHD. These deemed appropriations are taken to have been given for the services of the Ministry of Health.

In addition, government money that the HNELHD receives or recovers, from another GSF agency, of a kind prescribed by the GSF regulations that forms part of the Consolidated Fund, is now capable of giving rise to deemed appropriations where the receiving agency has a different lead Minister to the agency making the payment, or one or both of the agencies is a special office (as defined in section 4.7(8)).

On 16 June 2023, the GSF Amendment (Deemed Appropriations) Regulation 2023 was approved to bring the GSF regulations in line with the above deemed appropriation amendments to the GSF Act. A summary of compliance is disclosed in the financial statements of the Annual Report of the Ministry of Health. It has been prepared by aggregating the spending authorities of the Minister for Health for the services of the Ministry of Health. It reflects the status at the point in time this disclosure statement is being made. HNELHD's spending authority and expenditure is included in the summary of compliance.

The delegation / sub-delegations for 2023 and 2022, authorising officers of the HNELHD to spend Consolidated Fund money, impose limits on the amounts of individual transactions, but not the overall expenditure of the HNELHD. However, as they relate to expenditure in reliance on a sum appropriated by legislation, the delegation / sub-delegations are subject to the overall authority of the Ministry of Health to spend monies under relevant legislation. The individual transaction limits have been properly observed. The information in relation to the aggregate expenditure limit from the Appropriations Act and other sources is disclosed in the summary of compliance table included in the financial statements of the Annual Report of the Ministry of Health.

The State Budget and related Appropriation Bill for year commencing 1 July 2023 was delayed and has been tabled in September 2023. Pursuant to section 4.10 of the GSF Act, the Treasurer has authorised the payment of specified sums out of the Consolidated Fund to meet the requirements of this period.

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**12. Ministry of Health allocations**

Payments are made by the immediate parent as per the Service Agreement to the HNELHD and adjusted for approved supplementations, mostly for salary agreements and approved enhancement projects. The Service Agreement between the immediate parent and the HNELHD does not contain sufficiently specific enforceable performance obligations as defined by AASB 15 and are therefore recognised upon the receipt of cash, in accordance with AASB 1058.

The HNELHD recognised additional Ministry of Health recurrent allocations of \$52.90 million (2022: \$151.10 million) and Ministry of Health capital allocations of \$Nil (2022: \$0.29 million) to cover costs incurred for the testing, diagnosis, treatment and vaccination of COVID-19 patients.

Interstate patient flows are funded through the NSW State Pool Account, based on activity and consistent with the price determined in cross border agreements. The funding is also recognised as part of the Ministry of Health recurrent allocation from the immediate parent.

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**13. Sale of goods and services from contracts with customers**

**(a) Sale of goods comprise the following:**

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
Sale and recovery of pharmaceutical supplies	59,722	44,369	59,722	44,369
Sale of prostheses	8,335	7,412	8,335	7,412
Other	471	458	471	458
	<b>68,528</b>	<b>52,239</b>	<b>68,528</b>	<b>52,239</b>

**(b) Rendering of services comprise the following:**

***Patients***

Patient Fees:

- Inpatient fees	98,171	84,204	98,171	84,204
- Nursing home fees	2,483	1,935	2,483	1,935
- Non inpatient fees	9,334	7,399	9,334	7,399
Department of Veterans' Affairs	16,113	16,101	16,113	16,101
Motor Accident Authority third party	24,604	21,262	24,604	21,262
Multi Purpose Service Centre fees	14,137	13,859	14,137	13,859
Patient transport fees	-	10	-	10

***Staff***

Private use of motor vehicles	242	233	242	233
Salary packaging fee	372	374	372	374
Meals and accommodation	131	158	131	158
Child care fees	1,723	1,408	1,723	1,408

***General community***

Car parking	2,579	2,252	2,579	2,252
Clinical services (excluding clinical drug trials)	16,197	15,206	16,197	15,206
Commercial activities	7,156	6,768	7,156	6,768
Fees for conferences and training	798	461	798	461
Fees for medical records	423	389	423	389
Information retrieval	7	8	7	8
Meals on Wheels	9	10	9	10

***Non-NSW Health entities***

Services to other organisations	1,910	3,079	1,910	3,079
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***Entities controlled by the immediate parent***

Hosted service revenues	3	1	3	1
Shared corporate service revenues	314	189	314	189

***Other***

Infrastructure fees - annual charge	4,878	4,818	4,878	4,818
Infrastructure fees - monthly facility charge	23,908	23,257	23,908	23,257
Other	14,282	13,065	14,282	13,065

	<b>239,774</b>	<b>216,446</b>	<b>239,774</b>	<b>216,446</b>
	<b>308,302</b>	<b>268,685</b>	<b>308,302</b>	<b>268,685</b>

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**13. Sale of goods and services from contracts with customers (continued)**

**Recognition and Measurement**

**Sale of goods**

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the HNELHD satisfies a performance obligation by transferring the promised goods.

<b>Type of good</b>	<b>Nature of timing of satisfaction of performance obligations, including significant payment terms</b>	<b>Revenue recognition policies</b>
Sale and recovery of pharmaceutical supplies	The performance obligation of transferring pharmaceutical products is typically satisfied at the point in time when the products are dispensed to customers, which denotes acceptance by the customer, and therefore deemed as the point in time when the control is transferred to the customer. The payments are typically due within 30 days after the invoice date.	Revenue from these sales is recognised based on the price specified on the invoice, and revenue is only recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal will not occur. No element of financing is deemed present as the sales are made with a short credit term. No volume discount or warranty is provided on the sale.
Sale of prostheses	Relates to revenue generated for surgically implanted prostheses and medical devices. The performance obligation of transferring these products is typically satisfied at the point in time when the products are implanted in the body of the patient, which denotes acceptance by the customer, and therefore deemed as the point in time when the control is transferred to the customer. The payments are typically due within 30 days after the invoice date.	Revenue from these sales is recognised based on the price specified on the invoice, and revenue is only recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal will not occur. No element of financing is deemed present as the sales are made with a short credit term. No volume discount or warranty is provided on the sale.
Other	Relates to sale of various products including the sale of low value medical equipment, schedule 3 medical equipment, sale of publications, old wares and refuse and other general goods. The performance obligation of transferring these products is typically satisfied at the point in time when the products are purchased by the customer and takes delivery, which denotes acceptance by the customer, and therefore deemed as the point in time when the control is transferred to the customer. The payments are typically due within 30 days after the invoice date.	Revenue from these sales is recognised based on the price specified on the invoice, and revenue is only recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal will not occur. No element of financing is deemed present as the sales are made with a short credit term. No volume discount or warranty is provided on the sale.

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**13. Sale of goods and services from contracts with customers (continued)**

**Recognition and Measurement (continued)**

**Rendering of services**

Revenue from rendering of services is recognised when the HNELHD satisfies the performance obligation by transferring the promised services.

<b>Type of service</b>	<b>Nature of timing of satisfaction of performance obligations, including significant payment terms</b>	<b>Revenue recognition policies</b>
Patient services - Inpatient fees, Nursing home fees, Non inpatient fees, Department of Veterans' Affairs, Motor Accident Authority third party	The performance obligations in relation to patient services are typically satisfied as the health services are delivered to the chargeable inpatients and non-inpatients. Public patients are not charged for health services provided at public hospitals. Chargeable patients, including Medicare ineligible patients, privately insured patients, eligible veterans and compensable patients are billed for health services provided under various contractual arrangements. Billings are typically performed upon patient discharge and are based on the rates specified by the Ministry of Health. The payments are typically due within 30 days after the invoice date.	Revenue is recognised on an accrual basis when the service has been provided to the patient. In limited circumstances the price is not fully recovered, e.g. due to inadequate insurance policies, overseas patients returning to their home country before paying, etc. The likelihood of their occurrences is considered on a case by case basis. In most instances revenue is initially recognised at full amounts and subsequently adjusted when more information is provided. No element of financing is deemed present as majority of the services are made with a short credit term.
Non-Patient services provided to staff, General community, Non-NSW Health entities and Entities controlled by the immediate parent	Various non-patient related services are provided to the members of staff, general community, non-NSW health entities and entities controlled by the immediate parent. The performance obligations for these services are typically satisfied by transferring the promised services to its respective customers. The payments are typically due within 30 days after the invoice date.	Revenue is recognised when promised services are delivered. No element of financing is deemed present as the services are made with a short credit term.

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### 13. Sale of goods and services from contracts with customers (continued)

#### Recognition and Measurement (continued)

#### Rendering of services (continued)

<b>Type of service</b>	<b>Nature of timing of satisfaction of performance obligations, including significant payment terms</b>	<b>Revenue recognition policies</b>
Infrastructure fees	Specialist doctors with rights of private practice are subject to an infrastructure charge, including service charges where applicable for the use of hospital facilities at rates determined by the Ministry of Health. The performance obligations for these services are typically satisfied when the hospital facilities are made available and used by the doctors and staff specialists. The payments are typically due when monies are collected from patient billings for services provided under the arrangement.	Revenue is recognised when promised services are delivered. No element of financing is deemed present as the services are made with a short credit term.

Refer to Note 32 for the disclosure of the aggregate amount of the transaction price allocated to performance obligations that are unsatisfied (or partially unsatisfied) at the end of the reporting period, and when the HNELHD expects to recognise the unsatisfied portion as revenue.

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**14. Investment revenue**

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
Interest income from financial assets at amortised cost	4,770	1,135	4,770	1,135
Royalties	(7)	11	(7)	11
	<b>4,763</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>4,763</b>	<b>1,146</b>

**Recognition and Measurement**

***Interest income***

Interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset except for financial assets that subsequently become credit impaired. For financial assets that become credit impaired, the effective interest rate is applied to the amortised cost of the financial asset (i.e. after deducting the loss allowance for expected credit losses).

***Royalties***

Royalties are usually recognised when the underlying performance obligation is satisfied. It is recognised at the estimated amount if the consideration is variable.



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**15. Grants and other contributions**

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
<b>Grants to acquire / construct a recognisable non-financial asset to be controlled by the entity</b>				
Grants to acquire / construct non-financial asset	3,372	510	3,372	510
<b>Other grants with sufficiently specific performance obligations</b>				
Cancer Institute grants received from an entity controlled by the immediate parent	10,855	10,164	10,855	10,164
Clinical trials and research grants	3,883	3,487	3,883	3,487
Commonwealth government grants received for community based services	10,786	10,779	10,786	10,779
Commonwealth government grants other	5,801	5,249	5,801	5,249
Other grants from entities controlled by the immediate parent	2,924	124	2,924	124
Other grants	8,448	6,857	8,448	6,857
<b>Grants without specific performance obligations</b>				
Clinicals trial and research grants	806	422	806	422
Commonwealth government grants other*	2,601	15,501	2,601	15,501
Grants from entities controlled by the ultimate parent	7,102	43,510	7,102	43,510
Other grants from entities controlled by the immediate parent*	2,815	3,617	2,815	3,617
Other grants*	1,229	808	1,229	808
<b>Donations</b>				
Donations	2,934	4,007	2,934	4,007
	<b>63,556</b>	<b>105,035</b>	<b>63,556</b>	<b>105,035</b>

\* The HNELHD received the majority of COVID-19 vaccines directly from the Commonwealth government and the remainder were received from other NSW Health entities and external third parties. All COVID-19 vaccines were received for nil consideration and recorded at current replacement cost at the time of receipt. Refer to Note 25 for further details on COVID-19 vaccines. The total value of COVID-19 vaccines received under Commonwealth government grants other (Commonwealth government) was \$0.32 million (2022: \$12.74 million), under other grants from entities controlled by the immediate parent (NSW Health entities) was \$Nil (2022: \$0.00 million) and under other grants (external third parties) was \$Nil (2022: \$0.67 million).

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**15. Grants and other contributions**

**Recognition and Measurement**

***Grants and other contributions***

Income from grants to acquire / construct a recognisable non-financial asset to be controlled by the HNELHD are recognised when the HNELHD satisfies its obligations under the transfer. The HNELHD satisfies the performance obligation under the transfer over time as the non-financial assets are being constructed. The percentage of cost incurred is used to recognise income, because this most closely reflects the progress to completion.

Revenue from grants with sufficiently specific performance obligations are recognised when the HNELHD satisfies a performance obligation by transferring the promised goods or services. The HNELHD typically receives grants in respect of research, clinical drug trials and other community, health and wellbeing related projects. The HNELHD uses various methods to recognise revenue over time, depending on the nature and terms and conditions of the grant contract. The payments are typically based on an agreed timetable or on achievement of different milestones in the contract.

Revenue from these grants is recognised based on the grant amount specified in the funding agreement / funding approval, and revenue is only recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal will not occur. No element of financing is deemed present as funding payments are usually received in advance or shortly after the relevant obligation is satisfied.

Refer to Note 32 for the transaction price allocated to the performance obligations that have not been satisfied at the end of the year and when it is expected to be recognised as revenue.

Income from grants without sufficiently specific performance obligations is recognised when the HNELHD obtains control over the granted assets (e.g. cash).

***Volunteer services***

Receipt of volunteer services is recognised when and only when the fair value of those services can be reliably determined and the services would have been purchased if not donated. Volunteer services recognised are measured at fair value. The HNELHD receives volunteer services for the below activities:

- Chaplaincies and Pastoral Care
- Pink Ladies / Hospital Auxiliaries
- Patient Support Groups
- Community Organisations
- Health Education
- Patient and Family Support
- Patient Services, Fund Raising
- Practical Support to Patients and Relatives
- Counselling, Transport, Home Help and Patient Activities

Receipt of these services, while important, is not recognised because typically such services would not have been purchased if not donated.

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**16. Acceptance by The Crown in right of the State of New South Wales (Crown) of employee benefits**

The following liabilities and / or expenses have been assumed by the Crown:

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated <sup>1</sup> 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent <sup>1</sup> 2022 \$000
Superannuation - defined benefit plans	6,029	6,796	-	-
Long service leave provision	35,979	(17,306)	-	-
	<b>42,008</b>	<b>(10,510)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<sup>1</sup> 'Long service leave provision' revenue has been restated to be lower by \$1.61 million in the prior year for the consolidated and parent entity. Refer to Note 21 for further details regarding restatement as a result of an error.

**17. Other income**

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
Bad debts recovered	-	3	-	3
Commissions	685	800	685	800
Discounts	1	8	1	8
Insurance refunds	1,586	627	1,586	627
Rental income				
- other rental income	4,747	4,146	4,747	4,146
Sponsorship	176	-	176	-
Unclaimed deposits	1	1	1	1
Other	4,097	3,107	4,097	3,107
	<b>11,293</b>	<b>8,692</b>	<b>11,293</b>	<b>8,692</b>

**Recognition and Measurement**

**Rental income**

Rental income arising from operating leases is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The rental income is incidental to the purpose for holding the property.

**Forgiveness of liabilities**

The gross amount of a liability forgiven by a credit provider is recognised by the borrower as other income.

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**18. Gains / (losses) on disposal**

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
<b>Gains / (losses) on disposals of:</b>				
<b>Property, plant and equipment</b>				
Written down value of assets disposed	2,719	3,400	2,719	3,400
Less: proceeds from disposal	2,236	3,138	2,236	3,138
<b>Net gains / (losses) on disposal</b>	<b>(483)</b>	<b>(262)</b>	<b>(483)</b>	<b>(262)</b>
<b>Right-of-use assets</b>				
Less: lease liabilities extinguished	-	46	-	46
<b>Net gains / (losses) on disposal</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Total gains / (losses) on disposal</b>	<b>(483)</b>	<b>(216)</b>	<b>(483)</b>	<b>(216)</b>

**19. Other gains / (losses)**

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
Inventory write down*	(205)	(1,203)	(205)	(1,203)
Foreign exchange gains / (losses)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
	<b>(206)</b>	<b>(1,205)</b>	<b>(206)</b>	<b>(1,205)</b>

\* Inventory write down includes COVID-19 vaccine wastage of \$1.26 million (2022: \$0.13 million), Monkeypox vaccine wastage of \$0.011 million (2022: \$Nil) and impairment decrement of COVID-19 vaccines of \$(1.07) million (2022: impairment increment of \$1.07 million). Refer to Note 25 for further details on COVID-19 vaccines.

**Recognition and Measurement**

*Impairment losses on non-financial assets*

Impairment losses may arise on non-financial assets held by the entity from time to time. Accounting for impairment losses is dependent upon the individual asset (or group of assets) subject to impairment. Accounting policies and events giving rise to impairment losses are disclosed in the following notes:

- Note 23 Receivables
- Note 24 Contract assets
- Note 25 Inventories
- Note 26 Property, plant and equipment
- Note 27 Leases
- Note 28 Intangible assets

**20. Conditions and restrictions on income of not-for-profit entities**

The HNELHD receives various types of grants and donations from different grantors / donors, some of which may not have enforceable performance obligations. The HNELHD determines the grantor / donor expectations in determining the externally imposed restrictions and discloses them in accordance with different types of restrictions. The types of restrictions and income earned with restrictions are detailed in Note 30 Restricted assets.

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**21. Prior period error**

During the year it was identified that the long service leave entitlement for certain employees had not been correctly calculated and recognised. The issue only impacted employees who had a period of part time service under certain awards during their employment. It was identified that the accrual for enhanced entitlement did not start on the completion of first 10 years of service by the employee, rather it started upon the completion of full-time equivalency of 10 years of service. This has resulted in an under accrual and / or underpayment of long service leave entitlements for such employees in current and prior years.

The HNELHD's liability for long service leave are assumed by The Crown in right of the State of New South Wales. The HNELHD accounts for the liability as having been extinguished, resulting in the amount assumed being shown as part of the non-monetary revenue item described as 'Acceptance by the Crown of employee benefits'. Specific on-costs relating to long service leave assumed by The Crown in right of the State of New South Wales are borne by the HNELHD.

The incorrect calculation of long service leave entitlements has resulted in lower 'Employee related expenses' and lower 'Acceptance by the Crown of employee benefits' revenue in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in prior years. Any consequential on-costs has resulted in higher 'Provisions' liability in the Statement of Financial Position and lower 'Employee related expenses' in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. The error has been corrected during the year, with retrospective adjustments made in the prior periods.

The impact to the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Statement of Financial Position from restating the balances in the prior year due to above matter are shown below.

**Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2022 (extract)**

		Consolidated Actual 2022 Notes	Consolidated Adjustment 2022 \$000	Consolidated Restated 2022 \$000	Parent Actual 2022 \$000	Parent Adjustment 2022 \$000	Parent Restated 2022 \$000
<b>Continuing operations</b>							
<b>Expenses excluding losses</b>							
Employee related expenses	2	1,538,381	(1,837)	1,536,544	-	-	-
Personnel services	3	-	-	-	1,547,281	(227)	1,547,054
<b>Total expenses excluding losses</b>		<b>2,731,432</b>	<b>(1,837)</b>	<b>2,729,595</b>	<b>2,740,332</b>	<b>(227)</b>	<b>2,740,105</b>
<b>Revenue</b>							
Acceptance by the Crown of employee benefits	16	(8,900)	(1,610)	(10,510)	-	-	-
<b>Total revenue</b>		<b>2,673,794</b>	<b>(1,610)</b>	<b>2,672,184</b>	<b>2,682,694</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,682,694</b>
<b>Operating result</b>		<b>(57,638)</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>(57,411)</b>	<b>(57,638)</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>(57,411)</b>
<b>Net result</b>		<b>(59,578)</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>(59,351)</b>	<b>(59,578)</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>(59,351)</b>
<b>Total other comprehensive income</b>		<b>425,144</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>425,144</b>	<b>425,144</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>425,144</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		<b>365,566</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>365,793</b>	<b>365,566</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>365,793</b>

Note: The above table is an extract only, showing only those financial statement line items affected by the correction of error.

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**21. Prior period error (continued)**

**Statement of Financial Position as at 1 July 2021 (extract)**

		Consolidated Actual 1 July 2021	Consolidated Adjustment 1 July 2021	Consolidated Restated 1 July 2021	Parent Actual 1 July 2021	Parent Adjustment 1 July 2021	Parent Restated 1 July 2021
	Notes	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
<b>LIABILITIES</b>							
<b>Current liabilities</b>							
Provisions	34	260,509	1,751	262,260	260,509	1,751	262,260
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>442,235</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>443,986</b>	<b>442,235</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>443,986</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>							
Provisions	34	5,441	162	5,603	5,441	162	5,603
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>92,756</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>92,918</b>	<b>92,756</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>92,918</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>534,991</b>	<b>1,913</b>	<b>536,904</b>	<b>534,991</b>	<b>1,913</b>	<b>536,904</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>2,327,250</b>	<b>(1,913)</b>	<b>2,325,337</b>	<b>2,327,250</b>	<b>(1,913)</b>	<b>2,325,337</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>							
Accumulated funds		1,327,848	(1,913)	1,325,935	1,327,848	(1,913)	1,325,935
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>2,327,250</b>	<b>(1,913)</b>	<b>2,325,337</b>	<b>2,327,250</b>	<b>(1,913)</b>	<b>2,325,337</b>

Note: The above table is an extract only, showing only those financial statement line items affected by the correction of error.

**Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2022 (extract)**

		Consolidated Actual 2022	Consolidated Adjustment 2022	Consolidated Restated 2022	Parent Actual 2022	Parent Adjustment 2022	Parent Restated 2022
	Notes	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
<b>LIABILITIES</b>							
<b>Current liabilities</b>							
Provisions	34	317,858	1,544	319,402	317,858	1,544	319,402
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>536,957</b>	<b>1,544</b>	<b>538,501</b>	<b>536,957</b>	<b>1,544</b>	<b>538,501</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>							
Provisions	34	4,910	142	5,052	4,910	142	5,052
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>91,009</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>91,151</b>	<b>91,009</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>91,151</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>627,966</b>	<b>1,686</b>	<b>629,652</b>	<b>627,966</b>	<b>1,686</b>	<b>629,652</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>2,692,816</b>	<b>(1,686)</b>	<b>2,691,130</b>	<b>2,692,816</b>	<b>(1,686)</b>	<b>2,691,130</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>							
Accumulated funds		1,268,435	(1,686)	1,266,749	1,268,435	(1,686)	1,266,749
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>2,692,816</b>	<b>(1,686)</b>	<b>2,691,130</b>	<b>2,692,816</b>	<b>(1,686)</b>	<b>2,691,130</b>

Note: The above table is an extract only, showing only those financial statement line items affected by the correction of error.

There is no impact on the total operating, investing or financing cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2022.

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**22. Cash and cash equivalents**

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
Cash at bank and on hand	132,314	125,413	132,314	125,413
	<b>132,314</b>	<b>125,413</b>	<b>132,314</b>	<b>125,413</b>

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash at bank, cash on hand, short-term deposits with original maturities of three months or less, which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Cash and cash equivalent assets recognised in the Statement of Financial Position are reconciled at the end of the financial year to the Statement of Cash Flows as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents (per Statement of Financial Position)	132,314	125,413	132,314	125,413
	<b>132,314</b>	<b>125,413</b>	<b>132,314</b>	<b>125,413</b>

Refer to Note 44 for details regarding credit risk and market risk arising from financial instruments.

Most cash and cash equivalents held by the HNELHD are restricted assets and are not held for operating and capital expenditure.

HealthShare NSW, a controlled entity of the immediate parent manages accounts payable and employee related payments on behalf of the HNELHD for payments to suppliers and employees. HealthShare NSW makes payments after the HNELHD has reviewed and approved the invoices and employee rosters. The HNELHD's approval of invoices and employee rosters provides authority to HealthShare NSW to make payments. These payments are reported as expenditures and cash outflows in the financial statements of the HNELHD.

HealthShare NSW receives payments directly from the Ministry of Health on behalf of the HNELHD to fund these payments. Upon payment, they are reported as revenue (Ministry of Health recurrent and capital allocations) and cash inflows in the financial statements of the HNELHD.

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**23. Receivables**

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
<b>Current</b>				
Trade receivables from contracts with customers	37,152	32,578	37,152	32,578
Intra health receivables	6,928	14,549	6,928	14,549
Goods and Services Tax	14,170	17,121	14,170	17,121
Other receivables	12,295	6,407	12,295	6,407
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>70,545</b>	<b>70,655</b>	<b>70,545</b>	<b>70,655</b>
<i>Less: Allowance for expected credit losses*</i>				
- Trade receivables from contracts with customers	(3,068)	(1,851)	(3,068)	(1,851)
- Other receivables	(155)	(593)	(155)	(593)
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>67,322</b>	<b>68,211</b>	<b>67,322</b>	<b>68,211</b>
Prepayments	4,992	1,750	4,992	1,750
	<b>72,314</b>	<b>69,961</b>	<b>72,314</b>	<b>69,961</b>

(a) \* Movement in the allowance for expected credit losses

<b>Trade receivables from contracts with customers</b>				
Balance at the beginning of the year	(1,851)	(1,880)	(1,851)	(1,880)
Amounts written off during the year	516	407	516	407
(Increase) / decrease in allowance recognised in the net result <sup>1</sup>	(1,733)	(378)	(1,733)	(378)
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>(3,068)</b>	<b>(1,851)</b>	<b>(3,068)</b>	<b>(1,851)</b>
<b>Other receivables</b>				
Balance at the beginning of the year	(592)	(485)	(592)	(485)
Amounts written off during the year	65	31	65	31
Amounts recovered during the year	-	3	-	3
(Increase) / decrease in allowance recognised in the net result	372	(141)	372	(141)
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>(155)</b>	<b>(592)</b>	<b>(155)</b>	<b>(592)</b>
	<b>(3,223)</b>	<b>(2,443)</b>	<b>(3,223)</b>	<b>(2,443)</b>
<b>Non-current</b>				
Prepayments	20,971	566	20,971	566
	<b>20,971</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>20,971</b>	<b>566</b>



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**23. Receivables (continued)**

(b) The current and non-current trade receivables from contracts with customers balances above include the following patient fee receivables:

Current and non-current include:

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
Patient fees - compensable	3,115	2,033	3,115	2,033
Patient fees - ineligible	2,846	1,968	2,846	1,968
Patient fees - inpatient & other	19,406	17,126	19,406	17,126
	<b>25,367</b>	<b>21,127</b>	<b>25,367</b>	<b>21,127</b>

Details regarding credit risk of receivables that are neither past due nor impaired, are disclosed in Note 44.

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
Contract receivables (included in Note 23)	44,083	47,127	44,083	47,127
<b>Total contract receivables</b>	<b>44,083</b>	<b>47,127</b>	<b>44,083</b>	<b>47,127</b>

**Recognition and Measurement**

The HNELHD recognises a financial asset or a financial liability when, and only when, it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. To determine when the agency becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument, the HNELHD considers:

- Whether the HNELHD has a legal right to receive cash (financial asset) or a legal obligation to pay cash (financial liability); or
- Whether at least one of the parties has performed under the agreement.

All 'regular way' purchases or sales of financial assets are recognised and derecognised on a trade date basis. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the marketplace.

Receivables are initially recognised at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component are measured at the transaction price.

**Subsequent measurement**

The HNELHD holds receivables with the objective to collect the contractual cash flows and therefore measures them at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment. Changes are recognised in the net result for the year when impaired, derecognised or through the amortisation process.

**Impairment**

The HNELHD recognises an allowance for expected credit losses (ECLs) for all debt financial assets not held at fair value through profit or loss. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows and the cash flows that the HNELHD expects to receive, discounted at the original effective interest rate.

For trade receivables, the HNELHD applies a simplified approach in calculating ECLs. The HNELHD recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. The HNELHD has established a provision matrix based on its historical credit loss experience for trade receivables, adjusted for forward looking factors specific to the receivable.

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**24. Contract assets**

**Recognition and Measurement**

Contract assets relate to the HNELHD's right to consideration in exchange for goods and services transferred to customers / works completed, but not billed at the reporting date. The contract assets are transferred to receivables when the rights become unconditional. This usually occurs when the HNELHD issues an invoice to the customer. The balance of the contract assets relates to grants and other contributions for work completed but not yet invoiced as future work is required to be completed before the HNELHD has the rights to invoice. Once all performance obligations are met and the HNELHD has right to invoice for the payment to be made, the contract asset is transferred to receivables.

The contract asset balance has decreased during the year due to the timing of the rights to invoice and the obligations met.

	<b>Consolidated</b> <b>2023</b> <b>\$000</b>	<b>Consolidated</b> <b>2022</b> <b>\$000</b>	<b>Parent</b> <b>2023</b> <b>\$000</b>	<b>Parent</b> <b>2022</b> <b>\$000</b>
Contract receivables (included in Note 23)	44,083	47,127	44,083	47,127
	<b>44,083</b>	<b>47,127</b>	<b>44,083</b>	<b>47,127</b>

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**25. Inventories**

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
<b>Current</b>				
<b>Held-for-distribution</b>				
Drug supplies	4,741	5,300	4,741	5,300
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,741</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>4,741</b>	<b>5,300</b>
<i>Less: Allowance for impairment</i>				
- Drug supplies	-	(1,069)	-	(1,069)
	<b>4,741</b>	<b>4,231</b>	<b>4,741</b>	<b>4,231</b>

**Recognition and Measurement**

Inventories held for distribution are stated at cost, adjusted when applicable, for any loss of service potential. A loss of service potential is identified and measured based on the existence of a current replacement cost that is lower than the carrying amount or any loss of operating capacity due to obsolescence. Inventories (other than those held for distribution) are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is calculated using the weighted average cost method.

In 2021, the Commonwealth government's COVID-19 vaccine program began, with the aim of offering free vaccines to all Australians. The HNELHD played a key role in the rollout within NSW, including in relation to logistics, vaccination delivery, safety and reporting. The Commonwealth assumes the responsibility for procuring and distributing vaccines to all states and territories. COVID-19 vaccines were received for nil consideration and were provided to the public free of charge. On the basis that the HNELHD controls the inventory once it is received from the Commonwealth, the value of the inventory received, administered / granted and wasted were recognised by the HNELHD.

The value attributable to the COVID-19 vaccines received was measured at its fair value based on replacement cost. The HNELHD was unsuccessful in obtaining cost information from the Commonwealth because of non-disclosure agreements signed by the Commonwealth and the pharmaceutical companies supplying the COVID-19 vaccines. An internal valuation was undertaken based on publicly available information to estimate the replacement cost of the COVID-19 vaccines received by the HNELHD.

The value of the COVID-19 vaccines received and administered / granted as at 30 June 2023, was \$0.32 million (2022: \$13.41 million) and \$0.35 million (2022: \$11.95 million), respectively. \$1.26 million (2022: \$0.13 million) of COVID-19 vaccines were written-off and \$1.07 million allowance for impairment was reversed (2022: An allowance for impairment was provided for \$1.07 million). COVID-19 vaccine closing inventory balance as at 30 June 2023, was \$0.02 million (2022: \$1.32 million) which is included as part of the inventory drug supplies.

The cost of inventories acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration is the current replacement cost as at the date of acquisition. Current replacement cost is the cost the HNELHD would incur to acquire the asset. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

Obsolete items are disposed of in accordance with instructions issued by the Ministry of Health.

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**26. Property, plant and equipment**

**(a) Total property, plant and equipment**

**PARENT AND CONSOLIDATION**

	Land and Buildings \$000	Plant and Equipment <sup>1</sup> \$000	Infrastructure Systems \$000	Total \$000
<b>At 1 July 2021 - fair value</b>				
Gross carrying amount	3,483,657	332,371	95,903	3,911,931
Less: accumulated depreciation and impairment	1,026,005	172,660	50,931	1,249,596
<b>Net carrying amount</b>	<b>2,457,652</b>	<b>159,711</b>	<b>44,972</b>	<b>2,662,335</b>
	Land and Buildings \$000	Plant and Equipment \$000	Infrastructure Systems \$000	Total \$000
<b>Year ended 30 June 2022</b>				
Net carrying amount at beginning of year	2,457,652	159,711	44,972	2,662,335
Additions	87,506	43,167	3	130,676
Disposals	(516)	(2,885)	1	(3,400)
Transfers within NSW Health entities through Statement of Comprehensive Income	-	124	-	124
Net revaluation increments less revaluation decrements	416,399	-	8,745	425,144
Depreciation expense	(80,328)	(23,483)	(2,553)	(106,364)
Reclassifications	(1,927)	932	995	-
<b>Net carrying amount at end of year</b>	<b>2,878,786</b>	<b>177,566</b>	<b>52,163</b>	<b>3,108,515</b>

<sup>1</sup> For non-specialised assets with short useful lives, recognition at depreciated historical cost is regarded as an acceptable approximation of fair value, in accordance with Treasury Policy Paper 21-09.

Further details regarding the fair value measurement of property, plant and equipment are disclosed in Note 29.

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**26. Property, plant and equipment (continued)**

**(a) Total property, plant and equipment (continued)**

**PARENT AND CONSOLIDATION**

	Land and Buildings \$000	Plant and Equipment <sup>1</sup> \$000	Infrastructure Systems \$000	Total \$000
<b>At 1 July 2022 - fair value</b>				
Gross carrying amount	4,095,079	347,436	114,639	4,557,154
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation and impairment</i>	1,216,293	169,870	62,476	1,448,639
<b>Net carrying amount</b>	<b>2,878,786</b>	<b>177,566</b>	<b>52,163</b>	<b>3,108,515</b>

	Land and Buildings \$000	Plant and Equipment \$000	Infrastructure Systems \$000	Total \$000
<b>Year ended 30 June 2023</b>				
Net carrying amount at beginning of year	2,878,786	177,566	52,163	3,108,515
Additions	161,535	27,349	214	189,098
Disposals	(433)	(2,263)	(23)	(2,719)
Transfers within NSW Health entities through Statement of Comprehensive Income	-	2,238	-	2,238
Net revaluation increments less revaluation decrements*	118,228	-	5,995	124,223
Depreciation expense	(101,849)	(32,458)	(3,742)	(138,049)
Reclassifications	(25,593)	2,062	23,531	-
<b>Net carrying amount at end of year</b>	<b>3,030,674</b>	<b>174,494</b>	<b>78,138</b>	<b>3,283,306</b>

\* Included in this balance are impairment decrements of \$57.3m due to a number of buildings no longer being used to their full service capacity.

	Land and Buildings \$000	Plant and Equipment <sup>1</sup> \$000	Infrastructure Systems \$000	Total \$000
<b>At 30 June 2023 - fair value</b>				
Gross carrying amount	4,362,777	363,987	148,405	4,875,169
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation and impairment</i>	1,332,103	189,493	70,267	1,591,863
<b>Net carrying amount</b>	<b>3,030,674</b>	<b>174,494</b>	<b>78,138</b>	<b>3,283,306</b>

<sup>1</sup> For non-specialised assets with short useful lives, recognition at depreciated historical cost is regarded as an acceptable approximation of fair value, in accordance with Treasury Policy Paper 21-09.

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**26. Property, plant and equipment (continued)**

**(b) Property, plant and equipment held and used by the HNELHD**

**PARENT AND CONSOLIDATION**

	Land and Buildings \$000	Plant and Equipment <sup>1</sup> \$000	Infrastructure Systems \$000	Total \$000
<b>At 1 July 2021 - fair value</b>				
Gross carrying amount	3,477,563	332,371	95,903	3,905,837
Less: accumulated depreciation and impairment	1,023,430	172,660	50,931	1,247,021
<b>Net carrying amount</b>	<b>2,454,133</b>	<b>159,711</b>	<b>44,972</b>	<b>2,658,816</b>
	Land and Buildings \$000	Plant and Equipment \$000	Infrastructure Systems \$000	Total \$000
<b>Year ended 30 June 2022</b>				
Net carrying amount at beginning of year	2,454,133	159,711	44,972	2,658,816
Additions	87,506	43,167	3	130,676
Disposals	(516)	(2,885)	1	(3,400)
Transfers within NSW Health entities through Statement of Comprehensive Income	-	124	-	124
Net revaluation increment less revaluation decrements	415,546	-	8,745	424,291
Depreciation expense	(80,105)	(23,483)	(2,553)	(106,141)
Reclassifications	(6,747)	932	995	(4,820)
<b>Net carrying amount at end of year</b>	<b>2,869,817</b>	<b>177,566</b>	<b>52,163</b>	<b>3,099,546</b>

Further details regarding the fair value measurement of property, plant and equipment are disclosed in Note 29.

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**26. Property, plant and equipment (continued)**

**(b) Property, plant and equipment held and used by the HNELHD (continued)**

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	Land and Buildings \$000	Plant and Equipment <sup>1</sup> \$000	Infrastructure Systems \$000	Total \$000
<b>At 1 July 2022 - fair value</b>				
Gross carrying amount	4,080,647	347,436	114,639	4,542,722
Less: accumulated depreciation and impairment	1,210,830	169,870	62,476	1,443,176
<b>Net carrying amount</b>	<b>2,869,817</b>	<b>177,566</b>	<b>52,163</b>	<b>3,099,546</b>

	Land and Buildings \$000	Plant and Equipment \$000	Infrastructure Systems \$000	Total \$000
<b>Year ended 30 June 2023</b>				
Net carrying amount at beginning of year	2,869,817	177,566	52,163	3,099,546
Additions	161,535	27,349	214	189,098
Disposals	(433)	(2,263)	(23)	(2,719)
Transfers within NSW Health entities through Statement of Comprehensive Income	-	2,238	-	2,238
Net revaluation increments less revaluation decrements*	118,678	-	5,995	124,673
Depreciation expense	(101,487)	(32,458)	(3,742)	(137,687)
Reclassifications	(25,370)	2,062	23,531	223
<b>Net carrying amount at end of year</b>	<b>3,022,740</b>	<b>174,494</b>	<b>78,138</b>	<b>3,275,372</b>

\* Included in this balance are impairment decrements of \$57.3m due to a number of buildings no longer being used to their full service capacity.

	Land and Buildings \$000	Plant and Equipment \$000	Infrastructure Systems \$000	Total \$000
<b>At 30 June 2023 - fair value</b>				
Gross carrying amount	4,349,970	363,987	148,403	4,862,360
Less: accumulated depreciation and impairment	1,327,230	189,493	70,265	1,586,988
<b>Net carrying amount</b>	<b>3,022,740</b>	<b>174,494</b>	<b>78,138</b>	<b>3,275,372</b>

Further details regarding the fair value measurement of property, plant and equipment are disclosed in Note 29.

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**26. Property, plant and equipment (continued)**

**(c) Property, plant and equipment where the HNELHD is the lessor under operating leases**

**PARENT AND CONSOLIDATION**

	Land and Buildings \$000	Plant and Equipment <sup>1</sup> \$000	Infrastructure Systems \$000	Total \$000
<b>At 1 July 2021 - fair value</b>				
Gross carrying amount	6,094	-	-	6,094
Less: accumulated depreciation and impairment	2,575	-	-	2,575
<b>Net carrying amount</b>	<b>3,519</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,519</b>
	Land and Buildings \$000	Plant and Equipment \$000	Infrastructure Systems \$000	Total \$000
<b>Year ended 30 June 2022</b>				
Net carrying amount at beginning of year	3,519	-	-	3,519
Net revaluation increment less revaluation decrements	853	-	-	853
Depreciation expense	(223)	-	-	(223)
Reclassifications	4,820	-	-	4,820
<b>Net carrying amount at end of year</b>	<b>8,969</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,969</b>



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**26. Property, plant and equipment (continued)**

**(c) Property, plant and equipment where the HNELHD is the lessor under operating leases (continued)**

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	Land and Buildings \$000	Plant and Equipment <sup>1</sup> \$000	Infrastructure Systems \$000	Total \$000
<b>At 1 July 2022 - fair value</b>				
Gross carrying amount	14,432	-	-	14,432
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation and impairment</i>	5,463	-	-	5,463
<b>Net carrying amount</b>	<b>8,969</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,969</b>

	Land and Buildings \$000	Plant and Equipment \$000	Infrastructure Systems \$000	Total \$000
<b>Year ended 30 June 2023</b>				
Net carrying amount at beginning of year	8,969	-	-	8,969
Net revaluation increments less revaluation decrements	(450)	-	-	(450)
Depreciation expense	(362)	-	-	(362)
Reclassifications	(223)	-	-	(223)
<b>Net carrying amount at end of year</b>	<b>7,934</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,934</b>

	Land and Buildings \$000	Plant and Equipment \$000	Infrastructure Systems \$000	Total \$000
<b>At 30 June 2023 - fair value</b>				
Gross carrying amount	12,807	-	-	12,807
<i>Less: accumulated depreciation and impairment</i>	4,873	-	-	4,873
<b>Net carrying amount</b>	<b>7,934</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,934</b>

Further details regarding the fair value measurement of property, plant and equipment are disclosed in Note 29.

**26. Property, plant and equipment (continued)**

**Recognition and Measurement**

***Acquisition of property, plant and equipment***

Property, plant and equipment acquired are initially recognised at cost and subsequently revalued at fair value less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Cost is the amount of cash or cash equivalents paid or the fair value of the other consideration given to acquire the asset at the time of its acquisition or construction or, where applicable, the amount attributed to that asset when initially recognised in accordance with the requirements of other Australian Accounting Standards.

Health Infrastructure, a controlled entity of the immediate parent, manages the approved major capital works program for the Ministry of Health and its controlled entities. Health Infrastructure receives Ministry of Health Capital Allocations and grants on behalf of the HNELHD and records all costs incurred as work in progress or expenses and subsequently transfers to the HNELHD. The costs are then accordingly reflected in the HNELHD's financial statements. The HNELHD acquires most assets in this manner.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at measurement date.

Where payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal credit terms, its cost is the cash price equivalent, i.e. the deferred payment amount is effectively discounted over the period of credit.

Assets acquired at no cost, or for nominal consideration, are initially recognised at their fair value at the date of acquisition (see also assets transferred as a result of an equity transfer - Note 36).

Land and buildings are owned by the Health Administration Corporation. Land and buildings which are operated / occupied by the HNELHD are deemed to be controlled by the HNELHD and are reflected as such in the financial statements.

***Capitalisation thresholds***

Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets costing \$10,000 and above individually (or forming part of a network costing more than \$10,000) are capitalised.

***Major inspection costs***

When a major inspection is performed, its cost is recognised in the carrying amount of the plant and equipment as a replacement if the recognition criteria are satisfied.

***Restoration costs***

The present value of the expected cost for the restoration or cost of dismantling of an asset after its use is included in the cost of the respective asset if the recognition criteria for a provision are met.

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**26. Property, plant and equipment (continued)**

***Depreciation of property, plant and equipment***

Except for certain non-depreciable assets, depreciation is provided for on a straight-line basis so as to write off the depreciable amount of each asset as it is consumed over its useful life to the HNELHD.

All material identifiable components of assets are depreciated separately over their useful life.

Land is not a depreciable asset. Certain heritage assets including original artworks and collections and heritage buildings may not have a limited useful life because appropriate curatorial and preservation policies are adopted. Such assets are not subject to depreciation. The decision not to recognise depreciation for these assets is reviewed annually.

Details of depreciation rates initially applied for major asset categories are as follows:

	<b>Useful lives 2023</b>	<b>Useful lives 2022</b>
Buildings	30-70 years	40 years
Buildings - leasehold improvements	3-10 years	3-10 years
Plant and equipment	4-20 years	4-20 years
Infrastructure Systems	40 years	40 years

'Plant and equipment' comprises, among others, medical, computer and office equipment, motor vehicles, furniture and fittings and PODS (a detachable or self-contained unit on ambulances used for patient treatment).

'Infrastructure Systems' comprises public facilities which provide essential services and enhance the productive capacity of the economy including roads, bridges, water infrastructure and distribution works, sewerage treatment plants, seawalls and water reticulation systems.

The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation methods are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted if appropriate.

In 2023, the estimated useful lives for buildings were revised. Refer Note 1 (f) for further details regarding the change and the impacts.

***Right-of-use assets acquired by lessees***

AASB 16 Leases (AASB 16) requires a lessee to recognise a right-of-use asset for most leases. The HNELHD has elected to present right-of-use assets separately in the Statement of Financial Position.

Further information on leases is contained in Note 27.

**26. Property, plant and equipment (continued)**

***Revaluation of property, plant and equipment***

Physical non-current assets are valued in accordance with the 'Valuation of Physical Non-Current Assets at Fair Value' Policy and Guidelines Paper (TPP 21-09) and Treasurer's Direction, 'Valuation of Physical Non-Current Assets at Fair Value' (TD 21-05). TPP 21-09 and TD 21-05 adopt fair value in accordance with AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement, AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment and AASB 140 Investment Property.

Property, plant and equipment is measured at the highest and best use by market participants that is physically possible, legally permissible and financially feasible. The highest and best use must be available at a period that is not remote and takes into account the characteristics of the asset being measured, including any socio-political restrictions imposed by government. In most cases, after taking into account these considerations, the highest and best use is the existing use. In limited circumstances, the highest and best use may be a feasible alternative use, where there are no restrictions on use or where there is a feasible higher restricted alternative use.

Fair value of property, plant and equipment is based on a market participants' perspective, using valuation techniques (market approach, cost approach, income approach) that maximise relevant observable inputs and minimise unobservable inputs. Also refer to Note 29 for further information regarding fair value.

Revaluations are made with sufficient regularity to ensure the carrying amount of each asset in the class does not differ materially from its fair value at reporting date. The HNELHD conducts a comprehensive revaluation at least every three years for its land and buildings and infrastructure. Interim revaluations are conducted between comprehensive revaluations where cumulative changes to indicators suggest fair value may differ materially from carrying value. The HNELHD uses an independent professionally qualified valuer for such interim revaluations.

The last comprehensive revaluation was completed on 31 December 2021 and was based on an independent assessment.

Indices were subsequently obtained from external professionally qualified valuers since the last comprehensive revaluation. Indices obtained indicated a cumulative increase of 2.23% in market prices for land and material increases in construction and labour costs of 13.00% for buildings and 13.00% for infrastructure. Management has applied these indices to perform an interim revaluation and has recognised the resulting revaluation increment for land, buildings and infrastructure in 2022 and 2023.

Non-specialised assets with short useful lives are measured at depreciated historical cost, as an approximation of fair value. The HNELHD has assessed that any difference between fair value and depreciated historical cost is unlikely to be material.

For other assets valued using other valuation techniques, any balances of accumulated depreciation existing at the revaluation date in respect of those assets are credited to the asset accounts to which they relate. The net asset accounts are then increased or decreased by the revaluation increments or decrements.

**26. Property, plant and equipment (continued)**

***Revaluation of property, plant and equipment (continued)***

Revaluation increments are recognised in other comprehensive income and credited to revaluation surplus in equity. However, to the extent that an increment reverses a revaluation decrement in respect of the same class of asset previously recognised as a loss in the net result, the increment is recognised immediately as a gain in the net result.

Revaluation decrements are recognised immediately as a loss in the net result, except to the extent that it offsets an existing revaluation surplus on the same class of assets, in which case, the decrement is debited directly to the revaluation surplus.

As a not-for-profit entity, revaluation increments and decrements are offset against one another within a class of non-current assets, but not otherwise.

When revaluing non-current assets using the cost approach, the gross amount and the related accumulated depreciation are separately restated. Where the income approach or market approach is used, accumulated depreciation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

Where an asset that has previously been revalued is disposed of, any balance remaining in the revaluation surplus in respect of that asset is transferred to accumulated funds.

The residual values, useful lives and methods of depreciation of property, plant and equipment are reviewed at each financial year end and adjusted if appropriate.

***Impairment of property, plant and equipment***

As a not-for-profit entity with no cash generating units, impairment under AASB 136 Impairment of Assets is unlikely to arise. As property, plant and equipment is carried at fair value or an amount that approximates fair value, impairment can only arise in the rare circumstances such as where the costs of disposal are material.

The HNELHD assesses, at each reporting date, whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the HNELHD estimates the asset's recoverable amount. When the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount.

Specialised assets held for continuing use of their service capacity are rarely sold and their cost of disposal is typically negligible. Their recoverable amount is expected to be materially the same as fair value, where they are regularly revalued under AASB 13.

As a not-for-profit entity, an impairment loss is recognised in the net result to the extent the impairment loss exceeds the amount in the revaluation surplus for the class of asset.

After an impairment loss has been recognised, it is reversed only if there has been a change in the assumptions used to determine the asset's recoverable amount. The reversal is limited so that the carrying amount of the asset does not exceed its recoverable amount, nor exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation, had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. The reversal is recognised in other comprehensive income and is treated as a revaluation increase, except to the extent that an impairment loss on the same class of asset was previously recognised in net result, where a reversal of that impairment loss is also recognised in net result.

***Derecognition of property, plant and equipment***

Property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no further future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount of the asset and are included in the consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

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**27. Leases**

**(a) Entity as a lessee**

The HNELHD leases various property and equipment. Lease contracts are typically made for fixed periods of 1 to 8 years, but may have extension options. Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions. The lease agreements do not impose any covenants but leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes. The HNELHD does not provide residual value guarantees in relation to leases.

Extension and termination options are included in a number of property and equipment leases. These terms are used to maximise operational flexibility in terms of managing contracts. The majority of extension and termination options held are exercisable only by the HNELHD and not by the respective lessor. In determining the lease term, management considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option. Extension options (or periods after termination options) are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended (or not terminated).

Potential future cash outflows of \$35.98 million have not been included in the lease liability because it is not reasonably certain that the leases will be extended (or not terminated). The assessment is reviewed if a significant event or a significant change in circumstances occurs which affects this assessment and that is within the control of the lessee.

During the current financial year, the financial effect of revising lease terms to reflect the effect of exercising extensions and termination options was an increase in recognised lease liabilities and right-of-use assets of \$50 thousand.

AASB 16 Leases (AASB 16) requires a lessee to recognise a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability for most leases.

The HNELHD has elected to recognise payments for short-term leases and low value leases as expenses on a straight line basis, instead of recognising a right-of-use asset and lease liability. Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 months or less. Low value assets are assets with a fair value of \$10,000 or less when new and comprise mainly of small office and medical equipment items.

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**27. Leases (continued)**

**(a) Entity as a lessee (continued)**

**Right-of-use assets under leases**

The following table presents right-of-use assets. There are no right-of-use assets that meet the definition of investment property.

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	<b>Land and Buildings \$'000</b>	<b>Plant and Equipment \$'000</b>	<b>Total \$'000</b>
Balance at 1 July 2022	12,096	-	12,096
Additions	505	-	505
Reassessments	44	-	44
Depreciation expense	(3,341)	-	(3,341)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2023</b>	<b>9,304</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,304</b>

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	<b>Land and Buildings \$'000</b>	<b>Plant and Equipment \$'000</b>	<b>Total \$'000</b>
Balance at 1 July 2021	14,556	-	14,556
Additions	185	-	185
Reassessments	46	-	46
Depreciation expense	(2,691)	-	(2,691)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2022</b>	<b>12,096</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,096</b>

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**27. Leases (continued)**

**(a) Entity as a lessee (continued)**

**Lease liabilities**

The following table presents liabilities under leases.

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	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
Balance at 1 July	12,867	15,108
Additions	505	185
Interest expenses	317	276
Payments	(2,714)	(2,702)
Terminations / derecognition*	-	(46)
Other adjustments	44	46
<b>Balance at 30 June</b>	<b>11,019</b>	<b>12,867</b>

The following amounts were recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income during the period in respect of leases where the HNELHD is the lessee:

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	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
Depreciation expense of right-of-use assets	3,341	2,691
Interest expense on lease liabilities	318	276
Expenses relating to short-term leases	3,370	8,129
Expenses relating to leases of low-value assets	2,018	2,091
(Gains) / losses on disposal*	-	(46)
<b>Total amount recognised in the statement of comprehensive income</b>	<b>9,047</b>	<b>13,141</b>

The HNELHD had total cash outflows for leases of \$8.10 million for the year ended 30 June 2023 (2022: \$12.92 million).



## 27. Leases (continued)

### (a) Entity as a lessee (continued)

#### **Leases at significantly below market terms and conditions principally to enable the entity to further its objectives**

The HNELHD entered into a number of leases, with lease terms ranging from 5 to 28 years with various local councils and the Calvary Mater Newcastle for the use of hospital campus and community health buildings. The contract specifies lease payments of \$1 per annum. The leased premise is be used by the HNELHD to provide different community health services. The hospital campus and community health buildings account for a small portion of the similar assets the HNELHD is using for the purpose of providing community services. Therefore it does not have a significant impact on the HNELHD's operations.

#### **Recognition and Measurement**

The HNELHD assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

The HNELHD recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets, except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets.

##### *i. Right-of-use assets*

The HNELHD recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e. the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are initially measured at the amount of initial measurement of the lease liability (refer (ii) below), adjusted by any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, lease incentives, any initial direct costs incurred, and estimated costs of dismantling and removing the asset or restoring the site.

The right-of-use assets are subsequently measured at cost. They are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets, as follows:

	<b>Useful lives</b>
Buildings	1 to 8 years

If ownership of the leased asset transfers to the HNELHD at the end of the lease term or the cost reflects the exercise of a purchase option, depreciation is calculated using the estimated useful life of the asset.

The right-of-use assets are also subject to impairment. The HNELHD assesses, at each reporting date, whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the HNELHD estimates the asset's recoverable amount. When the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount. After an impairment loss has been recognised, it is reversed only if there has been a change in the assumptions used to determine the asset's recoverable amount. The reversal is limited so that the carrying amount of the asset does not exceed its recoverable amount, nor exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation, had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. Such reversal is recognised in the net result.

##### *ii. Lease liabilities*

At the commencement date of the lease, the HNELHD recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. Lease payments include:

- fixed payments (including in substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate;
- amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees;
- exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the HNELHD; and
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the HNELHD exercising the option to terminate.

**27. Leases (continued)**

**(a) Entity as a lessee (continued)**

*ii. Lease liabilities (continued)*

Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as expenses (unless they are incurred to produce inventories) in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. If that rate cannot be readily determined, which is generally the case for real estate leases, the incremental borrowing rate is used. The HNELHD does not borrow funds in the market. Instead they receive an allocation of the appropriations from the Crown and where the Crown needs additional funding, Treasury Corporation (TCorp) goes to the market to obtain these funds. As a result, the HNELHD is using TCorp rates as their incremental borrowing rates. These rates are published by NSW Treasury on a regular basis.

After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the lease payments (e.g. changes to future payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine such lease payments) or a change in the assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset.

The HNELHD's lease liabilities are included in borrowings in Note 33.

*iii. Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets*

The HNELHD applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of buildings, machinery, motor vehicles and equipment (i.e., those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option). It also applies the lease of low-value assets recognition exemption to leases of office equipment that are considered to be low value. Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low value assets are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

*iv. Leases that have significantly below-market terms and conditions principally to enable the entity to further its objectives*

The initial and subsequent measurement of right-of-use assets under leases at significantly below-market terms and conditions that are entered into principally to enable the HNELHD to further its objectives is the same as normal right-of-use assets. They are measured at cost, subject to impairment.

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**27. Leases (continued)**

**(b) Entity as a lessor**

HNELHD leases few retail spaces located within the hospital precincts under operating leases with rental payable monthly. Lease payments generally contain uplift clauses to align to the market conditions.

HNELHD also leases land to NGO's under operating leases arrangements. Generally there are no rental payments as HNELHD provides market rental assistance grants to offset the rental payments.

**Recognition and Measurement**

***Lessor for operating leases***

Future minimum rentals receivable (undiscounted) under non-cancellable operating lease are, as follows:

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	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Within one year	165	942
One to two years	96	49
Two to three years	30	30
Three to four years	25	25
Four to five years	25	25
Later than five years	340	492
<b>Total (excluding GST)</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>1,563</b>

**Recognition and Measurement**

***Lessor for operating leases***

An operating lease is a lease other than a finance lease. Rental income arising is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease terms and is included in revenue in the Statement of Comprehensive Income due to its operating nature. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the underlying asset and recognised over the lease term on the same basis as rental income. Contingent rents are recognised as revenue in the period in which they are earned.

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**28. Intangible assets**

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	<b>Software \$000</b>	<b>Total \$000</b>
<b>At 1 July 2021</b>		
Cost (gross carrying amount)	-	-
Less: accumulated amortisation and impairment	-	-
<b>Net carrying amount</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Year ended 30 June 2022</b>		
Net carrying amount at beginning of year	-	-
<b>Net carrying amount at end of year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>At 1 July 2022</b>		
Cost (gross carrying amount)	-	-
Less: accumulated amortisation and impairment	-	-
<b>Net carrying amount</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Year ended 30 June 2023</b>		
Net carrying amount at beginning of year	-	-
Additions - acquired separately	93	93
<b>Net carrying amount at end of year</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>93</b>

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**28. Intangible assets (continued)**

**PARENT AND CONSOLIDATION**

	<b>Software \$000</b>	<b>Total \$000</b>
<b>At 30 June 2023</b>		
Cost (gross carrying amount)	93	93
Less: accumulated amortisation and impairment	-	-
<b>Net carrying amount</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>93</b>

**Recognition and Measurement**

The HNELHD recognises intangible assets only if it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the HNELHD and the cost of the asset can be measured reliably. Intangible assets are measured initially at cost. Where an asset is acquired at no or nominal cost, the cost is its fair value as at the date of acquisition. Following initial recognition, intangible assets are subsequently measured at fair value only if there is an active market. As there is no active market for the HNELHD's intangible assets, the assets are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and impairment losses.

All research costs are expensed. Development costs are only capitalised when certain criteria are met.

The useful lives of intangible assets are assessed to be finite.

The HNELHD's intangible assets are amortised using the straight-line method over a period of four years.

Computer software developed or acquired by the HNELHD are recognised as intangible assets. Most computer software is acquired from eHealth NSW, a controlled entity of the immediate parent. The amortisation period and the amortisation method for an intangible asset with a finite useful life are reviewed at least at the end of each reporting period.

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are not amortised, but are tested for impairment annually. The assessment of indefinite life is reviewed annually to determine whether the indefinite life continues to be supportable. If not, the change in useful life from indefinite to finite is made on a prospective basis.

Intangible assets are tested for impairment where an indicator of impairment exists. If the recoverable amount is less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount is reduced to recoverable amount and the reduction is recognised as an impairment loss.

**Recognition and Measurement**

The HNELHD has certain non-current assets classified as held for sale, where their carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction, not through continuing use. Non-current assets held for sale are recognised at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less costs of disposal.

These assets are not depreciated while they are classified as held for sale. Interest and other expenses attributable to the liabilities of a disposal group classified as held for sale are continued to be recognised.

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**29. Fair value measurement of non-financial assets**

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**Fair value measurement and hierarchy**

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either in the principal market for the asset or liability or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

When measuring fair value, the valuation technique used maximises the use of relevant observable inputs and minimises the use of unobservable inputs. Under AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement, the HNELHD categorises, for disclosure purposes, the valuation techniques based on the inputs used in the valuation techniques as follows:

- Level 1 – quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets / liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 – inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 – inputs that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The HNELHD recognises transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting period during which the change has occurred.

**(a) Fair value hierarchy**

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Fair Value
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
<b>2023</b>				
Property, plant and equipment (Note 26)				
- Land and buildings	-	6,668	2,345,508	2,352,176
- Infrastructure systems	-	-	54,221	54,221
	-	<b>6,668</b>	<b>2,399,729</b>	<b>2,406,397</b>

There were no transfers between level 1 and 2 during the year ended 30 June 2023.

The above figures exclude leasehold improvements, work in progress and newly completed projects which are carried at cost, and as a result they will not agree to Note 26.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Fair Value
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
<b>2022</b>				
Property, plant and equipment (Note 26)				
- Land and buildings	-	6,855	2,318,473	2,325,328
- Infrastructure systems	-	-	51,055	51,055
	-	<b>6,855</b>	<b>2,369,528</b>	<b>2,376,383</b>

There were no transfers between level 1 and 2 during the year ended 30 June 2022.

The above figures exclude leasehold improvements, work in progress and newly completed projects which are carried at cost, and as a result they will not agree to Note 26.

**29. Fair value measurement of non-financial assets (continued)**

**(b) Valuation techniques, inputs and processes**

For land, buildings and infrastructure systems the HNELHD obtains external valuations by independent valuers at least every three years. The last revaluation was performed by Opteon Property Group Pty Ltd for the 2021-22 financial year. Opteon Property Group Pty Ltd is an independent entity and is not an associated entity of the HNELHD.

At the end of each reporting period a fair value assessment is made on any movements since the last revaluation, and a determination as to whether any adjustments need to be made. These adjustments are made by way of application of indices (refer Note 26).

The non-current assets categorised in (a) above have been measured as either level 2 or level 3 based on the following valuation techniques and inputs:

- For land, the valuation by the valuer is made on a market approach, comparing similar assets (not identical) and observable inputs. The most significant input is price per square metre.

All commercial and non-restricted land is included in level 2 as these land valuations have a high level of observable inputs although these lands are not identical.

All of the restricted land has been classified as level 3 as, although observable inputs have been used, a significant level of professional judgement is required to adjust inputs in determining the land valuations. Certain parcels of land have zoning restrictions, for example hospital grounds, and values are adjusted accordingly.

- For buildings and infrastructure, many assets are of a specialised nature or use, including some modified residential properties and thus the most appropriate valuation method is depreciated replacement cost. These assets are included as level 3 as these assets have a high level of unobservable inputs. However some residential properties are valued on a market approach and included in level 2.
- Non-current assets held for sale is a non-recurring item that is measured at the lower of its fair value less cost to sell or its carrying amount. These assets are categorised as level 2.

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**29. Fair value measurement of non-financial assets (continued)**

**(c) Reconciliation of recurring Level 3 fair value measurements**

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<b>2023</b>	<b>Land and Buildings \$000</b>	<b>Infrastructure Systems \$000</b>	<b>Total Level 3 Recurring \$000</b>
<b>Fair value as at 1 July 2022</b>	2,318,473	51,055	2,369,528
Revaluation increments / (decrements) recognised in other comprehensive income – included in line item 'Changes in revaluation surplus of property, plant and equipment' (Note 26)	118,228	5,995	124,223
Disposals	(1,141)	-	(1,141)
Depreciation expense	(90,052)	(2,829)	(92,881)
<b>Fair value as at 30 June 2023</b>	<b>2,345,508</b>	<b>54,221</b>	<b>2,399,729</b>

There were no transfers between level 2 or 3 during the period ended 30 June 2023.

<b>2022</b>	<b>Land and Buildings \$000</b>	<b>Infrastructure Systems \$000</b>	<b>Total Level 3 Recurring \$000</b>
<b>Fair value as at 1 July 2021</b>	1,842,850	40,137	1,882,987
Additions*	241,702	7,071	248,773
Revaluation increments / (decrements) recognised in other comprehensive income – included in line item 'Changes in revaluation surplus of property, plant and equipment' (Note 26)	310,301	6,306	316,607
Transfers from Level 2	2,226	-	2,226
Transfers to Level 2	(2,042)	-	(2,042)
Disposals	(519)	-	(519)
Depreciation expense	(76,045)	(2,459)	(78,504)
<b>Fair value as at 30 June 2022</b>	<b>2,318,473</b>	<b>51,055</b>	<b>2,369,528</b>

\* Additions include assets previously carried at cost which have been revalued under the level 3 fair value hierarchy for the first time as a result of a comprehensive revaluation or an interim desktop revaluation.

There were \$2.226 million of land and buildings transferred from level 2 to level 3 and \$2.042 million of land and buildings transferred from level 3 to level 2 during the period ended 30 June 2022.



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**30. Restricted assets**

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The HNELHD's financial statements include the following assets which are restricted for stipulated purposes and / or by externally imposed conditions, eg. donor requirements. The assets are only available for application in accordance with the terms of the donor restrictions. They consist of cash assets and rights and obligations to receive and make payments as at 30 June 2023.

Category	1 July 2022	Revenue	Expense	30 June 2023
	Opening			Closing
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Community welfare	3,476	2,697	3,076	3,097
Facility improvements	49,304	16,012	8,285	57,031
Holds funds in perpetuity	521	1	-	522
Patient welfare	16,483	6,929	5,223	18,189
Private practice disbursements (No.2 Accounts)	28,083	6,252	5,891	28,444
Public contributions	1,850	5,989	96	7,743
Research	13,507	6,513	6,103	13,917
Section 19(2) exemption funds	996	417	448	965
Staff welfare	596	26	(99)	721
Training and education including conferences	9,588	1,408	720	10,276
	<b>124,404</b>	<b>46,244</b>	<b>29,743</b>	<b>140,905</b>

Restricted assets are held for the following purpose and cannot be used for any other purpose.

Category	Purpose
Community welfare	Improvements to service access, health literacy, public and preventative health care.
Facility improvements	Repairs, maintenance, renovations and/or new equipment or building related expenditure.
Holds funds in perpetuity	Donor has explicitly requested funds be invested permanently and not otherwise expended.
Patient welfare	Improvements such as medical needs, financial needs and standards for patients' privacy and dignity.
Private practice disbursements (No.2 Accounts)	Staff specialists' private practice arrangements to improve the level of clinical services provided.
Public contributions	Donations or legacies received without any donor-specified conditions as to its use.
Research	Research to gain knowledge, understanding and insight.
Section 19(2) exemption funds	Improving access to primary care in rural and remote areas.
Staff welfare	Staff benefits such as staff recognition awards, functions and staff amenity improvements.
Training and education including conferences	Professional training, education and conferences.
Other	Does not meet the definition of any of the above categories.

**Unclaimed monies**

All money and personal effects of patients which are left in the custody of the HNELHD by any patient who is discharged or dies in the hospital and which are not claimed by the person lawfully entitled thereto within a period of twelve months are recognised as the property of the HNELHD.

All such money and the proceeds of the realisation of any personal effects are lodged to the credit of the Samaritan Fund which is used specifically for the benefit of necessitous patients or necessitous outgoing patients.

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**31. Payables**

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
<b>Current</b>				
Accrued salaries, wages and on-costs	33,176	25,493	-	-
Salaries and wages deductions	386	240	-	-
Payroll and fringe benefits tax	19	129	-	-
Accrued liability - purchase of personnel services	-	-	33,581	25,862
Creditors <sup>1</sup>	126,145	139,942	126,145	139,942
Other creditors				
- Payables to entities controlled by the immediate parent	37,004	38,612	37,004	38,612
- Other <sup>1</sup>	178	107	178	107
	<b>196,908</b>	<b>204,523</b>	<b>196,908</b>	<b>204,523</b>

<sup>1</sup> Manual accruals has been reclassified from 'Other creditors - other' to 'Creditors' in the current year. The prior period 'Other creditors - other' has been restated lower by \$87.670 million and 'Creditors' has been restated higher by \$87.670 million to reflect this change.

Details regarding liquidity risk, including a maturity analysis of the above payables are disclosed in Note 44.

**Recognition and Measurement**

Payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the HNELHD and other amounts. Short-term payables with no stated interest rate are measured at the original invoice amount where the effect of discounting is immaterial.

Payables are financial liabilities at amortised cost, initially measured at fair value, net of directly attributable transaction costs. These are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses are recognised in the net result when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the amortisation process.

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**32. Contract liabilities**

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
<b>Current</b>				
Contract liabilities	1,769	4,239	1,769	4,239
	<b>1,769</b>	<b>4,239</b>	<b>1,769</b>	<b>4,239</b>

**Recognition and Measurement**

Contract liabilities relate to consideration received in advance from customers. The balance of the contract liabilities at 30 June 2023 was impacted by the timing of payments received for grants and other contributions. The satisfaction of the specific performance obligations within the contract had not been met at the 30 June 2023. Revenue from the contract liabilities will be recognised when the specific performance obligations have been met.

The contract liability balance has decreased during the year because of the timing of payments received.

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
Revenue recognised that was included in the contract liability balance at the beginning of the year	4,239	1,226	4,239	1,226
Revenue recognised from performance obligations satisfied in previous periods	(116)	(143)	(116)	(143)
Transaction price allocated to the remaining performance obligations from contracts with customers	7,506	8,023	7,506	8,023

The transaction price allocated to the remaining performance obligations relates to the following revenue classes and is expected to be recognised as follows:

Specific revenue class	2024 \$'000	2025 \$'000	2026 \$'000	≥ 2027 \$'000
Grants and other contributions	4,324	1,637	981	564
	<b>4,324</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>564</b>

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**33. Borrowings**

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
<b>Current</b>				
Other loans and deposits	1,366	1,334	1,366	1,334
Lease liabilities (see Note 27)	2,677	2,443	2,677	2,443
Public Private Partnerships	2,983	2,557	2,983	2,557
	<b>7,026</b>	<b>6,334</b>	<b>7,026</b>	<b>6,334</b>
<b>Non-current</b>				
Other loans and deposits	6,749	8,115	6,749	8,115
Lease liabilities (see Note 27)	8,342	10,424	8,342	10,424
Public Private Partnerships	59,382	62,365	59,382	62,365
	<b>74,473</b>	<b>80,904</b>	<b>74,473</b>	<b>80,904</b>

No assets have been pledged as security / collateral for liabilities and there are no restrictions on any title to property.

Final repayment date for 'Other loans and deposits' is June 2031. Final repayment to Novacare for Calvary Mater Newcastle Hospital Public Private Partnership is 2033/34.

Other loans still to be extinguished represent monies to be repaid to the Health Administration Corporation, an entity controlled by the immediate parent; the immediate parent itself; and the NSW Treasury, which is controlled by the ultimate parent.

The Public, Private Partnership relates to the provision of service-enabling infrastructure that includes private sector delivering a combination of design, construction, financing, maintenance, operations and delivery of clinical and non-clinical services. Payments are made by the HNELHD to the private sector entities on the basis of delivery of assets or service delivery. The liability to pay the private sector entities is based on financing arrangements involving Consumer Price Index (CPI)-linked finance and fixed finance.

In 2005-06, the Health Administration Corporation entered into a contract with a private sector provider, NovaCare Project Partnership for financing, design, construction and commissioning of a new Mater Hospital, a mental health facility and refurbishment of existing buildings, and facilities management and delivery of ancillary non-clinical services on the site until November 2033. The redevelopment was completed in three stages. Stage 1 was completed in January 2008 followed by Stage 2 in February 2009. Construction of Stage 3 was completed on 16 June 2009.

When Stage 1 construction was completed in January 2008, the former Hunter New England Area Health Service (HNEAHS) transferred the Mater Hospital to Calvary Mater Newcastle and recognised the transfer as a grant expense of \$71.33M. The recognition was based on the fact that services are delivered by Little Company of Mary Health Care being a Third Schedule Hospital health care provider which is outside the accounting control of either the former HNEAHS or the Ministry of Health. Upon completion of the project, the former HNEAHS transferred the other parts of the new hospital and recognised the transfer of a grant expense of \$35.48M in June 2009.

The former HNEAHS recognised the new mental health facility as an asset of \$39.29M. The refurbished Convent and McAuley buildings at the Mater Hospital site as occupied by the former HNEAHS, was also recognised as an asset and offsetting liability of \$11.08M. The basis for the accounting treatment is that services will be delivered by the former HNEAHS on the site of the Mater Hospital for the duration of the Head Lease of these facilities until November 2033.

In addition, the former Hunter New England Area Health Service recognised the liability to NovaCare, payable over the period to 2033, for the construction of both hospitals. The liability transferred from the former HNEAHS to the HNELHD on 1 January 2011.

Details regarding liquidity risk, including a maturity analysis of the above borrowings are disclosed in Note 44.

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**33. Borrowings (continued)**

**Recognition and Measurement**

Borrowings represents interest bearing liabilities mainly raised through NSW Treasury Corporation, lease liabilities, service concession arrangement liabilities, public private partnerships and other interest bearing liabilities.

*Financial liabilities at amortised cost*

Borrowings classified as financial liabilities at amortised cost are initially measured at fair value, net of directly attributable transaction costs. These are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses are recognised in the net result when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the amortisation process.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the HNELHD has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date. Refer to Note 44 (b) for derecognition policy.

*Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss*

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss include financial liabilities held-for-trading such as derivative financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition as at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial liabilities are classified as held-for-trading if they are incurred for the purpose of repurchasing in the near term or on initial recognition are part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together and for which there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking. Derivatives are economic hedges classified as at fair value through profit or loss unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments.

Derivatives are carried as financial liabilities when the fair value is negative. Gains or losses on derivative liabilities are recognised in the net result as the HNELHD has elected not to apply hedge accounting.

Management only designates an instrument at FVPL upon initial recognition when one of the following criteria are met. Such designation is determined on an instrument-by-instrument basis:

- the designation eliminates, or significantly reduces, the inconsistent treatment that would otherwise arise from measuring the assets or liabilities or recognising gains or losses on them on a different basis; or
- the liabilities are part of a group of financial liabilities, that are managed and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy; or
- the liabilities contain one or more embedded derivatives, unless they do not significantly modify the cash flows that would otherwise be required by the contract, or it is clear with little or no analysis when a similar instrument is first considered that separation of the embedded derivative(s) is prohibited.

The HNELHD has not designated any financial liability as at fair value through profit or loss.

The changes in fair value of liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss are recorded in profit or loss with the exception that movements in fair value due to changes in the entity's own credit risk are recorded in other comprehensive income and do not get recycled to net result.

*Financial guarantees*

A financial guarantee contract is a contract that requires the issuer to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when due in accordance with the original or modified terms of a debt instrument.

**Recognition and Measurement**

Financial guarantee contracts are recognised as a financial liability at the time the guarantee is issued. The liability is initially measured at fair value, being the premium received. Subsequent to initial recognition, the HNELHD's liability under each guarantee is measured at the higher of the amount initially recognised less cumulative amortisation, and an expected credit loss provision.

The HNELHD has reviewed its financial guarantees and determined that there is no material liability to be recognised for financial guarantee contracts as at 30 June 2023 and as at 30 June 2022.

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**Changes in liabilities arising from financing activities**

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	Other loans and deposits \$000	Leases \$000	Total liabilities from financing activities \$000
<b>1 July 2021</b>	<b>77,844</b>	<b>15,108</b>	<b>92,952</b>
Cash flows	(3,473)	(2,426)	(5,899)
New leases	-	185	185
Lease terminations	-	(46)	(46)
Lease reassessments	-	46	46
<b>30 June 2022</b>	<b>74,371</b>	<b>12,867</b>	<b>87,238</b>
<b>1 July 2022</b>	<b>74,371</b>	<b>12,867</b>	<b>87,238</b>
Cash flows	(3,891)	(2,397)	(6,288)
New leases	-	505	505
Lease reassessments	-	44	44
<b>30 June 2023</b>	<b>70,480</b>	<b>11,019</b>	<b>81,499</b>

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**34. Provisions**

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated <sup>1</sup> 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent <sup>1</sup> 2022 \$000
<b>Current</b>				
<b>Employee benefits and related on-costs</b>				
Annual leave - obligations expected to be settled within 12 months	154,406	141,567	-	-
Annual leave - obligations expected to be settled after 12 months	83,799	83,941	-	-
Long service leave consequential on-costs - obligations expected to be settled within 12 months	3,860	3,511	-	-
Long service leave consequential on-costs - obligations expected to be settled after 12 months	39,533	39,351	-	-
Provision for other employee benefits*	6,886	43,520	-	-
Provision for personnel services liability	-	-	288,484	311,890
	<b>288,484</b>	<b>311,890</b>	<b>288,484</b>	<b>311,890</b>
<b>Other Provisions</b>				
Restoration costs	153	1,822	153	1,822
Other	-	5,690	-	5,690
	<b>153</b>	<b>7,512</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>7,512</b>
<b>Total current provisions</b>	<b>288,637</b>	<b>319,402</b>	<b>288,637</b>	<b>319,402</b>
<b>Non-current</b>				
<b>Employee benefits and related on-costs</b>				
Long service leave consequential on-costs	4,281	4,228	-	-
Provision for personnel services liability	-	-	4,281	4,228
	<b>4,281</b>	<b>4,228</b>	<b>4,281</b>	<b>4,228</b>
<b>Other Provisions</b>				
Restoration costs	1,207	824	1,207	824
	<b>1,207</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>824</b>
<b>Total non-current provisions</b>	<b>5,488</b>	<b>5,052</b>	<b>5,488</b>	<b>5,052</b>
<b>Aggregate employee benefits and related on-costs</b>				
Provisions - current	288,484	311,890	-	-
Provisions - non-current	4,281	4,228	-	-
Accrued salaries, wages and on-costs and salaries and wages deductions (Note 31)	33,562	25,733	-	-
Liability - purchase of personnel services	-	-	326,327	341,851
	<b>326,327</b>	<b>341,851</b>	<b>326,327</b>	<b>341,851</b>

<sup>1</sup> Long service leave consequential on-costs has been restated to be higher by \$1.69 million in the prior year for the consolidated entity. Provision for personnel services liability has been restated to be higher by \$1.69 million in the prior year for the parent entity. Refer to Note 21 for further details regarding restatement as a result of an error.

\* Provision for other employee benefits in 2022 included a one-off payment to employees of \$37.14 million for the recognition of service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**34. Provisions (continued)**

**Movements in provisions (other than employee benefits)**

Movements in other provisions during the financial year, other than employee benefits, are set out below:

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
<b>Restoration costs</b>				
Carrying amount at beginning of period	2,646	1,850	2,646	1,850
- Additional provisions recognised	77	796	77	796
- Amounts used	(1,363)	-	(1,363)	-
<b>Carrying amount at end of period</b>	<b>1,360</b>	<b>2,646</b>	<b>1,360</b>	<b>2,646</b>

The majority of 'restoration costs' represent the expected cost to restore a leased asset at the end of the lease term. Lease end dates vary across the HNELHD's lease portfolio and therefore the timing of the payments to restore the leased asset at the end of the term will vary. The majority of the 'restoration cost' provision is as per the lease contracts.

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
<b>Other</b>				
Carrying amount at beginning of period	5,690	-	5,690	-
- Additional provisions recognised*	-	5,690	-	5,690
- Amounts used	(5,690)	-	(5,690)	-
<b>Carrying amount at end of period</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,690</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,690</b>

\* Additional provisions recognised in 2022 included a one-off payment of \$2.28 million to visiting medical officers and \$3.41 million to affiliated health organisations for the recognition of service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The majority of the 'other' provision represent various contractual related obligations. The HNELHD has recognised the provision amount by taking into consideration all available information at the reporting date and making best management estimation of the obligation. The timing of the payments will vary for each contractual related obligations.



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**Recognition and Measurement**

***Employee benefits and other provisions***

***Salaries and wages, annual leave, sick leave, allocated days off (ADO) and on-costs***

Salaries and wages (including non-monetary benefits) and paid sick leave that are expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the service are recognised and measured at the undiscounted amounts of the benefits.

Annual leave and ADO are not expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. As such, they are required to be measured at present value in accordance with AASB 119 Employee Benefits (although short-cut methods are permitted).

Actuarial advice obtained by NSW Treasury, a controlled entity of the ultimate parent, has confirmed that using the nominal annual leave balance plus the annual leave entitlements accrued while taking annual leave can be used to approximate the present value of the annual leave liability. On-costs of 21.18% are applied to the value of leave payable at 30 June 2023 (comparable on-costs for 30 June 2022 were 20.58%). The HNELHD has assessed the actuarial advice based on the HNELHD's circumstances to both the annual leave and ADO and has determined that the effect of discounting is immaterial. All annual leave and ADO are classified as a current liability even where the HNELHD does not expect to settle the liability within 12 months as the HNELHD does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement.

Unused non-vesting sick leave does not give rise to a liability as it is not considered probable that sick leave taken in the future will be greater than the benefits accrued in the future.

The majority of employee benefits and related on-cost balances have increased since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Management of the COVID-19 pandemic, along with state and international border closures at different times have adversely impacted the provision balance.

***Long service leave and superannuation***

The HNELHD's liability for long service leave and defined benefit superannuation (State Authorities Superannuation Scheme and State Superannuation Scheme) are assumed by The Crown in right of the State of New South Wales. The HNELHD accounts for the liability as having been extinguished, resulting in the amount assumed being shown as part of the non-monetary revenue item described as 'Acceptance by the Crown of employee benefits'.

Specific on-costs relating to long service leave assumed by The Crown in right of the State of New South Wales are borne by the HNELHD.

Long service leave is measured at the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided up to the reporting date. Consideration is given to certain factors based on actuarial review, including expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures, and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using the long-term Commonwealth Government bond rate at the reporting date.

The superannuation expense for the financial year is determined by using the formulae specified in the Treasurer's Directions. The expense for certain superannuation schemes (i.e. Basic Benefit and Aware Super) is calculated as a percentage of the employee's salary. For other superannuation schemes (i.e. State Superannuation Scheme and State Authorities Superannuation Scheme), the expense is calculated as a multiple of the employee's superannuation contributions.

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***Consequential on-costs***

Consequential costs to employment are recognised as liabilities and expenses where the employee benefits to which they relate have been recognised. This includes outstanding amounts of workers' compensation insurance premiums and fringe benefits tax.

***Other provisions***

Other provisions are recognised when: the HNELHD has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event; it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. When the HNELHD expects some or all of a provision to be reimbursed, for example, under an insurance contract, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset, but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain. The expense relating to a provision is presented net of any reimbursement in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Any provisions for restructuring are recognised only when the HNELHD has a detailed formal plan, and the HNELHD has raised a valid expectation in those affected by the restructuring that it will carry out the restructuring by starting to implement the plan or announcing its main features to those affected.

If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted at a pre-tax rate that reflects the current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. When discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time (i.e. unwinding of discount rate) is recognised as a finance cost.

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**35. Other liabilities**

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
<b>Current</b>				
Unearned revenue	996	1,273	996	1,273
Liabilities under transfer to acquire or construct non-financial assets to be controlled by the entity	104	2,730	104	2,730
	<b>1,100</b>	<b>4,003</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>4,003</b>
<b>Non-current</b>				
Unearned revenue	5,011	5,195	5,011	5,195
Liabilities under transfer to acquire or construct non-financial assets to be controlled by the entity	656	-	656	-
	<b>5,667</b>	<b>5,195</b>	<b>5,667</b>	<b>5,195</b>

Unearned revenue was derived from the following:

- Rent received in advance for Armidale Private Hospital for the forty year period ending 2037.
- Rent received in advance from the University of Newcastle for floor space at the John Hunter Hospital for the twenty years ending 2042.
- Patient fees received in advance of services being provided.

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**Reconciliation of financial assets and corresponding liabilities arising from transfers to acquire or construct non-financial assets to be controlled by the HNELHD.**

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$000
Opening balance of liabilities arising from transfers to acquire / construct non-financial assets to be controlled by the entity	2,730	2,095
<i>Add:</i> receipt of cash during the financial year	1,402	1,145
<i>Deduct:</i> income recognised during the financial year	3,372	510
<b>Closing balance of liabilities arising from transfers to acquire / construct non-financial assets to be controlled by the entity</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>2,730</b>

Refer to Note 15 for a description of the HNELHD's obligations under transfers received to acquire or construct non-financial assets to be controlled by the HNELHD.

The HNELHD expects to recognise as income any liability for unsatisfied obligations as at the end of the reporting period evenly in the next 1-3 financial years, as the related asset(s) are constructed / acquired.

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**36. Equity**

***Revaluation surplus***

The revaluation surplus is used to record increments and decrements on the revaluation of non-current assets. This accords with the HNELHD's policy on the revaluation of property, plant and equipment as discussed in Note 26.

***Accumulated funds***

The category 'accumulated funds' includes all current and prior period retained funds.

***Reserves***

Separate reserve accounts are recognised in the financial statements only if such accounts are required by specific legislation or Australian Accounting Standards (e.g. revaluation surplus and foreign currency translation reserve).

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**37. Commitments**

**(a) Capital commitments**

Aggregate capital expenditure for the acquisition of land and buildings, plant and equipment, infrastructure systems, and intangible assets, contracted for at balance date and not provided for:

	<b>Consolidated 2023 \$000</b>	<b>Consolidated 2022 \$000</b>	<b>Parent 2023 \$000</b>	<b>Parent 2022 \$000</b>
Within one year	303,931	58,129	303,931	58,129
Later than one year and not later than five years	269,166	15,093	269,166	15,093
Later than five years	-	569	-	569
<b>Total (including GST)</b>	<b>573,097</b>	<b>73,791</b>	<b>573,097</b>	<b>73,791</b>

**(b) Contingent asset related to commitments for expenditure**

The total 'Capital expenditure commitments' of \$573.1 million as at 30 June 2023 includes input tax credits of \$52.1 million that are expected to be recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (2022: \$6.71 million).

**38. Contingent liabilities and contingent assets**

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The HNELHD is not aware of any contingent liabilities or assets which would have a material effect on the disclosures in these financial statements.

**(a) Contingent liabilities**

HNELHD has no contingent liabilities (2022: nil) as at 30 June 2023.

**(b) Contingent assets**

HNELHD has no contingent assets (2022: nil) as at 30 June 2023.

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### 39. Adjusted budget review

NSW Health's budget is shown at a consolidated level when presented in parliament each year (i.e. in the NSW Government Budget Papers). The HNELHD's budget is not presented in parliament, therefore AASB 1055 Budgetary Reporting is not applicable. Unlike the requirement in AASB 1055 Budgetary Reporting to present original budget information, the HNELHD's financial statements present adjusted budget information. The adjusted budgeted amounts are drawn from the initial Service Agreements between the HNELHD and the Ministry of Health at the beginning of the financial year, as well as any adjustments for the effects of additional supplementation provided in accordance with delegations to derive a final budget at year end (i.e. adjusted budget). The budget amounts are not subject to audit and, accordingly, the relevant budget entries in the financial statements are unaudited.

#### Net result

The actual Net Result was higher than adjusted budget by \$30 million, primarily due to:

Total Expenses excluding losses was \$27.5M (1%) above budget. Most categories had variances of less than 5% except for Grants and Subsidies which were \$1.3M (17.2%) above budget.

Total Revenue variance was \$57.3M (1.9%) above budget. This is due to: Government Contributions of \$48.8M (1.9%) above budget, Other Income of \$4.6M (68%) above budget and Interest Revenue is \$3.8M or (394%) above budget. These were offset by Sale of Goods and Services from contracts with Customers being \$4.0M (1.3%) below budget

Loss on disposal was \$0.3M (38.5%) below budget, while Impairment losses on financial assets were \$0.5M (65.1%) above budget

#### Assets and liabilities

Total Assets were \$157.3M (4.7%) above budget

Current Assets were \$23.5M (12.6%) above budget. Cash and Cash Equivalents were \$19.4M (17.2%) above budget, Receivables were \$2.4M (3.4%) above budget and Inventory were \$1.7M (55.7%) above budget

Non Current Assets were \$133.8M (4.2%) above budget. This primarily relates to higher than budgeted capital works expenditure

Total Liabilities were \$3.5M (0.6%) above budget

Current Liabilities were \$7.9M (1.6%) above budget. This is primarily due to Current Provisions were \$6.3M (2.2%) above budget, and Borrowings \$4.9M (231.7%) above budget. Offset against Contract Liabilities being \$2.5M (58.3%) below budget and Other Current Liabilities being \$2.9M below budget (72.5%) below budget

Non Current Liabilities were \$4.4M (4.9%) below budget. Represented mainly by Borrowings which were \$5.4M (6.8%) below budget

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**Cash flows**

Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities were \$28.2M (16.4%) above budget. The only category with a variance above 5% was interest received, which was \$3.3M (232.4%) above budget

Net Cash Flows From Investing Activities were \$8.2M (4.6%) above budget. Proceeds from Sale of Property, Plant & Equipment was \$1.1M (90.1%) above budget. Offset against Purchases of property plant & equipment which was \$9.3M (5.2%) above budget.

Net Cash Flows From Financing Activities were \$0.5M (8.8%) below budget. Repayment of Borrowings and Advances were \$0.4M (12.9%) above budget.

**39. Adjusted budget review (continued)**

Movements in the level of the Ministry of Health Recurrent Allocation that have occurred since the time of the initial allocation on 1 July 2022 are as follows:

	\$000	\$000
Initial allocation, 1 July 2022		2,062,860
Award increases		83,675
Allocated Savings		(8,001)
Covid-19 funding	104,605	
R&R – Building and Sustaining the Rural Health Workforce Initiative Strategy Funding	17,810	
Other Misc	16,544	
Various Special Projects	14,731	
Recovery and Resilience	13,193	
Stronger Communities Investment (SCI) Pool Funding	6,366	
Uplift - January to June NWAU and Population Health	5,873	
Dental	6,451	
New Gas Contract	3,785	
Deferred Care Elective Surgery	3,735	
Year 4 Nursing Hours Election Commitment	3,573	
Price Increase	3,085	
Mental Health Initiatives	2,500	
Towards Zero Suicides	2,001	
ICE enquiry	1,771	
Queen's Memorial Public Holiday	1,646	
Voluntary Redundancies	1,232	
TMF Adjustments	(1,816)	
IPTAAS	(2,061)	205,025
<b>Balance as per Statement of Comprehensive Income</b>		<b>2,343,559</b>

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**40. Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities to net result**

Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities to the net result as reported in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as follows:

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated <sup>1,2</sup> 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent <sup>1,2</sup> 2022 \$000
Net cash used on operating activities	219,833	134,979	219,833	134,979
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(141,390)	(109,055)	(141,390)	(109,055)
Allowance for impairment	(1,567)	(1,722)	(1,567)	(1,722)
(Increase) / decrease in other liabilities	2,431	(6,263)	2,431	(6,263)
Decrease / (increase) in provisions	30,325	(56,593)	30,325	(56,593)
Increase / (decrease) in inventory	715	2,644	715	2,644
Increase / (decrease) in prepayments and other assets	4,470	11,984	4,470	11,984
Decrease / (increase) in payables	7,411	(32,221)	7,411	(32,221)
Decrease / (increase) in contract liabilities	2,470	(3,012)	2,470	(3,012)
Net gain / (loss) on sale of property, plant and equipment	(483)	(262)	(483)	(262)
Net gain / (loss) on disposal of right-of-use assets	-	46	-	46
Assets donated or brought to account (Note 41)	2,407	124	2,407	124
<b>Net result</b>	<b>126,622</b>	<b>(59,351)</b>	<b>126,622</b>	<b>(59,351)</b>

<sup>1</sup> 'Decrease / (increase) in provisions' has been restated to be lower by \$0.23 million in the prior year for the consolidated and parent entity. Refer to Note 21 for further details regarding restatement as a result of an error.

<sup>2</sup> Inventory write down has been reclassified from 'Increase / (decrease) in prepayments and other assets' to 'Increase / (decrease) in Inventory' in the current year. The prior period comparatives have been restated to reflect this change.

**41. Non-cash financing and investing activities**

	Consolidated 2023 \$000	Consolidated 2022 \$000	Parent 2023 \$000	Parent 2022 \$000
Assets donated or brought to account	2,407	124	2,407	124
Property, plant and equipment acquired by a lease	505	185	505	185
	<b>2,912</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>2,912</b>	<b>309</b>



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**42. Trust funds**

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The HNELHD holds trust funds of \$1.7 million (2022: \$3.1 million) which are held for the safe keeping of patients' monies, deposits on hired items of equipment, and Private Patient Trusts.

These funds are excluded from the financial statements as the HNELHD cannot use them for the achievement of its objectives. The following is a summary of the transactions in the trust account.

<b>Category</b>	<b>1 July 2022</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>30 June 2023</b>
	<b>Opening equity</b>			<b>Closing equity</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Patient Trust	43	2	-	45
Refundable Deposits	207	38	(38)	207
Private Patient Trust Funds	2,726	47,506	(48,874)	1,358
Third Party Funds	80	643	(612)	111
<b>Total trust funds</b>	<b>3,056</b>	<b>48,189</b>	<b>(49,524)</b>	<b>1,721</b>

<b>Category</b>	<b>1 July 2021</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>30 June 2022</b>
	<b>Opening equity</b>			<b>Closing equity</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Patient Trust	42	1	-	43
Refundable Deposits	216	9	(18)	207
Private Patient Trust Funds	2,781	46,418	(46,473)	2,726
Third Party Funds	67	671	(658)	80
<b>Total trust funds</b>	<b>3,106</b>	<b>47,099</b>	<b>(47,149)</b>	<b>3,056</b>

The following list provides a brief description of the purpose of the trust fund categories.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Patient Trust	The safe custody of patients' valuables including monies.
Refundable Deposits	A sum of money held in trust as a security deposit.
Private Patient Trust Funds	The revenue derived from private patient and other billable services provided by Staff Specialists.
Third Party Funds	A sum of money held in trust on behalf of external parties, e.g. external foundations, volunteer groups and auxiliaries.

Any amounts drawn down from trust funds under the private practice arrangements are not included in the key management personnel compensation amounts or disclosed as a related party transaction in Note 45.

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**43. Interests in associates**

Set out below are the associates of HNELHD as at 30 June 2023 which, in the opinion of management, are material to the group. The proportion of ownership interest held by the group equals the voting rights held by the group.

Name of entity	Place of business and country of incorporation	Class of shares	Ownership interest held by HNELHD		Nature of relationship	Measurement method	Carrying Amount	
			2023	2022			2023	2022
			%	%			\$000	\$000

Hunter Medical Research Institute	Australia	Not applicable	25	25	Associate	Equity method	-	-
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Hunter Medical Research Institute is a company limited by guarantee, whose constitution prohibits the distribution of funds to its members. Accordingly the carrying amount has been equity accounted at nil value and as such no financial information has been disclosed. Hunter Medical Research Institute has a 31 December reporting period.

Refer to Note 45(e) for details of the HNELHD's transactions with its Associates

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**44. Financial instruments**

The HNELHD's principal financial instruments are outlined below. These financial instruments arise directly from the HNELHD's operations or are required to finance its operations. The HNELHD does not enter into or trade financial instruments, including derivative financial instruments, for speculative purposes.

The HNELHD's main risks arising from financial instruments are outlined below, together with the HNELHD's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk. Further quantitative and qualitative disclosures are included throughout these financial statements.

The Chief Executive has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of risk management and reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks. Risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced by the HNELHD, to set risk limits and controls and to monitor risks. Compliance with policies is reviewed on a continuous basis.

**(a) Financial instrument categories**

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Class	Category	Carrying Amount 2023 \$000	Carrying Amount 2022 \$000
<b>Financial assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 22)	Amortised cost	132,314	125,413
Receivables (Note 23) <sup>1</sup>	Amortised cost	53,152	51,090
<b>Total financial assets</b>		<b>185,466</b>	<b>176,503</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>			
Borrowings (Note 33)	Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	81,499	87,238
Payables (Note 31) <sup>2</sup>	Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	196,889	204,394
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>		<b>278,388</b>	<b>291,632</b>

**Notes**

<sup>1</sup> Excludes statutory receivables and prepayments (i.e. not within scope of AASB 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures).

<sup>2</sup> Excludes statutory payables and unearned revenue (i.e. not within scope of AASB 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures).

The HNELHD determines the classification of its financial assets and liabilities after initial recognition and, when allowed and appropriate, re-evaluates this at each financial year end.

**(b) Derecognition of financial assets and financial liabilities**

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial assets expire; or if the entity transfers its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a pass through arrangement and either:

- The HNELHD has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset; or
- The HNELHD has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards for the asset, but has transferred control.

**44. Financial instruments (continued)**

**(b) Derecognition of financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)**

When the HNELHD has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass through arrangement, it evaluates if, and to what extent, it has retained the risks and rewards of ownership. Where the HNELHD has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards or transferred control, the asset continues to be recognised to the extent of the HNELHD's continuing involvement in the asset. In that case, the HNELHD also recognises an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the HNELHD has retained.

Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the HNELHD could be required to repay.

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged or cancelled or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the net result.

**(c) Offsetting financial instruments**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the Statement of Financial Position if there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

**(d) Financial risk**

**i. Credit risk**

Credit risk arises when there is the possibility that the counterparty will default on their contractual obligations, resulting in a financial loss to the HNELHD. The maximum exposure to credit risk is generally represented by the carrying amount of the financial assets (net of any allowance for credit losses).

Credit risk arises from financial assets of the HNELHD, including cash, receivables and authority deposits. No collateral is held by the HNELHD. The HNELHD has not granted any financial guarantees.

Credit risk associated with the HNELHD's financial assets, other than receivables, is managed through the selection of counterparties and establishment of minimum credit rating standards. Authority deposits held with NSW TCorp are guaranteed by the State.

The HNELHD considers a financial asset in default when contractual payments are 90 days past due. However, in certain cases, the HNELHD may also consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the HNELHD is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before taking into account any credit enhancements held by the HNELHD.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash comprises cash on hand and bank balances deposited within the NSW Treasury banking system. Interest is earned daily on restricted financial asset cash on hand and bank balances only. The TCorpIM Cash Fund is discussed in market risk below.

**Accounting policy for impairment of trade receivables and other financial assets**

**Receivables - trade receivables, other receivables and contract assets**

Collectability of trade receivables, other receivables and contract assets is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Procedures as established in the Treasurer's Directions are followed to recover outstanding amounts, including letters of demand.

The HNELHD applies the AASB 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade receivables, other receivables and contract assets.

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**44. Financial instruments (continued)**

**(d) Financial risk (continued)**

**i. Credit risk (continued)**

**Accounting policy for impairment of trade receivables and other financial assets (continued)**

**Receivables - trade receivables, other receivables and contract assets (continued)**

To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables, other receivables and contract assets have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due.

The expected loss rates are based on historical observed loss rates. The historical loss rates are adjusted to reflect current and forward-looking information on macroeconomic factors affecting the ability of the customers to settle the receivables. The HNELHD has identified relevant factors, and accordingly has adjusted the historical loss rates based on expected changes in these factors.

Trade receivables, other receivables and contract assets are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include, amongst others a failure to make contractual payments for a period of greater than 90 days past due.

The loss allowance for trade receivables, other receivables and contract assets as at 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022 was determined as follows:

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	<b>Current</b>	<b>&lt;30 days</b>	<b>30-60 days</b>	<b>61-90 days</b>	<b>&gt;91 days</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>30 June 2023</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Expected credit loss rate	0.30%	1.11%	2.79%	6.77%	46.80%	6.52%
Estimated total gross carrying amount <sup>1</sup>	38,666	2,351	1,074	975	6,381	49,447
Expected credit loss	115	26	30	66	2,986	3,223
<b>30 June 2022</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Expected credit loss rate	0.17%	0.64%	13.39%	13.00%	52.61%	6.27%
Estimated total gross carrying amount <sup>1</sup>	30,533	2,834	978	500	4,140	38,985
Expected credit loss	52	18	131	65	2,178	2,444

**Notes**

<sup>1</sup> The analysis excludes statutory receivables and prepayments as these are not within the scope of AASB 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures. Therefore the 'total' will not reconcile to the receivables total in Note 23 and the contract assets total in Note 24.

The HNELHD is not materially exposed to concentrations of credit risk to a single trade debtor or group of debtors as at 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022.

**ii. Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the HNELHD will be unable to meet its payment obligations when they fall due. The HNELHD continuously manages risk through monitoring future cash flows and maturities planning to ensure adequate holding of high quality liquid assets. The objective is to maintain a balance between continuity of funding and flexibility through the use of loans and other advances.

The HNELHD has negotiated no loan outside of arrangements with the Ministry of Health or NSW Treasury.

During the current and prior year, there were no defaults of loans payable. No assets have been pledged as collateral. The HNELHD's exposure to liquidity risk is deemed insignificant based on prior periods' data and current assessment of risk.

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The HNELHD has exposure to liquidity risk. However, the risk is minimised by the service agreement with the Ministry of Health, as the annual service agreement requires local management to control its financial liquidity and in particular meet benchmarks for the payment of creditors. Where the HNELHD fails to meet service agreement performance standards, the Ministry of Health as the state manager can take action in accordance with annual performance framework requirements, including providing financial support and increased management interaction (refer Note 1).

Liabilities are recognised for amounts due to be paid in the future for goods or services received, whether or not invoiced. For all suppliers, that have a correctly rendered invoice, a matched purchase order and where goods have been received, an immediate payment is made irrespective of current contract payment terms.

For small business suppliers, where payment is not made within the specified time period, simple interest must be paid automatically unless an existing contract specifies otherwise.

For other suppliers, where settlement cannot be affected in accordance with the above, e.g. due to short term liquidity constraints, contact is made with creditors and terms of payment are negotiated to the satisfaction of both parties.

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**(d) Financial risk (continued)**

**ii. Liquidity risk (continued)**

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The table below summarises the maturity profile of the HNELHD's financial liabilities together with the interest rate exposure.

*Maturity Analysis and interest rate exposure of financial liabilities*

	EIR <sup>3</sup> %	Nominal Amount <sup>1</sup> \$000	Interest Rate Exposure			Maturity Dates		
			Fixed Interest Rate \$000	Variable Interest Rate \$000	Non - Interest Bearing \$000	< 1 Yr \$000	1-5 Yr \$000	> 5Yr \$000
<b>2023</b>								
Payables:								
- Creditors <sup>2</sup>		196,889	-	-	196,889	196,889	-	-
Borrowings:								
- Other loans and deposits	2.22	8,694	8,694	-	-	1,537	5,330	1,827
- Lease liabilities	2.07	11,410	11,410	-	-	2,817	8,593	-
- Public Private Partnership	8.36	100,828	100,828	-	-	8,597	36,590	55,641
		<b>317,821</b>	<b>120,932</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>196,889</b>	<b>209,840</b>	<b>50,513</b>	<b>57,468</b>
<b>2022</b>								
Payables:								
- Creditors <sup>2</sup>		204,394	-	-	204,394	204,394	-	-
Borrowings:								
- Other loans and deposits	2.24	10,232	10,232	-	-	1,537	6,149	2,546
- Lease liabilities	1.99	13,500	13,500	-	-	2,674	10,826	-
- Public Private Partnership	8.36	109,215	109,215	-	-	8,387	35,698	65,130
		<b>337,341</b>	<b>132,947</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>204,394</b>	<b>216,992</b>	<b>52,673</b>	<b>67,676</b>

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> The amounts disclosed are the contractual undiscounted cash flows of each class of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the HNELHD can be required to pay. The tables include both interest and principal cash flows and therefore will not reconcile to the Statement of Financial Position.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes statutory payables and unearned revenue (i.e. not within scope of AASB 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures).

<sup>3</sup> Weighted Average Effective Interest Rate (EIR).

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**44. Financial instruments (continued)**

**iii. Market risk**

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The HNELHD's exposures to market risk are primarily through interest rate risk on the HNELHD's borrowings and other price risks associated with the movement in the Hour Glass Investment Facilities. The HNELHD has no exposure to foreign currency risk and does not enter into commodity contracts.

The effect on net result and equity due to a reasonably possible change in risk variable is outlined in the information below, for interest rate risk and other price risk. A reasonably possible change in risk variable has been determined after taking into account the economic environment in which the HNELHD operates and the time frame for the assessment (i.e. until the end of the next annual reporting period). The sensitivity analysis is based on risk exposures in existence at the Statement of Financial Position date. The analysis is performed on the same basis as for 2022. The analysis assumes that all other variables remain constant.

*Interest Rate Risk*

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Exposure to interest rate risk arises primarily through the HNELHD's interest bearing liabilities. This risk is minimised by undertaking mainly fixed rate borrowings, primarily through NSW TCorp. The HNELHD does not account for any fixed rate financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss or at fair value through other comprehensive income. Therefore, for these financial instruments, a change in interest rates would not affect the carrying value or interest paid/earned. A reasonably possible change of +/- 1% is used, consistent with current trends in interest rates (based on official Reserve Bank of Australia interest rate volatility over the last five years). The basis will be reviewed annually and amended where there is a structural change in the level of interest rate volatility.

However, the HNELHD is not permitted to borrow external to the Ministry of Health (except energy loans which are negotiated through NSW Treasury). Both NSW Treasury and the Ministry of Health loans are set at fixed rates and therefore are generally not affected by fluctuations in market rates.

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to a reasonably possible change in interest rates:

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	2023		2022	
	\$000		\$000	
	-1%	1%	-1%	1%
Net result	(508)	508	(382)	382
Equity	(508)	508	(382)	382

**(e) Fair value measurement**

**i. Fair value compared to carrying amount**

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either in the principal market for the asset or liability or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The amortised cost of financial instruments recognised in the Statement of Financial Position approximates the fair value, because of the short term nature of many of the financial instruments.

Therefore the fair value of the financial instruments does not differ from the carrying amount.



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**45. Related party disclosures**

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**(a) Key management personnel compensation**

Key management personnel compensation is as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$000	\$000
Short-term employee benefits	187	393
Post-employment benefits	18	18
	<b>205</b>	<b>411</b>

During the financial year, Hunter New England Local Health District obtained key management personnel services from the immediate parent and incurred \$781 thousand (2022: \$540 thousand) for these services. This amount does not form part of the key management personnel compensation disclosed above.

The HNELHD's key management personnel comprise its board members and chief executive (or acting chief executive) from time to time during the year.

Compensation for the Minister for Health is paid by the Legislature and is not reimbursed by the Ministry of Health and its controlled entities. Accordingly no such amounts are included in the key management personnel compensation disclosures above.

Remuneration for the Secretary and Deputy Secretaries are paid by the Ministry of Health and is not reimbursed by the health entities. Accordingly no such amounts are included in the key management personnel compensation disclosures above.

**(b) Transactions with key management personnel and their close family members**

There were no transactions with key management personnel and their close family members (2022: \$Nil).

**(c) Transactions with the ultimate parent**

There were no transactions with the ultimate parent during the financial period (2022: \$Nil).

**(d) Transactions the HNELHD had with government related entities during the financial year**

During the financial year and comparative year, the HNELHD entered into the various transactions with other entities consolidated as part of the Ministry of Health (the immediate parent) and the NSW Total State Sector (the ultimate parent) within the normal course of business.

*The following operating expenses were incurred with entities controlled by the immediate parent:*

- Health Administration Corporation (includes Ambulance Service of NSW, eHealth NSW, Health Infrastructure, Health System Support Group, HealthShare NSW and NSW Health Pathology) provides shared services for the majority of patient transport services, information management services, domestic supplies and services, food supplies and corporate support services.
- Health Administration Corporation provides some specialised services which includes pathology related costs.
- Staff related costs in relation to various secondments and service arrangements.
- Various grants and subsidies towards research and other projects.
- Blood & Blood Products.
- Special Service Departments.
- Domestic Supplies and Services.
- Food Supplies.
- Hospital Ambulance Transport Costs.
- Information Management Expenses.
- Motor Vehicle Expenses.

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**45. Related party disclosures (continued)**

**(d) Transactions the HNELHD had with government related entities during the financial year (continued)**

*The following operating expenses were incurred with entities controlled by the ultimate parent:*

- Payroll and fringe benefits taxes.
- Audit of the statutory financial statements.
- Legal and consultancy services.
- Utilities, including electricity, gas and water expenses.
- Motor vehicle toll expenses.
- Insurance costs.
- Various grants and subsidies towards research and other projects.
- Consultancies costs - Other.
- Repairs and maintenance.

*The following revenues were earned from entities controlled by the immediate parent:*

- Revenue from recurrent and capital allocations.
- Various grants and contributions towards research and other projects.
- Other Revenue.

*The following revenues were earned from entities controlled by the ultimate parent:*

- Motor Accident Authority third party revenue received from the State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA).
- Various grants and other contributions towards research and other projects.
- Motor vehicle rebates.
- Insurance refunds.
- Revenue from acceptance of long service leave liabilities and defined benefit superannuation.

*Assets and liabilities as follows:*

- Receivables and payables in respect of the above noted related party revenue and expense transactions.
- Energy Efficient Government Program loans are held with the Crown.
- Intra-health loans and advances.
- The majority of the construction of property, plant and equipment is managed and overseen by Health Administration Corporation.
- The majority of capital commitments contracted but not provided for related to capital works overseen by the Health Administration Corporation.
- Some construction was paid by entities controlled by the ultimate parent.

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**(e) Transactions the HNELHD had with Associates**

*The following operating expenses were incurred with Associates of the HNELHD:*

- Grants to Research Organisations
- Special Service Departments.
- Education and Training
- Information Management Expenses
- Licences and Charges
- Food Supplies
- Other Operating Expenditure

*The following revenues were incurred with Associates of the HNELHD:*

- Various grants and contributions towards research and other projects.
- Other Revenue.

*Assets and liabilities as follows:*

- Receivables and payables in respect of the above noted related party revenue and expense transactions.

**46. Events after the reporting period**

No other matters have arisen subsequent to balance date that would require these financial statements to be amended.

**END OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**