

# **Universities Australia and Controlled Entities**

ABN 53 008 502 930

## **Financial Statements**

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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### Directors' Report

#### For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

The Directors present their report together with the financial statements of Universities Australia, the parent entity, and its controlled entities for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

Universities Australia Group comprises Universities Australia, which is the parent company, and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Higher Ed Services Pty Ltd and Australian Higher Education Associations Pty Ltd.

#### Appointments and meetings

The name and period of appointment of each person who has been a director of Universities Australia at any time during the year and up to the date of this report is listed below. Also included in the table are details of the number of meetings attended by each director, together with the number of Board meetings each director was eligible to attend:

Names	Date of appointment	Date of cessation	No of meetings attended	Meetings held while director
Professor David Lloyd (Chair)	16 May 2017		5	5
Professor John Dewar AO	17 May 2016	31 May 2023	2	2
Professor Steve Chapman CBE (Deputy Chair)	26 May 2020		5	5
Professor Margaret Sheil AO (Deputy Chair)	21 May 2019		5	5
Professor Attila Brungs	25 May 2021		3	5
Professor Carolyn Evans	31 May 2023		2	3
Professor Renée Leon PSM	31 May 2023		3	3
Professor Pascale Quester	31 May 2023		3	3
Professor Adam Shoemaker	31 May 2023		2	3
Ms Catriona Jackson	15 June 2018	22 December 2023	5	5
Professor Geraldine Mackenzie	28 July 2020	31 May 2023	2	2
Professor Duncan Maskell	25 May 2021	31 May 2023	1	2
Professor Brian Schmidt AC FAA FRS	16 May 2017	31 May 2023	0	2

#### Information on directors

Professor David Lloyd	BSc (Hons), PhD (Dublin), FTSE, FRSC, CChem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Vice-Chancellor and President, University of South Australia (since 2013)</li> <li>•Bursar &amp; Director of Strategic Innovation, Trinity College Dublin (2011-2012)</li> <li>•Dean &amp; Vice-President of Research, Trinity College Dublin (2007-2011)</li> <li>•Board member Australian Science Media Centre (since 2022)</li> <li>•Chair, Committee for Adelaide (since 2019)</li> <li>•Member of South Australian Economic Development Board (2014-2018)</li> <li>•Chair, South Australian Vice Chancellor's Committee (2017-2018) (since 2023)</li> <li>•Chair, Australian Technology Network (2016-2017)</li> <li>•Inaugural Chairman, Irish Research Council (2012)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair (since May 2023)</li> <li>• Deputy Chair (May 2021-May 2023)</li> <li>• Chair, Finance, Audit and Risk Committee (July 2020-May 2023)</li> <li>• Board member (since 2017)</li> <li>• Lead Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Higher Education) (2021- May 2023)</li> <li>• Lead Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) (2017-2021)</li> </ul>
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Professor John Dewar AO	BCL, MA (Oxon), PhD (Griffith)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Vice-Chancellor, La Trobe University (since 2012)</li><li>•Provost, The University of Melbourne (2009-2011)</li><li>•Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Global Relations), The University of Melbourne (2009)</li><li>•Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Griffith University (2005-2009)</li><li>•Pro Vice-Chancellor (Business and Law), Griffith University (2002-2004)</li><li>•Dean, Faculty of Law, Griffith University (1999-2002)</li><li>•Director, The Committee for Melbourne (since 2019)</li><li>•Director, Foundation for Australian Studies in China (since 2019)</li><li>•Member, AHEIA Executive Committee (since 2015-2021)</li><li>•Chair, Victorian Vice-Chancellors' Committee (2014-2015)</li><li>•Chair, Innovative Research Universities (2014-2015)</li><li>•Board Member, Education Australia Pty Ltd (2009-2020)</li><li>•Director, The Olivia Newton-John Cancer Research Institute</li><li>•Director, AARNet (2018 -2021)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Chair (2021-May 2023)</li><li>•Deputy Chair (2019-21)</li><li>•Board member (2016-May 2023)</li><li>•Member, Conference Program Committee (2019-21)</li><li>•Lead Vice-Chancellor (Health Professions Education) (2018-21)</li><li>•Lead Vice-Chancellor (Workforce) (2016-2018)</li></ul>
Professor Stephen Chapman CBE	CBE, PhD BSc (Newc), HonDSc (Edin), FRSE, FRSC, CChem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Vice-Chancellor and President, Edith Cowan University (since April 2015)</li><li>•Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Heriot-Watt University (2009-2015)</li><li>•Vice-Principal, University of Edinburgh (2006-2009)</li><li>•Higher Education Standards Panel member (since 2020)</li><li>•Member of the Board of Governors of the Forrest Research Foundation (since 2020)</li><li>•Board member Higher Ed Services (since 2020)</li><li>•Non-Executive Director of the Cyber Security Cooperative Research Centre Board (2017-2020)</li><li>•Board member of the Mindarie Senior College Board (since 2015)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deputy Chair (since May 2023)</li><li>• Chair Finance, Audit and Risk Committee (since May 2023)</li><li>• Board member (since 2020)</li><li>• Member, Finance, Audit and Risk Committee (since July 2020)</li></ul>
Professor Margaret Sheil AO	BSc (Hons), PhD (UNSW), FAA, FTSE, FRACI, FANZSMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Vice-Chancellor and President, Queensland University of Technology (since 2018)</li><li>•Provost, University of Melbourne (2012-2017)</li><li>•Chief Executive Officer, Australian Research Council (2007-2012)</li><li>•Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), University of Wollongong (2002-2007)</li><li>•Dean of Science, University of Wollongong (2001-2002)</li><li>•Professor of Chemistry, University of Wollongong (2000-2007)</li><li>•Member, Australian Space Agency Advisory Committee (June 2019-March 2023)</li><li>•Chair, Australian Research Council Review Panel (since August 2022)</li><li>•Chair, Board of the Queensland Museum (since August 2019)</li><li>•Director, Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) (2015- June 2019)</li><li>•Director, Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE) (2016-17)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Deputy Chair (since July 2020)</li><li>•Board member (since 2019)</li><li>•Chair Research, Policy, Innovation and Commercialisation Committee (since October 2023)</li><li>•Lead Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) (since 2021)</li><li>•Member, Conference Program Committee (April 2019-June 2023, Chair 2022)</li></ul>
Professor Attila Brungs	BSc(Hons) UNSW, DPhil Oxon FTSE FRSN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•President and Vice-Chancellor, UNSW Australia (since 2022)</li><li>•Vice-Chancellor, University of Technology Sydney (2014-2021)</li><li>•Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Technology Sydney (2009 – 2014)</li><li>•CSIRO - management roles (2002 – 2009)</li><li>•McKinsey &amp; Company (1998 – 2002)</li><li>•The Group of Eight Board member</li><li>•The Group of NSW Digital Identity Ministerial Advisory Council</li><li>•NSW Innovation and Productivity Council advisor</li><li>•Committee for Sydney Board member</li><li>•Next25 Board member</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Board member (since 2021)</li><li>•Lead Vice-Chancellor (International) (since 2021)</li><li>•Member, Conference Program Committee (Aug 2022-July 2023)</li></ul>

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### Information on directors (continued)

Professor Carolyn Evans	BALLB (Hons) (Melb), D Phil (Oxon) FASSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Vice-Chancellor and President, Griffith University (since 2019)</li><li>•Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Graduate) and Deputy Provost, The University of Melbourne (Jul 2017 – 2019)</li><li>•Dean of Law School and Harrison Moore Professor of Law, The University of Melbourne (2011 - Jul 2017)</li><li>•Deputy Director, Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies, The University of Melbourne (2004 - 2011)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Board member (since May 2023)</li><li>•Lead Vice-Chancellor Corporate (since May 2023) and Wellbeing (since October 2023)</li></ul>
Professor Renée Leon PSM	Bachelor of Laws, ANU (Hons) Bachelor of Arts, ANU Master of Laws, University of Cambridge, UK Senior Managers in Government, Harvard Executive Education AICD Company Directors Course, GAICDBA, MA, MBBS (Cambridge), MD, FRCOG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Vice-Chancellor and President, Charles Sturt University (since 2021)</li><li>•Secretary, Department of Human Services (Sept 2017 - Jan 2020)</li><li>•Secretary, Department of Employment (Sept 2013 - Sept 2017)</li><li>•Deputy Secretary Governance, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (July 2011 – Sept 2013)</li><li>•Deputy Secretary, Attorney-General's Department (May 2009 – July 2011)</li><li>•Chief Executive, Department of Justice and Community Safety (Jan 2006 – May 2009)</li></ul> <p><b>Consultancy Projects 2020 - August 2021</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Review of Pacific Labour Facility for Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</li><li>•Strategic Plan facilitation for National Legal Aid</li><li>•Review of Culture Reform in ACT Public Health system</li><li>•Review of Procurement ACT</li><li>•Chair of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Reform Program</li><li>•Member of Canberra Economic Advisory Group</li></ul> <p><b>Current Board Memberships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Charles Sturt University</li><li>•AHEIA</li><li>•ACU Pacific Regional Committee</li><li>•NSW Vice-Chancellors Committee</li><li>•Unisuper</li><li>•Uniprojects</li><li>•Sydney School of Entrepreneurship</li><li>•Regional Universities Network</li></ul> <p><b>Previous Board Experience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•National Australia Day Council</li><li>•Council for the Order of Australia</li><li>•Australian Institute of Criminology</li><li>•Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency</li><li>•National Judicial College</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Board member (since May 2023)</li><li>•Conference Program Committee (since June 2023, Chair)</li></ul>
Professor Pascale Quester	D.E.S.C.A.F (ESC Nantes), MA Marketing (The Ohio State University), PhD Marketing (Massey University)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Vice-Chancellor and President, Swinburne University of Technology (since 2020)</li><li>•Deputy Vice Chancellor and Vice President (Academic), The University of Adelaide, 2011-2020)</li><li>•Executive Dean, Faculty of the Professions, The University of Adelaide (September 2005 to 2011)</li><li>•Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of the Professions, The University of Adelaide (2004-2006)</li><li>•Inaugural Professor of Marketing and Head of Discipline, Adelaide Business School (2002-2006)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Board member (since May 2023)</li><li>•Chair Teaching and Learning, Student Success, and Welfare Committee (since July 2023)</li><li>•Conference Program Committee (since June 2023)</li><li>•Lead Vice-Chancellor Academic (since June 2021)</li></ul>

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Professor Adam Shoemaker	BA (Hons) (Queens University), PhD (ANU)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Vice-Chancellor and President, Victoria University (since 2020)</li><li>•Southern Cross University Vice-Chancellor and President (2016-2020)</li><li>•Academic Provost and Vice-President Griffith University (2014 – 2016)</li><li>•Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) Monash University (2007 – 2013)</li><li>•Dean, ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences &amp; Foundation Director, ANU Research School of Humanities, Australian National University (2005 – 2007)</li><li>•Professor &amp; Dean, Faculty of Arts, Australian National University (2001 – 2005)</li><li>•Board Member, Company Director and Member of the People and Culture Committee, Open Universities Australia (OUA), (2007- Jan 2014)</li><li>•Board Member and Chair, Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA), (2010 - Jan 2014)</li><li>•Board Member and Vice-Chair, Donvale Christian College (2010 - Jan 2014)</li><li>•Board Member and Deputy Chair, Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA), (2014 - Dec 2016)</li><li>•Member of the Board of Trustees, Brisbane Girls Grammar School (since 2014).</li><li>•Member Ministerial Taskforce on reform of Queensland Tertiary Entrance System (2015 - Dec 2016)</li><li>•Deputy Chair and Board Member of Study Gold Coast (since 2016).</li><li>•Deputy Chair, NSW Vice-Chancellors' Committee (Jan 2019-2020)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Board member (since May 2023)</li><li>•Member, Finance, Audit and Risk Committee (since June 2023)</li><li>•Lead Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Higher Education) (since June 2023)</li></ul>
Ms Catriona Jackson	BA, Grad Dip Politics, MA prelim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Chief Executive, Universities Australia (2018-Dec 2023)</li><li>•Deputy Chief Executive, Universities Australia (2016-2018)</li><li>•Chief Executive Officer, Science and Technology Australia (2013-2016)</li><li>•Director Communications and External Liaison, Australian National University (2009-2012)</li><li>•Press Secretary and senior staff member, Federal Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (2001-2008)</li><li>•Member, Asialink Business Advisory Council (2021-Dec 2023)</li><li>•Member Global Reputation Taskforce (2020- Dec 2023)</li><li>•Member, University Foreign Interference Taskforce (2019- Dec 2023)</li><li>•Member, Australia India Education Council</li><li>•Advisory Board member and Chair, ARC Centre of Excellence for Nanoscale Bio Photonics (2015-2020)</li><li>•Board member Agricultural Biotechnology Council of Australia (2015-2016)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Board member (2018-Dec 2023)</li><li>•Member, Conference Program Committee (2018-Dec 2023)</li></ul>
Professor Geraldine Mackenzie	LLB (QIT), LLM (QUT), PhD (UNSW), FAAS; FAIML; FAAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Vice-Chancellor, University of Southern Queensland (since 2017)</li><li>•Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), Southern Cross University (2014-2017)</li><li>•Board member Regional Australia Institute (since 2020)</li><li>•Member Australian Space Agency Industry Leaders Forum (since 2019)</li><li>•Chair Queensland Vice-Chancellor's Committee (since 2022)</li><li>•Chair and Board Member Ipswich Hospital Foundation (since 2019)</li><li>•Board member Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise (2020)</li><li>•Chair, NSW DVC (Research) Committee (2017)</li><li>•Deputy Chair Universities Australia DVC/PVC (Research) Committee (2016)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Board member (July 2020-May 2023)</li><li>•Chair, Conference Program Committee (Aug 2022-May 2023)</li></ul>

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Professor Duncan Maskell	MA, PhD, FMedSci, HonAssoc RCVS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Vice-Chancellor, University Melbourne (since 2018)</li><li>•Senior Pro-Vice-Chancellor, University of Cambridge</li><li>•Board Member, Melbourne Business School</li><li>•Board Member, Melbourne Theatre Company</li><li>•Board Member, Grattan Institute</li><li>•Board Member, The Group of Eight</li><li>•Chair, Victorian Vice Chancellor's Committee (2019-2021)</li><li>•Board Member, CSL Australia Pty Ltd</li><li>•Member of the Innovation and Development Committee (CSL)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Board member (2021-May 2023)</li><li>•Member, Conference Program Committee (2021-2022)</li></ul>
Professor Brian Schmidt AC FAA FRS	BSc Astronomy (Arizona), BSc Physics (Arizona), AM Astronomy (Harvard), PhD Astronomy (Harvard)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Vice-Chancellor and President, Australian National University (since 2016)</li><li>•Member, Australian-American Fulbright Commission Board (since 2021)</li><li>•Member, National Foundation for Australia-China Relations Board (since 2020)</li><li>•Member, Academic Research Council of Singapore (since 2019)</li><li>•Chair, Australian Genomic Advisory Board (since 2017)</li><li>•Board member, Group of Eight Australia (since 2016)</li><li>•Board Member, Ian Potter Foundation (since 2015)</li><li>•Member, National Science and Technology Council (formerly Commonwealth Science Council) (since 2014)</li><li>•Chair of the Board, Astronomy Australia Limited (2013-2015)</li><li>•Member, Global Access Partners Council</li><li>•Member, Research Australia (since 2021)</li><li>•Member, Universities Foreign Interference Taskforce Steering Group (since 2021)</li><li>•Member, ANU Connect Ventures Board</li><li>•Director, MTAA Super Venture Capital P/L</li><li>•Member, ANU Foundation Board</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Board member (2017-May 2023)</li><li>•Lead Vice-Chancellor (Safety and Equality) (June 2018-February 2023)</li><li>•Member, Conference Program Committee (2017-2022)</li></ul>

#### Information about Universities Australia Group

##### Universities Australia

##### Description

Universities Australia (UA) is the peak body representing 39 Australian universities.

Its key role is to assist in securing, through policy development and political advocacy, a policy, regulatory, and funding environment that supports the maintenance of a world class university system.

UA also promotes the role of university education and research in underpinning national economic, social and cultural wellbeing. The organisation seeks to ensure that relevant policy discussion is as well informed as possible through the development and prosecution of whole-of-sector policy positions.

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#### Objectives and principal activities

Universities Australia's strategic objectives are detailed in our strategic plan. The current plan is available on Universities Australia's website.

The plan identifies three functional areas within which Universities Australia undertakes activities for the benefit of all universities.

- Policy development and political advocacy;
- Positioning and profile-raising; and
- Coordination of collective sector effort.

#### Members' guarantee

In accordance with Universities Australia's constitution, each member is liable to contribute \$20 in the event that Universities Australia be wound up. The total amount members would contribute is \$780.

#### Higher Ed Services Pty Ltd

##### Description

Higher Ed Services Pty Limited (HES) is a not-for-profit company wholly owned by Universities Australia. HES's mission is to serve the tertiary education sector and the research community for the benefit of Australian universities.

##### Objectives

HES' short and long-term objectives are to:

- foster collaboration and achieve economies of scale in national higher education projects;
- save money for universities;
- assist in improving management and business process administration in universities; and
- be an efficient services company, recognised and respected as a service company, fostering innovation and collaboration in support of best practice administration in Australian universities, and other higher education providers.

##### Strategy

The strategy for HES to achieve its objectives involves:

- continuing to foster a high degree of collaboration amongst universities;
- being agile and responsive to the emerging needs of the sector;
- strengthening personal contacts with senior staff of universities; and
- implementing HES's communications plan in support of these strategies.

#### Australian Higher Education Associations Pty Ltd

##### Description

Australian Higher Education Associations Pty Ltd (AHEA) is a not-for-profit company wholly owned by Universities Australia. The objective of AHEA is to own and maintain the premises occupied by Universities Australia at One Geils Court, Deakin, ACT.

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**Australian Higher Education Associations Pty Ltd (continued)**

**Performance evaluation**

The AHEA Board regularly monitors building occupancy levels, rental income and reviews. The AHEA Board also ensures short term maintenance issues are addressed. Any medium and long-term improvements are identified, prioritised and are planned to minimise disruption to the building occupants. All activities are reviewed to ensure their cost effectiveness before being undertaken.

**Events occurring after the reporting period**

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

**Auditor's independence declaration**

The auditor's independence declaration in accordance with subdivision 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, for the year ended 31 December 2023 has been received and can be found on page 8 of the financial report.

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

On behalf of the directors



Director: .....

Professor David Lloyd

Chair

30 April 2024

Canberra, ACT

**Auditor's Independence Declaration  
Under Subdivision 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits  
Commission Act 2012 to the Directors of Universities Australia**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2023 there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



**Nexia Duesburys (Audit)**  
Canberra, 30 April 2024



**G J Murphy**  
**Partner**

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### Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

		Consolidated		Parent	
	Note	2023	2022	2023	2022
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue from contracts with customers	2	<b>13,864,584</b>	12,366,934	<b>9,364,961</b>	8,847,906
Other revenue	2	<b>1,372,562</b>	830,675	<b>638,829</b>	259,933
		<b>15,237,146</b>	13,197,609	<b>10,003,790</b>	9,107,839
Employee benefits expense		<b>(7,898,212)</b>	(6,316,441)	<b>(5,837,297)</b>	(4,875,708)
Depreciation and amortisation		<b>(256,099)</b>	(254,410)	<b>(103,394)</b>	(117,217)
Other expenses	3	<b>(7,067,210)</b>	(6,423,197)	<b>(4,388,040)</b>	(3,818,620)
Surplus/(deficit) attributable to members of the parent entity		<b>15,625</b>	203,561	<b>(324,941)</b>	296,294
<b>Other comprehensive income/(loss)</b>					
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>					
Change in fair value of financial assets		<b>(1,785)</b>	(34,800)	<b>(1,785)</b>	(34,800)
Gain on revaluation of land and buildings		<b>1,252,752</b>	-	<b>-</b>	-
<b>Total other comprehensive income/(loss)</b>		<b>1,250,967</b>	(34,800)	<b>(1,785)</b>	(34,800)
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss)</b>		<b>1,266,592</b>	168,761	<b>(326,726)</b>	261,494

The above statements are to be read in conjunction with the attached notes.

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### Statements of Financial Position

As At 31 December 2023

	Note	Consolidated		Parent	
		2023	2022	2023	2022
		\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	4	<b>6,693,179</b>	10,698,780	<b>2,411,795</b>	5,660,790
Trade and other receivables	5	<b>1,031,822</b>	1,215,062	<b>118,485</b>	869,750
Other financial assets	6	<b>14,714,708</b>	14,138,421	<b>11,348,010</b>	10,898,398
Other assets	7	<b>471,858</b>	280,057	<b>273,264</b>	187,423
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>22,911,567</b>	26,332,320	<b>14,151,554</b>	17,616,361
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Trade and other receivables	5	-	-	<b>4,941,822</b>	4,941,822
Other financial assets	6	<b>93,247</b>	95,033	<b>952,608</b>	954,394
Property, plant and equipment	8	<b>7,570,832</b>	6,231,675	<b>287,400</b>	219,590
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>7,664,079</b>	6,326,708	<b>6,181,830</b>	6,115,806
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>30,575,646</b>	32,659,028	<b>20,333,384</b>	23,732,167
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Trade and other payables	9	<b>1,603,171</b>	1,764,776	<b>717,649</b>	1,156,608
Employee benefits	10	<b>1,103,688</b>	1,088,612	<b>647,491</b>	697,003
Other liabilities	11	<b>12,341,514</b>	15,548,115	<b>8,069,270</b>	10,670,192
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>15,048,373</b>	18,401,503	<b>9,434,410</b>	12,523,803
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Employee benefits	10	<b>44,910</b>	41,754	<b>32,645</b>	15,309
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>44,910</b>	41,754	<b>32,645</b>	15,309
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>15,093,283</b>	18,443,257	<b>9,467,055</b>	12,539,112
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>15,482,363</b>	14,215,771	<b>10,866,329</b>	11,193,055
<b>EQUITY</b>					
Reserves	13	<b>1,770,659</b>	519,692	<b>30,606</b>	32,391
Retained earnings		<b>13,711,704</b>	13,696,079	<b>10,835,723</b>	11,160,664
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>15,482,363</b>	14,215,771	<b>10,866,329</b>	11,193,055

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### Statements of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

2023

	Consolidated			Total
	Retained Earnings	Financial Assets Reserve	Asset Revaluation Reserve	
	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Balance at 1 January 2023</b>	<b>13,696,079</b>	<b>32,391</b>	<b>487,301</b>	<b>14,215,771</b>
Surplus/(deficit) attributable to members of the parent entity	15,625	-	-	15,625
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	(1,785)	-	(1,785)
Revaluation increment	-	-	1,252,752	1,252,752
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>13,711,704</b>	<b>30,606</b>	<b>1,740,053</b>	<b>15,482,363</b>

2022

	Consolidated			Total
	Retained Earnings	Financial Assets Reserve	Asset Revaluation Reserve	
	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Balance at 1 January 2022</b>	<b>13,492,518</b>	<b>67,191</b>	<b>487,301</b>	<b>14,047,010</b>
Surplus/(deficit) attributable to members of the parent entity	203,561	-	-	203,561
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	(34,800)	-	(34,800)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>13,696,079</b>	<b>32,391</b>	<b>487,301</b>	<b>14,215,771</b>

2023

	Parent			Total
	Retained Earnings	Financial Assets Reserve	Asset Revaluation Reserve	
	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Balance at 1 January 2023</b>	<b>11,160,664</b>	<b>32,391</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,193,055</b>
Surplus/(deficit) attributable to members of the parent entity	(324,941)	-	-	(324,941)
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	(1,785)	-	(1,785)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>10,835,723</b>	<b>30,606</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,866,329</b>

2022

	Parent			Total
	Retained Earnings	Financial Assets Reserve	Asset Revaluation Reserve	
	\$	\$	\$	
<b>Balance at 1 January 2022</b>	<b>10,864,370</b>	<b>67,191</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,931,561</b>
Surplus/(deficit) attributable to members of the parent entity	296,294	-	-	296,294
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	(34,800)	-	(34,800)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>11,160,664</b>	<b>32,391</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,193,055</b>

The above statements are to be read in conjunction with the attached notes.

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### Statements of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Note	Consolidated		Parent	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>				
Receipts from customers and others	<b>22,842,627</b>	23,484,542	<b>9,905,262</b>	9,221,865
Payments to suppliers and employees	<b>(26,660,547)</b>	(22,145,251)	<b>(13,053,866)</b>	(10,519,817)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<b>(3,817,920)</b>	1,339,291	<b>(3,148,604)</b>	(1,297,952)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>				
Redemption of term deposits held to maturity	<b>47,626,887</b>	46,595,772	<b>35,711,955</b>	34,970,045
Investment in term deposits held to maturity	<b>(48,203,173)</b>	(46,731,189)	<b>(36,161,566)</b>	(35,067,224)
Interest received	<b>793,910</b>	240,083	<b>583,225</b>	171,021
Trust distribution received	<b>4,685</b>	4,551	<b>4,685</b>	4,551
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	<b>4,344</b>	1,241	<b>4,344</b>	1,241
Payments for property, plant and equipment	<b>(414,334)</b>	(394,007)	<b>(243,034)</b>	(114,503)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	<b>(187,681)</b>	(283,549)	<b>(100,391)</b>	(34,869)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	<b>(4,005,601)</b>	1,055,742	<b>(3,248,995)</b>	(1,332,821)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<b>10,698,780</b>	9,643,038	<b>5,660,790</b>	6,993,611
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	<b>4 6,693,179</b>	10,698,780	<b>2,411,795</b>	5,660,790

The above statements are to be read in conjunction with the attached notes.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

### 1 Material Accounting Policy Information

#### Corporate information

The consolidated financial statements of Universities Australia ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2023 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the "Group" and individually as "Group entities"). The principal activities of the Group are described in the Directors' Report.

Universities Australia is the parent company of the Group, is incorporated and domiciled in Australia and is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee. The Company's Constitution provides that if the Company is wound up each member would be required to contribute a maximum of \$20 towards any outstanding obligations.

The Group comprises the following Group entities:

<b>Parent company</b>	<b>ACN</b>	<b>Ownership</b>
Universities Australia	008 502 930	
<b>Controlled entities</b>		
Australian Higher Education Associations Pty Limited	008 641 450	100%
Higher Ed Services Pty Ltd	060 566 029	100%

The address of the registered office and principal place of business of the Company is:

1 Geils Court  
DEAKIN ACT 2600

The following company names used in the financial statements have been abbreviated as shown below:

AHEA - Australian Higher Education Associations Pty Limited

HES - Higher Ed Services Pty Ltd

#### Basis of preparation

#### Authorisation

The issue of these financial statements was authorised by resolution of the directors on the date of signing of the attached Directors' declaration.

#### Statement of compliance

The consolidated financial statements of the Group are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures, Interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012.

#### Basis of measurement

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis, and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. The measurement bases are more fully described below.

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#### **1 Material Accounting Policy Information (continued)**

##### **Basis of preparation (continued)**

##### **Use of estimates and judgments**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Accounting Standards requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. A description of calculation methodology is included in the accounting policy or the note to the financial statements where an estimate, assumption or judgment has been applied.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis and revisions are recognised in the period of the revision.

##### **Accounting policies**

The material accounting policies that have been used in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are summarised below. Unless otherwise stated, the accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous year.

##### **(a) Principles of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of entities controlled by the Company at reporting date.

A controlled entity is an entity over which the Company has the power to control the financial and operating policies so as to obtain benefits from its activities. A list of controlled entities is included in note 18(c) to the financial statements. All controlled entities have a December financial year-end.

As at the end of the reporting period, the assets and liabilities of all controlled entities have been incorporated into the consolidated financial statements as well as their results for the reporting period then ended.

All inter-company balances and transactions between entities in the Group have been eliminated on consolidation. The accounting policies of the subsidiaries are consistent with the policies of the parent entity.

Where controlled entities have entered or left the group during the year, the financial performance of those entities are included only for the period of the year that they were controlled.

##### **(b) Property, plant and equipment**

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Where a revaluation has been performed, any accumulated depreciation at the date of the revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

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### 1 Material Accounting Policy Information (continued)

#### (b) Property, plant and equipment (continued)

##### Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including capitalised leased assets, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives to the Group, commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Fixed asset class	Depreciation rate
Furniture, plant & equipment	4% - 50%
Buildings and buildings improvements	2.5% - 20%

#### (c) Financial instruments

##### Initial recognition and measurement

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

Financial instruments (except for trade receivables) are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs, except where the instrument is classified "at fair value through profit or loss", in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately. In most circumstances trade receivables are initially measured at the transaction price.

##### Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at either fair value or amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The subsequent measurement depends on the classification of the financial instrument.

##### *Impairment of financial assets*

The Group recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses on financial assets that are measured at amortised cost or at FVTOCI. No impairment loss is recognised for investments in equity instruments. The amount of expected credit losses is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition of the respective financial asset.

The Group recognises lifetime expected credit losses for trade receivables. The expected credit losses on these financial assets are estimated based on the Group's historical credit loss experience, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions and an assessment of both the current as well as the forecast direction of conditions at the reporting date, including time value of money where appropriate.

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#### **1 Material Accounting Policy Information (continued)**

##### **(d) Revenue**

###### *Members' contributions*

Revenue in relation to members' contributions is recognised in the year that member services are provided. Members' contributions are generally received up-front on an annual basis. When income is received prior to the provision of services, a contract liability is recognised and recorded as income in advance until such time as the services are provided.

###### *Members' special levies*

Special levies from members are generally received up-front and are for specific activities to be undertaken by the Group. Levies are imposed on members to cover disbursements specific to those activities. Revenue is recognised on an input basis as the Group undertakes those activities. Any unexpended levies are recognised as part of other liabilities in the statement of financial position. If a levy is to be imposed after the end of the financial year to cover excess expenditure, that excess is carried forward as a contract asset and included in other current assets in the statement of financial position.

###### *Management services*

Revenue from management fees is recognised over time as the management services are provided to customers. Management fees are generally billed and received in advance on an annual basis for the provision of management services over the year. Management fees received in advance are included in Other Liabilities.

###### *Project and services revenue*

Revenue from projects and services is recognised over time as the services are rendered. Revenue may either be billed in advance or in arrears depending on the nature of the services. Revenue billed in advance will initially be deferred and included in Other Liabilities until such time as the services are provided.

###### *Grants and donations*

Grants and donations received that are subject to specific conditions on the use of those funds are recognised as and when the Group satisfies its performance obligations by providing goods or services under the funding agreements or in accordance with the directions of the donor. A financial liability is recognised for unspent grant funds for which a refund obligation exists in relation to the funding period. General grants and donations that do not impose specific performance obligations on the Group are recognised as income when the Group obtains control of those funds, which is usually on receipt. Grant funding may either be received up front or at the completion of milestones. Any deferred revenue arising from grants and donations is recognised as part of Other Liabilities in the statement of financial position.

###### *Conferences*

Revenue from conferences is recognised when the performance obligation is satisfied, being when the conference is held. Registration and sponsorship revenue is generally received prior to the conference and included in Other Liabilities until such time as the conference is held.

###### *Interest income*

Interest income is recognised on an accruals basis using the effective interest method.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

#### 1 Material Accounting Policy Information (continued)

##### (d) Revenue (continued)

###### *Principal versus agent*

The Group has determined that it acts as agent in relation to certain special levies, project expenses, software licence fees and software maintenance and support that the Group arranges on behalf of participating universities. The revenue from managing these arrangements is recognised as part of management services revenue.

The receipts and payments that are not recognised as revenues and expenses in relation to these arrangements during the year are:

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>Receipts</i>				
Licensing and support	6,609,145	5,388,656	-	-
Government grants and special projects	1,408,247	1,306,524	1,408,247	1,306,524
Projects and strategic development	1,436,026	1,068,316	-	-
	<b>9,453,418</b>	<b>7,763,496</b>	<b>1,408,247</b>	<b>1,306,524</b>
<i>Payments</i>				
Licensing and support	(6,609,145)	(5,388,656)	-	-
Government grants and other projects	(1,408,247)	(1,306,524)	(1,408,247)	(1,306,524)
Projects and strategic development	(1,436,026)	(1,068,316)	-	-
	<b>(9,453,418)</b>	<b>(7,763,496)</b>	<b>(1,408,247)</b>	<b>(1,306,524)</b>

##### (e) Employee benefits

###### **Salaries, annual and long service leave**

Provision is made for the Group's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

###### **Compensation payable to key management personnel**

Remuneration for key management personnel, including all monetary and non-monetary components, is valued at the cost to the Group and charged to comprehensive income during the reporting period in which they are incurred.

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**1 Material Accounting Policy Information (continued)**

**(f) Goods and services tax (GST)**

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an expense. Receivables and payables (except accrued expenses) in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO at the end of the reporting period is included as a current asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis. The GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

**(g) Income tax**

The entities within the Group are exempt from income tax under Section 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

**(h) Comparative figures**

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures are adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

### 2 Revenue and Other Income

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Revenue from contracts with customers</b>				
Members' contributions	5,641,493	5,322,309	5,641,493	5,322,309
Members' special levies	740,814	909,808	740,814	909,808
Project and services revenue	2,598,308	1,954,221	-	-
Conference income	1,639,190	1,427,047	1,491,952	1,318,342
Management services	1,884,077	1,586,102	-	-
Government grants	799,193	930,900	799,193	930,900
Special projects	3,374	774	3,374	774
Program administration	187,000	227,465	187,000	227,465
Administration and management fees	-	-	130,000	130,000
Donations	371,135	8,308	371,135	8,308
	<b>13,864,584</b>	<b>12,366,934</b>	<b>9,364,961</b>	<b>8,847,906</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>				
Revenue recognised at a point in time	1,639,190	1,427,047	1,491,952	1,318,342
Revenue recognised over time	12,225,394	10,939,887	7,873,009	7,529,564
	<b>13,864,584</b>	<b>12,366,934</b>	<b>9,364,961</b>	<b>8,847,906</b>
<b>Other revenue</b>				
Interest received	855,208	330,423	633,962	253,690
Trust distributions received from other trusts	4,685	4,551	4,685	4,551
Other income	182	1,692	182	1,692
Rent received	512,487	494,009	-	-
	<b>1,372,562</b>	<b>830,675</b>	<b>638,829</b>	<b>259,933</b>
<b>3 Other Expenses</b>				
Administration	1,186,900	948,794	910,750	691,103
Conference expenses	630,804	542,723	554,846	500,836
Contractor and consultant fees	7,479	143,585	7,479	143,585
Travel and meeting costs	622,948	306,897	560,976	279,530
Communication expenses	333,614	212,818	333,614	212,818
Government grants	799,193	930,900	799,193	930,900
Project and services expenses	2,201,566	2,104,040	412,882	151,281
Building operating costs	304,296	324,873	-	-
Special levies expended	740,814	909,808	740,814	909,808
(Gain)/loss on disposal of assets	67,486	(1,241)	67,486	(1,241)
Allowance for expected credit losses - receivables	172,110	-	-	-
Total other expenses	<b>7,067,210</b>	<b>6,423,197</b>	<b>4,388,040</b>	<b>3,818,620</b>

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#### 4 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash at bank and on hand	1,594,231	4,300,725	297,130	765,397
Deposits at call	5,098,948	6,398,055	2,114,665	4,895,393
	<b>6,693,179</b>	10,698,780	<b>2,411,795</b>	5,660,790

#### 5 Trade and Other Receivables

##### Current

Trade receivables	1,203,932	1,215,062	118,485	869,750
Allowance for expected credit losses	(172,110)	-	-	-
	<b>1,031,822</b>	1,215,062	<b>118,485</b>	869,750

##### Non- Current

Unsecured loan - AHEA	-	-	4,941,822	4,941,822
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#### 6 Other Financial Assets

##### Current

At amortised cost:

Term deposits	14,714,708	14,138,421	11,348,010	10,898,398
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##### Non-Current

At fair value through other comprehensive income:

*Listed investments:*

Listed shares	93,247	95,033	93,247	95,033
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Investments in subsidiaries at cost:

Unlisted investments:

Shares in AHEA	-	-	859,359	859,359
Shares in HES	-	-	2	2

	<b>93,247</b>	95,033	<b>952,608</b>	954,394
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##### Listed investments

The fair value of listed investments is the published bid-price current at the end of the reporting period.

##### Unlisted investments in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are recorded at cost in accordance with AASB 127 Separate Financial Statements. The investment values are subject to impairment in accordance with AASB 136 Impairment of Assets. Impairment losses are initially recorded through profit or loss. Reversals of impairment losses are also recorded through profit or loss to the extent of the impairment loss previously recognised.

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#### 6 Other Financial Assets (continued)

Entities within the group hold membership in the following companies which are limited by guarantee:

- Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching Limited (ANZCCART); and
- Unimutual Limited (Unimutual)

If any of the companies are wound up, each member is required by the relevant constitution to contribute a maximum of \$10 (ANZCCART) or \$1 (Unimutual) towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the company.

#### 7 Other Assets

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Current</b>				
Accrued income	156,721	95,423	137,191	86,454
Prepayments and deferred expenditure	315,137	184,634	136,073	100,969
	<b>471,858</b>	280,057	<b>273,264</b>	187,423
<b>8 Property, Plant and Equipment</b>				
Leasehold land - at valuation	1,700,000	1,204,000	-	-
Building - at valuation	5,550,000	4,596,000	-	-
Accumulated depreciation	-	(387,827)	-	-
	<b>5,550,000</b>	4,208,173	-	-
Building improvements - at cost	222,074	680,415	222,074	222,074
Accumulated depreciation	(181,816)	(169,186)	(181,816)	(137,401)
	<b>40,258</b>	511,229	<b>40,258</b>	84,673
Furniture, plant & equipment - at cost	583,853	673,333	531,748	435,395
Accumulated depreciation	(303,279)	(365,060)	(284,606)	(300,478)
	<b>280,574</b>	308,273	<b>247,142</b>	134,917
	<b>7,570,832</b>	6,231,675	<b>287,400</b>	219,590

Land and buildings were revalued at 31 December 2023 by independent valuers. The valuation was made on the basis of market value using capitalisation and direct comparison approaches. The valuation calculations include estimates of expected net income, future capital expenditure and market capitalisation rates, all of which are subject to change.

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### 8 Property, Plant and Equipment (continued)

#### Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	Leasehold land - at valuation	Building - at valuation	Building improvements - at cost	Furniture, plant & equipment - at cost	Total
Consolidated	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>2023</b>					
Balance at the beginning of year	1,204,000	4,208,173	511,229	308,273	6,231,675
Additions	-	-	153,458	260,876	414,334
Disposals	-	-	-	(71,830)	(71,830)
Revaluation increment	496,000	756,752	-	-	1,252,752
Depreciation	-	(114,900)	(65,177)	(76,022)	(256,099)
Transfer	-	699,975	(559,252)	(140,723)	-
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>1,700,000</b>	<b>5,550,000</b>	<b>40,258</b>	<b>280,574</b>	<b>7,570,832</b>

	Leasehold land - at valuation	Building - at valuation	Building improvements - at cost	Furniture, plant & equipment - at cost	Total
Parent	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>2023</b>					
Balance at the beginning of year	-	-	84,673	134,917	219,590
Additions	-	-	-	243,034	243,034
Disposals	-	-	-	(71,830)	(71,830)
Depreciation	-	-	(44,415)	(58,979)	(103,394)
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,258</b>	<b>247,142</b>	<b>287,400</b>

### 9 Trade and Other Payables

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Current</b>				
Trade and other creditors and accruals	1,263,151	1,595,804	716,033	1,179,431
Net GST payable/ (receivable)	340,020	168,972	1,616	(22,823)
	<b>1,603,171</b>	<b>1,764,776</b>	<b>717,649</b>	<b>1,156,608</b>

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#### 10 Employee Benefits

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Current</b>				
Annual leave	395,764	445,547	251,917	308,546
Accrued salaries and superannuation	254,233	226,772	160,187	151,715
Long service leave	301,864	378,616	83,560	236,741
PAYG	151,827	37,677	151,827	1
	<b>1,103,688</b>	<b>1,088,612</b>	<b>647,491</b>	<b>697,003</b>
<b>Non-current</b>				
Long service leave	44,910	41,754	32,645	15,309

#### 11 Other Liabilities

<b>Current</b>				
Unexpended funds:				
Operating grants and donations	2,075,280	4,071,097	2,075,280	4,071,097
Income received in advance - contract liabilities	7,587,623	8,251,249	5,993,990	6,599,095
Funds held on behalf of others	2,675,959	3,186,381	-	-
Rent received in advance	2,652	39,388	-	-
	<b>12,341,514</b>	<b>15,548,115</b>	<b>8,069,270</b>	<b>10,670,192</b>

#### 12 Retirement Benefit Obligations

The Group contributes to various superannuation plans which provide benefits to employees on retirement, death or disability. The amount of contributions to defined contribution plans recognised in profit or loss are as follows:

Employee contributions to superannuation plans	1,004,458	793,610	792,922	659,168
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#### 13 Reserves

Asset revaluation reserve	1,740,053	487,301	-	-
Financial assets revaluation reserve	30,606	32,391	30,606	32,391
	<b>1,770,659</b>	<b>519,692</b>	<b>30,606</b>	<b>32,391</b>

#### Nature and purpose of reserves

The asset revaluation reserve records revaluations of the property owned by AHEA since its recognition as a subsidiary together with the Group's share of revaluations of property owned by AHEA prior to its recognition as a subsidiary. This reserve is not able to be distributed as a dividend.

The financial assets revaluation reserve records the changes in the fair value of listed investments. This reserve is not able to be distributed as a dividend. The cumulative gain or loss recognised in the reserve is not subsequently reclassified to profit or loss when the investment is sold or otherwise derecognised.

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### 14 Operating Lease Arrangements

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b><i>The Group as lessor</i></b>				
<i>Operating lease receivables</i>				
Lease of office premises				
Receivable - minimum lease payments				
- not later than 12 months	244,807	448,839	-	-
- between 12 months and 5 years	12,458	228,707	-	-
	<u>257,265</u>	<u>677,546</u>	-	-

Leases relate to The Australian Universities Centre owned by AHEA. The major tenant is Universities Australia for which no formal lease exists. The lease with the main external tenant commenced 1 August 2018 for a term of six years with an option to renew for a further three years. All other leases are on a twelve month or two year term with various options, which expire by 31 August 2025.

Rental income earned by the Group from its property and direct operating expenses arising on the property for the year are set out in Notes 2 and 3 respectively.

### 15 Commitments for Expenditure

#### ***Capital expenditure commitments***

Building improvements	-	150,250	-	-
Computer equipment upgrade	-	105,000	-	105,000
	-	<u>255,250</u>	-	<u>105,000</u>

Contracts had not been entered into in relation to the computer equipment upgrade commitments at 31 December 2022.

### 16 Key Management Personnel Remuneration

Key management personnel is defined by AASB124 "Related Party Disclosures" as those persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly, including any director of the entity.

Key management personnel includes Universities Australia's Chair of the Board, Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive (part year), Acting Deputy Chief Executive (part year), Communications Director and Higher Ed Services Pty Ltd's Chief Executive Officer (2022: Universities Australia's Chair of the Board, Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Communications Director and Higher Ed Services Pty Ltd's Chief Executive Officer).

Aggregate remuneration paid to key management personnel during the financial year:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Total key management personnel compensation	<u>1,983,074</u>	<u>1,566,834</u>

No compensation is paid to any of the directors of the board of Universities Australia in their capacity as directors, apart from an allowance paid to the Chair of the Board.

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#### 17 Auditors' Remuneration

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Remuneration, paid to the auditor of the parent entity, for audit or review of the financial statements of the:				
<b>Parent entity</b>				
2023 financial statements	47,700	45,250	47,700	45,250
<b>Controlled entities</b>				
2023 financial statements	38,150	36,250	-	-
Other assurance services	3,313	-	3,313	-
	<b>89,163</b>	<b>81,500</b>	<b>51,013</b>	<b>45,250</b>

#### 18 Related Party Disclosures

Transactions between the Group and the universities, in which the directors hold office, are on normal terms and conditions unless otherwise stated.

##### (a) *Ultimate parent entity*

Universities Australia is the ultimate parent entity of the consolidated group.

##### (b) *Transactions between parent entity and controlled companies*

The following are transactions with controlled companies brought to account by the parent entity in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

	Parent Entity	
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<b>Income:</b>		
Management fee charged to HES to recover salary expenses	70,000	70,000
Management fee charged to AHEA to recover salary expenses	60,000	60,000
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Rent charged by AHEA	159,480	159,480

Transactions with AHEA are not on a commercial basis. No interest is charged on the loan (refer to Note 5) and rent is charged at less than a commercial rate.

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#### 18 Related Party Disclosures (continued)

##### (c) Controlled entities

	Investment (at cost)		Contribution (Loss) to consolidated profit attributable to members of the parent entity	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>Parent company</i>				
Universities Australia	-	-	(324,941)	296,294
<i>Controlled entities</i>				
Higher Ed Services Pty Ltd	2	2	241,929	(179,740)
Australian Higher Education Associations Pty Limited	859,359	859,359	98,637	87,007
	<b>859,361</b>	<b>859,361</b>	<b>15,625</b>	<b>203,561</b>

- All entities are incorporated in Australia.
- Universities Australia owns 100% (2022: 100%) of both controlled entities.
- The cost of the investment in AHEA comprises the original investment of \$1,743 and the fair value of the shares assigned by Education Australia of \$857,616.

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### 19 Financial Risk Management

The Group's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, investments, and accounts receivable and payable.

The carrying amount for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 9: Financial Instruments as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
At amortised cost:				
- Cash and cash equivalents	6,693,179	10,698,780	2,411,795	5,660,790
- Trade and other receivables	1,031,822	1,215,062	5,060,307	5,811,572
- Term deposits	14,714,708	14,138,421	11,348,010	10,898,398
- Accrued income	156,721	95,423	137,191	86,454
At fair value through other comprehensive income:				
- Investments	93,247	95,033	93,247	95,033
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>22,689,677</b>	<b>26,242,719</b>	<b>19,050,550</b>	<b>22,552,247</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>				
Financial liabilities at amortised cost:				
- Trade and other payables	1,263,151	1,595,804	716,033	1,179,431
- Employee benefits	406,060	264,449	312,014	151,716
- Funds held on behalf of others	2,675,959	3,186,381	-	-
	<b>4,345,170</b>	<b>5,046,634</b>	<b>1,028,047</b>	<b>1,331,147</b>

### 20 Events Occurring After the Reporting Date

The financial report was authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on the date of signing the attached Directors' Declaration. The directors have the right to amend and re-issue the financial statements after they are issued.

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

### 21 Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

The Group has no contingent liabilities or contingent assets at the end of the financial year.

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### Directors' Declaration

The directors of the Company declare that:

1. the financial statements comprising the Statements of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, Statements of Financial Position, Statements of Changes in Equity, Statements of Cash Flows and Notes to the Financial Statements satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, and:
  - a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures; and
  - b. give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2023 and performance for the year ended on that date of the Company and consolidated group;
2. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

On behalf of the directors:



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Professor David Lloyd

Chair

30 April 2024

Canberra, ACT

## **Independent Auditor's Report To the Members of Universities Australia**

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Universities Australia (the company) and Universities Australia and Controlled Entities (the consolidated entity), which comprise the statements of financial position as at 31 December 2023, the statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity and the statements of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of Universities Australia and Universities Australia and Controlled Entities are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's and consolidated entity's financial positions as at 31 December 2023 and of their financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022.

#### **Basis for opinion**

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

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

#### **Other information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in Universities Australia's directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2023 but does not include the financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

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

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

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

### **Audit. Tax. Advisory.**

### **Directors' responsibility for the financial statements**

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

### **Auditor's responsibility for the audit of the financial statements**

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

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



**Nexia Duesburys (Audit)**  
Canberra, 30 April 2024



**G J Murphy**  
**Partner**