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# 2022/23 NTA BOARD AND EXECUTIVES

# **NTA BOARD**

The Nusa Tenggara Association Inc, known simply as Nusa Tenggara Association (NTA), is governed by an elected board made up of volunteers, based in Canberra. Beneath this body operate the Finance Committee, Operations Committee, and Membership and Marketing Committee. These committees develop policies and undertake functions under the direction of the board



# RON THOMPSON CHAIR AND TREASURER

Ron is the former Group General Manager of Electro Optic Systems Pty Limited and a Senior International Banker with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Ron is the principal of Ron S Thompson & Associates Pty Limited.



DR COLIN BARLOW

PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (until December 2022)

Colin was an academic specialising in the problems of small-scale agricultural producers in Malaysia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Indonesia. He was for 3 years first general manager of the Malayan Rubber Development Corporation and played key roles in the establishment of Malaysian and Indonesian smallholder settlement schemes. He later worked at the ANU as an agricultural economist. Colin first visited Nusa Tenggara Timur (NTT) in 1988, where he and other colleagues were taken aback by the poverty-stricken conditions. In 1991, Colin and Shirley Bowman founded NTA. Colin holds a PhD from the University of Aberdeen. Colin sadly passed away on 11 December 2022.



# JADE THINAULT SECRETARY

Jade is a young professional working in the field of International Development, currently at ActionAid Australia. Jade studied International Law and Languages (English, Spanish and Italian) and obtained a master's degree in the Law of State Rebuilding in a Post-Conflict Environment from the University of Aix-Marseille, France. Jade has been volunteering with NTA since June 2020.



### DR RIA GONDOWARSITO

Ria is a sociologist who specialises in rural community development. Ria is a former development consultant to the World Bank. She has been a member of the Board since its formation in 2007. Ria holds a PhD from Bielefeld University.



MING WEI CHEAH, CPA (Until November 2022)

Ming is a client services manager with Kinsella Chartered Accountants, a Canberra-based firm offering specialised tax consulting and business advisory services. He has been a finance committee member with Nusa Tenggara Association since 2013. Ming graduated from the Australian National University with Bachelor of Commerce, and is a Certified Practising Accountant (CPA).



# DR ROB CRAMB

Rob is Professor of Agricultural Development in the School of Agriculture and Food Sciences, Faculty of Science, The University of Queensland. His research interests centre on rural development, agrarian change, and natural resource management in Southeast Asia, focusing on the evolution of farming systems, land tenure arrangements, and community-based resource management in a variety of agro-ecological zones. Rob holds a PhD from Monash University.



### WENDY EMERTON

Wendy has over 15 years' experience working with a range of public and private sector organisations in program and policy roles. She has worked in Australia and internationally with KPMG, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Australian Agency for International Development. Wendy has represented the Australian Government in numerous roles and countries, including large multilateral fora and bilateral negotiations. Wendy is focused on driving evidence-based decision making and speaks fluent Indonesian.



# DR JAMES FOX (From April 2023)

James is an Emeritus Professor at the Australian National University where he has been since 1975. He first visited Indonesia in the 'Year of Living Dangerously'. He and his wife lived on the Island of Rote in 1965-66. Since then Jim has continued to maintain a close connection to Nusa Tenggara Timur. He has written books and papers on the social and cultural life of many of the communities in the region and has been involved in various development projects.

# NTA EXECUTIVES



### PHIL DOMASCHENZ

Phil holds a degree focused on natural resource management and has been the Executive Officer for NTA for the past 9 years. He was employed for 30 years within the Australian Government at local and national levels and worked in areas focused on the management of urban landscapes, forests, national parks and fisheries. His employment has covered Indonesian natural resource issues for 25 years and he was seconded to Indonesia for a year as Programme Management Specialist for a national coral reef management programme.



### STEPHANIE HEIGHES

Stephanie is a social anthropologist who studied at the University of Zurich in Switzerland focusing on development studies in South East Asia. She started to work in the field of humanitarian aid after the 2004 tsunami in Aceh, Indonesia, for Caritas Switzerland and the American Red Cross. Later, she became a member of the rapid response team of the Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit (SHA) and worked for Swisscontact and other aid organisations in Flores, NTT, where she lived for the past 11 years with her family. Stephanie finished up with NTA in June 2023.

# NTA VISION AND MISSION

# **NTA VISION**

An improved level of livelihoods and food security of rural households in selected parts of Nusa Tenggara Timur province in eastern Indonesia.

# **NTA MISSION**

The mission of the NTA is to reduce poverty and vulnerability amongst communities in rural areas of the East Nusa Tenggara province of Indonesia. This is through facilitating and supporting sustainable income-generating activities, access to water and sanitation, and education.

# REMEMBERING COLIN BARLOW

### A Visionary Leader and Founder of the Nusa Tenggara Association

Colin Barlow founded the <u>Nusa Tenggara Association</u> in 1992 to reduce poverty among rural communities in East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia, and was the Association's CEO until his death on 11 December 2022.

Colin Barlow left an indelible mark on our world through his tireless efforts as the CEO and founder of NTA. His life, work and legacy are a testament to his deep-seated commitment to making a difference in the lives of others. In this commemorative article, we celebrate the life of Colin Barlow, a man whose passion and energy established the NTA as a beacon of hope and progress for the communities it serves.

Born in 1932 in the depths of the great depression, Colin grew up in an academic family in England; his father was an internationally eminent scientist at University College London. From an early age, Colin had a love of agriculture, of "growing things", a passion that was to remain with him all his life. In his youth his ambition was to be a farmer. His first degree was at the renowned Wye College, a specialist agricultural institution. He then took graduate degrees in agricultural economics at Cornell and Aberdeen Universities.

Colin's journey towards founding the NTA began with a life-changing experience. In 1989, Colin joined a small team to survey the island of Semau off the coast of Kupang, East Indonesia. What he encountered there left an indelible mark on his heart and ignited a passionate desire to make a difference. On this tiny island at that time there were no roads, no vehicles, no electricity, no toilets, a lot of mosquitos and, sometimes, no food. Colin and the team walked from one village to another, under the burning sun for more than a week. Colin witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by the local communities, farmers struggling in harsh conditions, families without water and sanitation and children who lacked access to basic education. Determined to bring about change, he decided to dedicate his life to improving the lives of these people.

When he returned to Australia, Colin Barlow founded the NTA in 1992. The organization's mission was clear: to empower the communities of Nusa Tenggara through improved livelihoods, water, sanitation and education. One of Colin's core beliefs was that education had the power to transform livelihoods. Under his leadership, the NTA began with agricultural improvement programs and grew from there to include water, sanitation and schools.

Accompanied by Ria, Colin visited the region regularly. They lived with the poor communities, observed first-hand their daily life challenges, and engaged with local communities and government agencies. As his NTA colleagues observed, "well into his eighties Colin was bounding up the slopes of farms with local people to inspect progress and discuss issues. He loved talking to the people and they loved talking to him."



Colin's approach to development was deeply rooted in collaboration and community empowerment. He understood that lasting change could only be achieved by working closely with the local communities, respecting their traditions, and involving them in decision-making processes. Under his guidance, the NTA established strong partnerships with local leaders, NGOs, and government agencies. These collaborations ensured that development efforts were aligned with the needs and aspirations of the communities they served. Colin's ability to foster unity and cooperation was a key factor in the success of the NTA's work.

The impact of Colin's work is evident in the countless success stories of individuals whose lives were transformed through agriculture, water, sanitation, and sustainable development initiatives. Families have better access to agricultural inputs and education, and communities have developed sustainable sources of income. As Colin would freely admit, not all the NTA's activities have been successful. But many have, and they owe much to the analytical wisdom, painstaking preparatory work and personal skills of Colin, Ria and the NTA team.

Beyond the tangible results, Colin's legacy lives on in the hearts and minds of those he inspired. He was a beacon of compassion and dedication, a testament to the power of one person's vision to change the world. His life's work serves as a shining example of what one individual with a deep sense of purpose can achieve. His commitment to community empowerment and collaboration ensured that his work had a lasting and meaningful impact.

As we commemorate the life of Colin Barlow, we remember not only his remarkable achievements but also the enduring legacy of hope and inspiration he leaves behind. His life reminds us that each of us has the power to make a difference, and that true leadership is defined by compassion, dedication, and a relentless pursuit of positive change. Colin Barlow's legacy will continue to shine as a guiding light for generations to come.

You can also read <u>a tribute to Colin</u> by one of his closest Indonesian friends and collaborators, <u>a tribute</u> from Hal Hill, and <u>an analysis of Colin's work</u> by his ANU colleague Stephen Howes.

# **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The mission of NTA when established by Dr Colin Barlow and fellow Australian and Indonesian researchers in 1992 was to provide meaningful assistance into the Indonesian province of Nusa Tenggara Timur. Initially providing technical expertise with an aim to improve quality of life, the project grew into a mechanism to fund small scale agricultural activities.

The early days of little things done have led to great things growing. Over the ensuing years many millions of donated Australian dollars together with Commonwealth Government grants have flowed into the local NTT communities, now providing for targeted education, income generation and food security via improved farming activities as well as initiating critical water storage infrastructure.

At the end of last year, Colin Barlow passed away following a brief illness and whilst he is sadly missed, Colin's legacy continues to be essential to the wellbeing of a significant number of Indonesians. It is noteworthy that the structures that Colin and the Board have put in place ensure NTA will continue to provide the guidance and financial assistance needed for many years to come.

We are pleased to acknowledge that despite the intrusion of COVID-19 conditions in our respective communities in the last 2-3 years, our various programs have continued unaffected. In fact, the true benefit of the post-COVID-19 times has seen the Indonesian local staff and supporters step up most admirably to the tasks at hand. It may be strange to say, but a blessing coming out of COVID-19 is that the local Indonesian staff and supporters have also achieved a great deal of independence. The ability to deliver outcomes is wonderful to see and acknowledge and will be further encouraged in the years ahead.

Domestic fundraising activities post-COVID-19 have resumed but it is acknowledged that a slowing economic environment has impacted the inward flow of donations. Fortunately, this has been offset to some extent by an increase in Federal Government financial support this year and we will increase the amount of funds transferred to Nusa Tenggara Association Indonesia (NTA-I) in 2023/24.

To our many benefactors, thank you for your ongoing support and generosity, without which the NTA would not continue to operate. To our colleagues of NTA-I, thank you for your support and project delivery contributions over the past year.

My personal thanks go to our committee members and the Board of Directors for the time and effort you all put in to help keep the NTA focused and delivering support to our friends in Indonesia. Thanks also to our ever-reliable and dedicated Secretary Jade Thinault and project deliverers, Phil Domaschenz and Stephanie Heighes. Sadly, Stephanie has recently left us however we are pleased to welcome her successors Laura Kola and Simon Field.

In closing, and as this is my last year as your Chairman and Director, I am pleased to say that whilst NTA has endured some difficult times over the past years there have been wonderful successes. When I was invited by Colin and Peter Dawson to assist in overcoming the financial difficulties, we were not certain the NTA could continue its important societal role. Collectively we turned the ship around and I am happy to have been able to work with a very able, dedicated and committed group of Directors and Staff. I thank you all for the time and effort you contribute to the cause of Nusa Tenggara Association, Inc.

Ron Thompson

Chair and Treasurer Nusa Tenggara Association Incorporated

# **ACHIEVEMENTS IN AUSTRALIA**

### Accreditation

- NTA is accredited by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)
- NTA is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), the peak body for overseas aid organisations.

This ensures that NTA meets Australian expectations and standards for overseas aid including financial procedures, child protection, protection against sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment, fraud and terrorism.

### Changes in key people

The year threw some significant challenges to the NTA and these have required us to review our immediate priorities.

- The passing of our Founding CEO, Dr Colin Barlow, was a great loss to the organisation. He had been a generous and inspiring leader for over 30 years. This left NTA with the challenge of how best to continue this important work.
- NTA consulted widely and met with DFAT and ACFID to help identify what it is that we do well, where we can fine-tune our approaches to better meet future demands, what skill sets do we need and how best to attract people to fill these needs.
- Emeritus Professor James Fox was appointed to the Board. He brings a wealth of experience and contacts in eastern Indonesia. Efforts continued to recruit further Board members.
- The Operations Manager position was advertised when Stephanie Heighes advised that she would be pursuing new career challenges. NTA was very encouraged by the strength of interested people and with recruitment finalised in 2023.



James Fox

NTA is extremely pleased to announce the appointment to our Board of Emeritus Professor James Fox. Jim has considerable experience and achievement working in Indonesia and in particularly in eastern Indonesia and is a great asset to our team.

# **Increased Government funding**

- In December the Australian Government advised that NTA could apply for an additional \$177,000. However, the application had to be submitted by January, NTA needed to meet co-funding requirements, and the funds had to be expended within the financial year. This was achieved thanks to a great team effort and outstanding efforts of our local partners.
- NTA Australia and NTA Indonesia leapt into action. An application was quickly developed and action taken to implement this rapidly expanding program. A number of new activities were included and existing activities expanded. The additional funding allowed NTA to significantly increase its support for poor farming communities. It also helped NTA to increase its efforts in inclusiveness and climate change adaptation.



41 farmers and 16 NTA-I extension officers participated in this biochar workshop. This is part of our program to help mitigate climate change while improving soils

# **Fundraising**

- The NTA Annual Fundraising Dinner at the Canberra Southern Cross Club on 28 April raised over \$6,500 with 104 guests in attendance. Peter Stanton (Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook) informed us of NTA's work from a donor's eye, Bapak Mohamad Syarif Alatas from the Indonesian Embassy spoke about the good work of NTA, Wendy Emerton outlined the enormous contribution of Dr Colin Barlow and Pak Gede provided an excellent program of Indonesian music.
- The Trivia night was held at the Canberra Irish Club on 26 October 2022. It attracted 85 supporters and raised \$3,088. Once again, Therese and Andrew provided an excellent program to challenge all those in attendance.
- The Christmas appeal raised \$1,000 to support improved seaweed culture on Semau Island.
- The end-of-year appeal raised \$5,000 to support reading competitions in schools. Fifteen schools took part in the reading competitions with the main prizes being books for the school libraries.



Peter Stanton entertained guests with his observations on the work of NTA from his perspective as a donor

Pak Gede provided a wonderful program of Indonesian music on his flute

# Rotary

- Rotary continues to be our biggest non-government donor and a wonderful partner.
- A number of Rotary Clubs donated directly to NTA to undertake specific activities. For example, the Rotary Club of North Sydney Sunrise has for some years funded the annual school festival in Flores.
- A group of Rotary Clubs worked collaboratively to develop a Global Grant through Rotary International to provide an additional 70 tanks and toilets in NTA supported communities. The Grant provides for contributions made by individual Clubs and Districts to be matched by funds from Rotary International. This will significantly accelerate our work in Flores.

Rotary continues to provide enormous support, including for the annual NTA School Festival in Flores. This is a highlight for promoting school pride through performing traditional dance and music from the local area.



Rotary-sponsored school performance

NTA is piloting 'Teacher In A Box', an initiative of Rotary. This is an e-library of Indonesian materials which is accessed through a local network and is aimed at dramatically increasing the range of information available to students and the local community generally in remote locations. Figure below shows Rotarians handing over the main laptop to the Principal of Moro Primary School to kick off the pilot in Flores.



Rotarians handing over a laptop as part of the 'Teacher In A Box' project

### **Donors Trip**

In November, NTA completed its third donors' trip. NTA supporters were shown how their donations were being used and projects for future funding. The aim is for participants to help us back here in Australia by spreading the word about our good work and helping to raise additional funds to support this work.

This year, 12 people joined the trip. Most were from various Rotary Clubs in Australia. There was also a film-maker and members from AIA NSW and Canberra Spinners and Weavers.

The key feature was the annual NTA school festival. Twenty-three schools performed to a crowd of 800 people in traditional clothing and demonstrated their skills with local music, songs and dancing. It was a fantastic day with a lot of excited children. Most importantly it plays a significant role in promoting school pride through maintaining local culture.

Participants were introduced to a range of community groups and spoke to groups about what they had received and their future hopes. A variety of projects were visited covering improved agriculture, water, and sanitation, ikat weaving and education.



Donors trip members visited multiple villages and projects

# **ACHIEVEMENTS IN INDONESIA**

During 2022/23, our partners in Indonesia showed increased independence in the program's delivery, oversight, and monitoring. The team on the ground in East Nusa Tenggara (NTT) faced challenges with an exceptionally long wet season impacting the timely completion of projects. Nonetheless, the team demonstrated the capacity to implement a significant increase in the number of activities under NTA's program and to take on increased autonomy and responsibility in the management of monitoring and evaluation aspects of the field program.



# **Increased Livelihoods and Food Security**

- 200 households supported to grow high-yielding cocoa and cashew nut
- 145 vegetable-growing households supported with technical guidance, improved seedlings, fertilizers, pesticides, training in compost making, and marketing
- 60 households assisted to build pig and goat pens and trained in husbandry
- 18 pig farmers supported with nutrition training
- 54 farmers supported with living fences to protect crops from marauding animals
- 85 households supported with increased composite maize production
- 118 households assisted with intercropping
- 54 households assisted with living fences
- 10 weaving groups supported with materials and/or natural dye training
- Climate Change Feasibility Study completed and training provided to 41 farmers from 7 groups and 16 extension officers

# **SUMMARY OF OUTPUTS**

# Water and Sanitation



- 138 rainwater tanks constructed
- 128 toilet/wash facilities constructed
- 400 hygiene posters distributed

# Education

- 73 schools provided with COVID-19 prevention and broader hygiene education
- 134 teachers trained in professional teaching and IT skills
- 108 teachers and principals trained in improved library management
- 1,800 library books provided to 29 schools
- 44 infrastructure packages provided to schools
- 4 kindergartens provided with learning resources and equipment
- 15 schools took part in reading competitions
- 5 "Teacher in a Box" local computer networks provided, giving 220 students and 22 teachers access to this virtual library with thousands of books

# **SUMMARY OF OUTPUTS**

# **Capacity Building**

- Assessment conducted on Gender Equity, Disability and Social Inclusion to serve as a reference for staff capacity building and as a reference for integrating GEDSI into the NTA program plan.
- 18 focus group discussions with project participants and community representatives
- 2 awareness trainings with partner organisation staff in Indonesia
- 1 training on integrating GEDSI into programming with NTA-I and representatives of Organisations for People with Disabilities

# **PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS**

# **Income generation**

# Agriculture

### **Plantation in Flores**

Sikka, Flores, is primarily a plantation area. Cacao, nutmegs, vanilla, and coconut are high value crops and highly sought after. Cacao has been cultivated and developed for three decades by Sikka farmers. However, production has recently declined because of uncontrollable plant pests and disease and the old age of the trees. Some farmers are still keen on cacao. For this reason, they received training on the management of cacao crops, in two farm groups (*Halereuk I & II*).

Frustrated farmers have converted their cacao plots to nutmeg and vanilla. For those farmers who want to plant nutmeg, seedlings have been grown in three nurseries – 2,000 seedlings in Kapa Jawa, 1,000 seedlings Kuma Moro, and 500 seedlings in Jung Golot. All seedlings will be planted in the early rainy season of 2023/2024.

There is also a nursery of 2,000 cacao seedlings and 40 seedlings of dwarf coconut which were planted in March 2023. Pruned cashew trees produce a considerable number of fruits. These are still maintained by farmers for their high value.

### Pig farming

To ensure the success of pig farming, NTA initiated the building of pig pens in Sikka, Flores (10 units), Timor (8 units), in South Central Timor (2 units), Semau (13 units), all completed and stocked with pigs. Appropriate pens significantly enhance the health of pigs.



Pig pens

### Maize

Maize seeds were distributed in April 2023 to two NTA farm groups at Sehati I in West Kupang, and at Kenangan on Semau. The maize in these two sites was planted in June 2023 to be harvested in October.

The maize variety is well adapted to the environmental conditions in Timor. The seed will be distributed to those households who no longer have seed for this year's planting due to not producing enough maize during the last wet season. It remains the staple food for people in West Timor.



Maize harvest

# Training on organic fertilizer in Timor, Semau and Flores

Training in the Bokasih system of composting was conducted in April and May 2023 in Flores by a senior NTA staff member who is a reputable agronomist. The same training was implemented in West and South Central Timor in July 2022 as an initial exposure to its benefits by the previous Head of NTA.

Bokashi composting has been utilized by farmers to fertilise their increasingly productive vegetable crops. The vegetables consist of onions, water spinach, cabbage and chillies year-round as a vital component in all meals.

### The construction of a well in Mio, South Central Timor

The well was completed in April 2023, with a depth of up to five metres. Water was immediately shared amongst farmers to irrigate their rice fields and vegetable plots. Rice is usually planted once a year during the rainy season.

With the newly available well, the farmers are now able to harvest rice twice a year, in March and in October. This means that their income has at least doubled. They sell the rice in a nearby weekly market at Batu Putih. Vegetables are also more productive with the new well, especially during the dry season of April to October when there was no vegetable cultivation before the well existed.

# Living fences

Prior to the installation of living fences, farmers' crops were constantly invaded by large roaming animals. The role of living fences serves as a base for subsequent installation of barbed wire. The living fences in the form of fresh *Gliricidia sepium* stems (1.5m in length and around 4-7 cm in diameter) planted during the dry season, generate shoots and leaves within 3-5 months.

During and following the rainy season, these living fences develop into large trees as a source of animal feed for goats. *Spondias pinnata* was also planted during the rainy season with a spacing of 3-5 metres, anticipating massive growth. Other varieties used as living fences include the Tarramba variety of Leucaena leucocephala (*lamtoro tarramba*) planted during rainy season and with the fastest growth rate. The leaves of lamtoro are used as cattle and goat feed.



Living fences

### Preliminary survey on seaweed on Semau Island

This survey conducted in February 2023 aimed to identify locations for the multiplication of healthy seaweed seedlings. It was conducted by a team of researchers from the Nusa Cendana University, Kupang (West Timor). The respondents consisted of 20 seaweed farmers from Bokonusan and Batuhopon on Semau.

These farmers had enjoyed excellent harvest until 2009, when the Montara oil spill destroyed 80-90% of seaweed crops. The survey also identified the presence of the ais-ais disease. The results of this survey determined the location of the nursery to be in Batuhopon and Bokonusan on Semau

### Biochar to anticipate climate change

In May 2023, an initial training on the production and use of biochar was conducted in Flores, attended by around 30 farmers, and West Kupang, attended by 35 participants as well as all NTA facilitators from Semau island and West Timor.

The biochar produced has been applied to mango, guava, and jackfruit crops, as well as onion and vegetable plots.



Biochar



Yuliana Nonalis in her vegetable garden with a chilli plant

# Impact:

### **IMPACT STORY: Boablinging Group**

Pak Yanto and his family are members of the farmer group Boablingin (Figure 14). They live in Oetefu Besar Village on the very dry island of Semau. While most people live off farming red onions or seaweed, this family has a small plot of land where they farm vegetables. The group has been supported by the NTA since 2020 and so far received support to build one rainwater collection tank and one irrigation tank.

NTA provides materials such as cement and piping material with a value of \$400 whilst the recipient and other group members are expected to contribute local materials such as sand and rocks as well as all the labour. This means participants have a high level of ownership and the project has increased sustainability.

In this case, the tank is filled with water from a nearby well using an electric pump and it enables Pak Yanto to farm vegetables throughout the year. Pak Yanto is aware of the harm chemical fertiliser can cause to the soil and prefers organic alternatives. He produces his own compost from organic waste and has started to keep small fish in his irrigation tank.

This provides an additional source of food for his family and adds nutrients to the water in the tank, benefiting the irrigated crops. There are three families who make use of this irrigation tank: his own family, his mother-in-law who lives in the small house next to him, and his neighbour who has a family of five.



Pak Yanto and his wife and daughter in front of their new irrigation tank in Oetefu Besar, Semau Island

"Thanks to this tank, we can all grow vegetables all year round. Especially in the dry season, I have many buyers who come to buy my vegetables as most families here focus more on seaweed production or red onions. It is a good and reliable income for me and my family and enables me not to worry too much about the school fees of my children," says Pak Yanto.

Access to water is a huge challenge in this area. People either rely on a well from which they can pump water into a tank or rainwater that is collected from the roof. In some cases, they collect water from dams. NTA works together with selected farmer groups by responding to their priority needs. This group has decided to allocate the next support to a well for the only member of their group who does not have a well yet.

Together they agreed to support this family in gathering the material, which is expected to be contributed by the recipient, in order to guarantee a timely completion of the well. Wells are typically dug up by hand between 9 and 14 metres deep. The families access the water manually or with a pump. Only once the groups have completed the well will they be eligible for further support.

# Weaving

Traditional 'ikat' weaving has significant cultural and economic value for communities in eastern Indonesia. The beautiful handwoven textiles, unique motifs, and especially the use of natural dye hold high artistic value. Weaving is a significant alternative source of income for women in rural farming communities, particularly during the long dry season when income from farming drops (Weaving Evaluation, 2022).

NTA's weaving program has grown steadily since it began in 2019. NTA is currently supporting 14 weaving groups (11 in Flores, 3 in Timor) with a total of 171 women, with skill development and facilitating increased exposure and links to new markets.

### Natural dye training

During March–April 2023, NTA supported 53 women from five weaving groups with natural dye training, promoting the sustainable nature of using natural dyes (rather than synthetic dyes) and supporting weavers to improve the quality and increase the value of their woven products.

The training focused on sharing knowledge about using specific plant materials, the methods to extract the dyes, and practical elements applying best practices for dying yarn. Group members who attended the training made follow-up commitments to continue using the natural-dye methods, seek out new markets for natural-dye woven textiles, and participate in exhibitions or other exposure opportunities as they arise.



Members of Kelompok Semangat Baru during natural dye training, in Ili, Flores 31 March-1 April 2023

# Weaving materials support

NTA supported seven new weaving groups (two in South Central Timor and five in Flores) with thread for weaving. This kind of support is limited per group to ensure that weavers do not become reliant on NTA to provide weaving materials.

Most groups used all the thread provided, and several people reported successful sales of the products they made, which is encouraging and provides the capital to purchase more thread to continue weaving for additional income.



Members of Kelompok Cia Ala Te More and Ala Mete More, Nangahure, Flores, 15–16 April 2023



Dyed yarn using natural dyes



Completed Ikat

# Impact:

The weaving project strengthens networks of solidarity among women in each group and between groups. Weaving activities contribute to the preservation and transfer of cultural knowledge, particularly by facilitating knowledge sharing among weavers about natural dyes, motifs and weaving materials and techniques. Training sessions are a unique opportunity for intergenerational knowledge transfer as well as between weavers from different regions to learn how to dye other colours and substitute sources of dye.

Weaving income can contribute significantly to covering daily household costs, found to be as much as 30 per cent of the average monthly cost of living in NTT by an independent Evaluation of the Weaving Project in 2022. Producing woven products with natural dye commands a higher market value and has a greater profit margin than similar products produced using synthetic dyes. Access to high-value markets is a key target for weaving groups, now that training has successfully improved their capacity in natural dye processes.

# Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Access to clean water and improved sanitation remains a key challenge for communities in eastern Indonesia. The majority of NTA's farmer groups access water from water tanks (49%), wells (20%), springs (11%), or rivers and streams (7%). In NTA project areas, people spend on average up to two hours per day fetching water from a spring or common water source (NTA Survey May/June 2022). During the extended dry season, distances to reliable water sources can increase as smaller water sources dry out. In NTA project areas, women are responsible for carting water 66% of the time and children usually help (95% of the time) (NTA survey, May/June 2022).

Recent census figures (2022) indicate that nearly 10 per cent of the population in Sikka (Flores) are without access to toilet facilities and a quarter of the population does not have access to basic sanitation facilities at home, i.e., they access shared facilities or practise open defecation.



Completed water tank in Kupang

NTA met with the provincial planning department (BAPPEDA) in Kupang (West Timor) during the May 2023 field visit and were assured that improving access to water and reducing open defecation remains a priority objective for the government.

Open defecation has direct negative impacts on health, leading to the spread of many diseases and polluting the environment. It also impacts dignity, personal safety, and mental wellbeing, especially of women and girls. Many of the toilets that are available in NTT do not meet basic sanitation standards: they do not have water to flush or wash hands, nor do they have a septic tank. Many families within the NTA program share a toilet with neighbours or family members, which limits privacy and can lead to conflict. Toilets at 41 per cent of schools in NTT are not separated by sex.

For over 30 years, NTA has been committed to improving access to water and sanitation by supporting farmer cooperatives to build rainwater storage tanks and toilet-wash units. With a 15,000-litre capacity, these water tanks can provide the average household with water for 4 months of the dry season and can then be refilled periodically by water trucks. Following on from tank construction, families can request NTA support to build improved, private toiletwash units. The toilet-wash units are a simple and practical design and are very conservative in their use of water.

Communities that receive support to build tanks and toilets are expected to provide the labour under technical guidance and contribute locally available materials (such as sand and rocks). This model not only means that people develop a strong sense of ownership for their tank or toilet-wash unit, but it also develops local construction skills and strengthens cooperation capacity, enabling the community members to maintain the infrastructure and to expand the program by building more tanks and toilets independently. With the completion of each tank or toilet, NTA distributes an educational poster with practical sanitation messaging, encouraging the communities to live a healthy life.

### Water tank and toilet construction

NTA supported the construction of 138 off-the-roof ferro-cement water tanks with a 15,000-litre capacity serving individual households, and 128 toilet-wash units. Our data shows an average of 6 users per water tank and toilet, which indicates that NTA assisted more than 1,600 people to gain improved access to water and sanitation facilities in 2022/23.



NTA I staff member inspecting the construction of a water tank

# Hygiene messaging

NTA distributed 400 hygiene posters to communities and schools in NTT to contribute to preventing the spread of communicable diseases.



Toilet completed in Kupang

# Impact:

# IMPACT STORY: Ibu-Ibu Ceria Group

The farmer group Ibu-Ibu Ceria consists of seven women who work together on a shared field, where they grow vegetables, chillies, maize and cassava. Two of them are honorary teachers in the local school, earning \$60 per month. Their husbands are all farmers.

They have been supported by the NTA since early 2022 and have so far built a well (13m deep) in their productive shared field and a rainwater collection tank. They have also been supported with barbed wire, which helps them to fence their field, to prevent roaming cows, goats and pigs from destroying their garden.

Most families here have either a pig or two, a cow or some goats. They let them roam freely so they can find their own food. If nobody is in the garden to keep these animals out, they can destroy crops within less than an hour.

"Since we received the fencing material from the NTA, we can sleep without the fear of losing all our crops at night. The well also made it possible for us to keep this piece of land productive, even in the long dry season, which means we can plant chillies and tomatoes when the price of these items is high. This support has enabled us to increase the yield from this garden significantly," says Ibu Antonia.

The women from Ibu-Ibu Ceria also received support to build a rainwater collection tank. They decided that the recipient should be Ibu Solita, who has no tank to collect rainwater and needs to carry water every day from a spring 1km away.

Ibu Solita and her husband live in a small house where they have a few chickens and have started to raise some pigs. Pak Veliono lost his left arm two years ago in an accident husking rice from his field.

"It was hard, and we were reliant on some support from the family for a while, but now I can work again and I have built this tank together with some other members of the farmer group. It has a volume of 15,000 litres and we finished in less than four weeks. In February we could start to harvest rainwater which means we no longer have to walk all the way to the spring," says Pak Veliono.

Discussing with NTA their future plans, the members of this farmer group mentioned their interest in learning more on pig husbandry as they all have one or two pigs. NTA has a program where farmer groups are supported to improve animal husbandry, especially for pigs. NTA will provide this group with support to build improved pig pens and invite them to practical training sessions on animal health together with the local veterinarian.



Ibu Solita and her husband Pak Veliono in front of their new Water Tank

# Education

Schools in eastern Indonesia are often under-resourced both in terms of physical infrastructure and human resources. Many schools have deficient infrastructure and a lack of funds to invest in improvements, with insufficient or damaged classrooms and toilets in need of repair (leaking roofs, broken windows, broken toilets, no doors), as well as substandard play areas without shade, muddy/dusty substrate, and no play equipment. Inside classrooms, teachers and students are challenged by insufficient desks, chairs, bookshelves, and books.

Many schools are also understaffed and/or staffed by underqualified teachers due to insufficient funding. Most teachers at rural schools in NTT are "guru honor": teachers employed directly by the school without government support and with little to no formal education training.

NTA's Education project seeks to help schools incrementally reduce these challenges. The team on the ground works closely with teachers and school principals who identify priority needs and drive improvement projects.



Classroom in West Timor

### Infrastructure and equipment packages

In 2022/23, NTA supported schools in West Timor and Flores with 44 infrastructure and equipment packages, including:

- protective fencing
- water tank construction
- roofing/flooring repairs
- windows replacement/installation
- furniture (chairs, tables, bookshelves, filing cabinets)
- traditional musical instruments.

# Learning resources

NTA also supported primary and secondary schools with **learning resources** selected in consultation with teachers and librarians and prepared for the expansion of the successful Teacher-in-a-Box (TIB) pilot initiated by Rotary last year:

- distributed 1,804 curriculum, resource, and storybooks to school libraries; and
- received from Rotary five 'virtual libraries', or TIBs. A TIB is a laptop containing thousands of books and other educational content, which can be accessed through a router from any device within a range of 100 metres, without an internet connection.

NTA also supplied learning equipment, books, and stationery to four under-resourced kindergartens.



Rotarian donating a laptop and providing training for the 'Teacher In A Box' project

# **Teacher Training**

Concurrently, NTA worked to build capacity among teachers through the delivery of 'Professional Teacher Training' and 'Library Management Training' sessions. These training packages are designed to enable teachers to gain practical tools and confidence, with a recognised certification. Professional Teacher Training was delivered to 134 teachers and covered character building (part of the new curriculum) and IT skills across four training sessions.

One hundred and eight teachers (librarians and school principals) were trained in improved Library Management over two training sessions, with support from the Australia Indonesia Associations of ACT and Victoria. General training in central locations was followed by individual visits in each school, to check the progress and application of the lessons delivered during training. The training is delivered by senior librarians from one of the largest and most advanced libraries in NTT, the Institute of Creative Philosophy and Technology Ledalero (IFTK Ledalero, Sikka, Flores) and the Catholic University Library in Kupang (UNWIRA).



Teacher training in South Central Timor

Libraries are the heart of a school and critical for promoting learning. NTA is pleased to be able to assist schools in developing and managing their libraries

#### School events

In 2022/23, NTA held two reading competitions, for the first time since COVID-19, in the districts of West Kupang and East Kupang for a total of 31 schools. Each school held an internal competition prior to the main event, and only the winners participated in the final reading competition run by NTA. The reading competitions received strong support from participating schools and local governments, particularly in West Timor where the District Head presented prizes to the winners.

In November, NTA facilitated the 13th annual Music and Dance Festival in Maumere, Flores, with traditional music and dance performances by students from 23 schools in Sikka, Flores. Attracting close to 1,000 spectators, the event was attended by 11 NTA supporters from Australia (Rotary members from North Sydney Sunrise (main donor of the festival), Lane Cove, West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook), many proud parents, teachers and local government representatives.

### Impact:

All facets of our education program are designed to stimulate students' participation in education in our project areas. Enhancing the quality of teaching, supplying and improving libraries and library management through professional development, combined with improving basic education facilities and encouraging pride in schools and celebrating academic achievement can lead to improved attendance and educational outcomes. In turn, improved educational outcomes contribute to accelerated economic and social development of rural communities.

#### **IMPACT STORY: Sapanjawa Primary School**

Sapanjawa Elementary School is located in the hills above Maumere, around thirty minutes from the city. The surrounding hills of the school are covered in cashew trees, a direct sign of the primary occupation of student's families at the school: farming. The school has a total of 59 students. It is a public school and currently has seven teachers as well as three 'guru honor', teachers from the local community who do not possess the same qualifications as the full teachers and are paid at a much lower rate. Five of the teachers live in Maumere and make the trip to the school every day by motorbike.

The school itself is maintained and decorated with care. The gardens are well maintained and provide a natural air to the central courtyard in between the classrooms. The school has been thoughtfully decorated with recycled plastic decorations. The library is small but well-maintained. The library is one area where NTA's support can be seen.

NTA support to purchase more than 200 books has been provided and these are proudly on display to be used by the students. Furthermore, the librarian has participated in library training, helping her manage and effectively catalogue the books. On one side of the school buildings a water tank that was provided by NTA can be found, reducing water costs for the school, and allowing a consistent supply of water for the staff and students.

The school joined the NTA program during the COVID-19 pandemic and has been receiving support for three years. Besides the above-mentioned support, the school has also participated in teacher training. This has been particularly useful for the guru honor to help improve their teaching capabilities. The school also participates in the cultural festival that is supported by NTA. For the future, the school is in particular need of further schoolbooks, especially subject-specific books for the new curriculum.



Sapanjawa Primary School

### **Capacity Building**

NTA's work to build capacity among our partner organisations and within communities in which we work is guided by our 5-year capacity building plan (2021–2026). The NTA is committed to building on the existing strengths of NTA Indonesia and the community groups with whom we work in an equal and supportive manner.

During 2022/23, NTA continued to promote localisation by strengthening the capacity of NTA Indonesia in the areas of:

- Gender equality, disability, and social inclusion (GEDSI)
- Safeguarding (protection from harm)
- Financial management and planning.

#### Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion

NTA received an ANCP Capacity Building grant from DFAT in 2023. The grant has since funded valuable capacity-building work with our in-country partner, NTA-Indonesia, between April and November 2023. The purpose of this work was to establish a baseline of issues related to Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) in the NTT region; and to build the skills and knowledge of staff in gender equality and disability rights.

Two Indonesian consultants, Ibu Juliana S. Ndolu and Ibu Berti Soli Dima Ngara, worked with staff from NTA-Australia and NTA-Indonesia. A GEDSI Audit was undertaken in three districts to understand issues facing women and people with disabilities, and identify opportunities for engagement and inclusion in program design, delivery and outcomes. The GEDSI Audit found that many women faced three kinds of barriers in their daily life and organising as groups:

- Women have high workloads, especially that of women farmers who usually are responsible for all household duties and care of children, as well as some or all agricultural work. Such a workload impedes womens' capacity to self-organise and engage in farmer groups (*kelompok*).
- Women-only *kelompoks* exist amongst the groups NTA provides funding and support to. However, the group's ability to organise remains weaker than that of men and mixed groups.
- Women's rights remain poorly understood within their communities (by women and men).

The GEDSI Audit also identified barriers faced by people with disabilities in their daily lives and the subsequent challenges for engaging in *kelompok*. GEDSI Awareness Training was delivered to two cohorts of NTA-Indonesia staff, in Flores and in Timor (Figures 28, 29 and 30). Training examined gender roles and responsibilities, gender equality and inequality, inclusive program design, and methods of community empowerment.

A series of Operational Guidelines for *kelompok* that are inclusive of women and people with disabilities have been developed for NTA-Indonesia and NTA-Australia staff. Staff will use the Guides to inform the active participation of women and people living with disabilities in *kelompok*; promote active participation in sharing household duties; and undertake GEDSI-responsive WASH infrastructure. The Guides will be piloted over the coming months and inform the future design and running of *kelompok*, and program design and delivery.



GEDSI Focus Group Discussions with teachers and students in Semau



Ibu Juliana delivering training on GEDSI to NTA-Indonesia staff in Kupang

#### Safeguarding

In 2022/23, NTA continued to formalise our partner organisations' approach to the importance of safeguarding (protection from harm) and mechanisms to ensure consent of parents/guardians/ individuals for the use of images by NTA or media present at NTA activities and events.

NTA's policy on child protection and the prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment was socialised again to all staff, with input provided by the Founder and Director of NTA-I. NTA-I agreed they will review the policy to ensure it is appropriate and practical for NTA-Indonesia.

Discussions were also held to review and update the risk matrix, rating risks and defining and updating mitigation strategies as appropriate. These activities demonstrate increasing professionalism and ownership of organisational policies and procedures within NTA-Indonesia.

#### Financial management and planning

In the second half of this year, NTA supported our partner organisation NTA Indonesia to take a leading role in work and financial planning for the coming period 2023/24. This represents a big step forward for localisation and increased responsibility and ownership for planning NTA's program of work by our Indonesian colleagues. While this process proved challenging at times, it was beneficial in highlighting specific aspects of financial management and planning that will inform our formal capacity building focus in the coming years.



GEDSI training

#### Monitoring and Evaluation, and Reporting

In 2022/23, the NTA engaged the Good Data Institute (GDI) to better demonstrate and measure how program activities achieve the NTA's overall goal to improve livelihoods and food security amongst small rural households in NTT. Three models are under development to outline NTA's revised program logic, i.e., how NTA achieves its organisational mission through key program objectives.

Program	Strategic objective	Underlying theory
Income Generation and Food Security	To increase household incomes and improve food security by supporting income-generating activities	Primary Objective:  • Improved farming knowledge leads to increased income  • Quality inputs (e.g., seedlings) and training leads to improved food security
Water and Sanitation	To improve health outcomes through better access to clean water and sanitation facilities in homes and schools	<ul> <li>Supporting objective:</li> <li>Improved access to water and sanitation frees up time for productive activities</li> <li>Improved sanitation leads to improved health and more time and energy for productive activities</li> </ul>
Education	To improve educational outcomes for children by enhancing the quality of education and school infrastructure	Supporting objective:  • Low levels of education are a constraint to livelihood improvement  • An improved learning environment leads to better educational outcomes and livelihood opportunities

The revised logic models illustrate the links for each program through inputs, the activities that are implemented under each program, the resulting outputs, the outcomes achieved as a consequence of those activities and their outputs, and their long-term impact on target beneficiaries. The links between these components in the program are summarised below:

#### **Inputs** Activities Outputs Outcomes Impact Key activities Direct results Effect of Long-term Funding, materials undertaken from the program effect of with farmer activities and activities and outcomes in groups, outputs on NTA project equipment, (e.g., beneficiaries training weaving equipment areas (e.g., groups, and assistance, and (e.g., increased schools and increased expertise infrastucture; rural teachers improved incomes, household knowledge, reduced open incomes, awareness, or defecation, increased skills) increase household student food security, performance) improved educational and health outcomes

Simplified program logic showing how the different components are linked

These revised logic models inform the next stage of work with GDI, which will focus on:

- 1. Data visualisation of NTA's activities and achievements (Power BI), and
- 2. Redesigning the current data collection methods and tools (beneficiary survey) to collect data on outcomes in an efficient way.

This work will provide insights into activities and their impact, as well as cross-cutting themes such as gender equality, disability and social inclusion across programs. A snapshot of how we worked towards our overall goal and program objectives in 2022-23 is summarised in the infographic below.

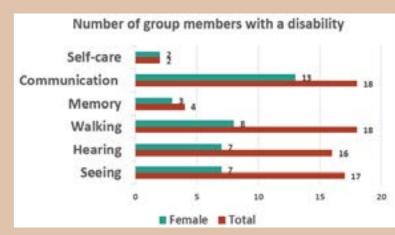
Snapshot of key achievements 2022-23

# NTA REDUCING POVERTY IN RURAL EASTERN INDONESIA

# **Field Monitoring**

- Visited 209 farmer groups
- > 1,220 members
- 62% women
- 79 days in the field





# Inclusion

- **GEDSI Audit** across 3 districts
- Identified 75 members as living with a disability (53% female)
- **GEDSI Awareness Training** for NTA-Indonesia staff

# **Access to Water**

Clean, reliable water is the **first priority** for households:

- 70% of NTA tank owners harvest rainwater
- 15,000 L tank provides 4-5 months worth of water
- NTA tanks save women and children 2-5 hours carting water per day





# **Education Innovation**

- Providing access to "Teacher in a Box" virtual libraries on a local area network (5 schools, 220 students and 22 teachers)
- Trained 134 teachers in professional teaching skills and IT competencies
- Built pride in education outcomes through reading competitions and a traditional music and dance cultural festival

# **Improved Livelihoods**

Worked with farmers to increase the quality and quantity of crops:

- technical guidance
- improved seedlings
- training in fertilisers, natural pesticides, compost

### Climate Change Feasibility Study

- training 41 farmers and 16 extension officers Supporting weavers to **improve the quality and value of their products**:
  - Trained 53 women in natural dye
  - Provided weaving materials to new groups



See page 19 for a complete summary of program outputs.



Ibu Yanes - NTA Indonesia Director - during a field visit

#### RISKS, IMPACTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

In previous years the greatest risk to NTA has been the loss of accreditation and associated ANCP funding and other DFAT funding (DAP). However, this has been mitigated in recent years with a concerted push to improve NTA governance and NTA I program management practices, including capacity building and monitoring and evaluation work.

NTA also saw a succession planning risk realised in the passing of Colin, as well as the departure of Stephanie. However, we were fortunate to have a number of new and old Board members step in to fill the very large number of tasks that Colin used to manage. NTA I Board members, Ibu Debi, Pak Yakob and Pak Evert, also stepped in to guide the strategic direction of programming at the local level. We were also fortunate to have a very quick resolution to the



Toilet built in Timor

replacement of Stephanie, with the very experienced Laura Kola and Simon Field joining NTA in July 2023.

The increased professionalisation of the NTA Board, NTA I and NTA I staff has helped to manage NTA's third highest identified risk, namely, inadvertent non-compliance with HR laws (Australia and Indonesia); taxation laws (Australia and Indonesia); Indonesian Immigration; Indonesian Office for Foreign NGOs (Governor's office, Kupang) and Australian ACNC requirements.

NTA has also identified a potential negative impact from our toilet program where the design and construction of the toilets or their build location may result in nitrate leakage from septic tanks to the groundwater. To address this possible negative impact, NTA is testing nitrate levels in wells to assess possible groundwater contamination. To date, testing has not identified high levels of nitrate in the groundwater.

NTA understands that climate change is likely to impact the East Nusa Tenggara region in the form of increased dry spells, increased intensity of precipitation and cyclones, with the potential to threaten lives, increase landslides and damage infrastructure. We are actively programming for climate change impacts in the construction of tanks and wells, as well as the use of improved agricultural inputs. We also recently piloted a biochar project to improve carbon sequestration and water retention in soils and will be looking to investigate other projects directly focused on climate change adaptation.

NTA has previously not had a formal approach to climate change mitigation. However, we estimate that COVID-19 travel restrictions saw a significant reduction in our scope 1 greenhouse gas emissions due to the cancellation of monitoring visits. As these visits resume we will establish more formal mechanisms to measure and monitor our emissions.

# RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS AND INDONESIAN PARTNERS

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

NTA would like to thank its volunteers for their enormous contribution. The enthusiasm, drive and hard work of these individuals is what has allowed NTA to continue its much-needed work.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee is responsible for maintaining the NTA accounts, managing NTA's bank accounts, remitting payments to NTA-Indonesia in Kupang for local disbursement, preparing the annual financial statements and lodging annual returns with ACFID and others.

- Ron Thompson (Chair)
- Ming Wei Cheah
- Dr Colin Barlow
- Petrus Usmanij

#### **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

This committee considers project proposals, monitors project progress and scrutinises agreed disbursement documents.

- Dr Colin Barlow (chair)
- Lesley Potter
- Rebekah Smith (Secretary)
- Dr. Ria Gondowarsito
- Stephanie Heighes
- Keith Gray
- Kate Sollis
- John Wickett
- Mark Hunter
- Tom Moore
- Brolin Barr
- Jessica Cong
- Jade Thinault
- Juris Jakovic
- Thilak Mallawaarachchi
- Heidi Lipson

#### MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

This committee is responsible for maintaining records of members and supporters, strategies to recruit new members and donors, production of materials for public information and promotion and fundraising.

- Phil Domaschenz (Chair)
- Wendy Emerton
- Carys Chan
- Stephanie Heighes
- Colin Barlow

#### OTHER ASSISTANCE

We thank our guest speakers for our annual dinner, Bapak Mohamad Syarif Alatas, Peter Stanton, Wendy Emerton, and Pak Gede, our musician for the dinner. Laura Kola and Tutut Christen developed promotional materials and the annual report. Michael Cox helped greatly with planning our disbursements to Indonesia.

Kate Sollis has continued to support the development of electronic surveys. Rebekah Smith has maintained the momentum. Jane Cheung and Michael Berry from the Good Data Institute supported our ongoing efforts to improve evidence-based reporting and data management.

Annisa Alatas completed an assessment of a trial for Teacher in a Box, a Rotary program to make digitised books and reference materials available to schools, in West Timor.

Tom Moore and Rebekah Smith continued to support NTA in many ways.

A number of people assisted membership and marketing including Bill Arthur who produced our newsletter, Robin Brown, Josh Greet, Rebekah Smith, Thomas Moore and Thilak Mallawaarachchi. NTA Victoria continued to promote NTA efforts and fundraise in Melbourne. Special mention goes to Rhyll Rivett, Susan Walker, Janet Penny, Jo Keating, Petrus Usmanij, Rebekah Smith and Tom Moore.

Rotary has been fantastic supporter of NTA. We would like to acknowledge the particular efforts of a number of Rotarians – Peter Stanton, Andrew Little, Andrew Young, Ian Burnet, Chris Curtis, David Stagg, Luke Keighery, Anthony Makin, John Tchetchenian, Iain Clark, Stephen McMillan, Juris Jakovics, Keith Gray, Bill Andrews, Pam Davis and John Lawrence.

The Australia Indonesia Associations of ACT, Victoria and NSW continued to support activities focussed on improved education.

#### **OUR PARTNERS IN INDONESIA**

NTA works closely with local government departments (especially with the Departments for Education Youth, Sport; for Agriculture, and for Industry and commerce) in West Timor and Flores, to ensure that our efforts are targeted at identified gaps in all our programs and complement efforts across the broader region.

#### YAYASAN NTA INDONESIA (NTA INDONESIA)

This is NTA's peak partner and implementing agency in Indonesia who has direct responsibility for implementing most of NTA's activities. NTA Indonesia maintained the momentum of NTA's works and demonstrated that it is truly a capable and effective partner. NTA is excited to introduce the new Director for NTA Indonesia. Ibu Ir. Yanes Do Djeta who has taken over this leading position from Pak Ir. Don Bosco Meke. NTA thanks Pak Don for his outstanding work over many years.

Ibu Ir. Yanes has an outstanding background. She has a Bachelor in Animal Husbandry and extensive experience in leading positions within the Provincial animal husbandry department, focusing on improved pig husbandry (quality feeding and breeding). Ibu Yanes finished her studies at the Universitas Nusa Cendana in 1989 and retired officially from her position at the department in April 2020.

NTA Indonesia also recruited a number of additional people to help deliver the accelerated program following the additional funding received from DFAT. The full complement of NTA-I staff is as follows:

Founder – Ibu Ir. Debora Kana Hau MSi, Director (until Jan 2023) – Pak Ir. Don Bosco Meke, Director (from February 2023) - Ibu Yanes Do Djeta, Regional Coordinator (Flores), Pak Ir. Mohammad Taher, Drs. Fransiskus Wayan, Ibu Hubertina Niat, Ibu Ir. Mery Demerci, Pak Yohanis Puay, Ibu Yosephina Noeng, Dr. Ir. Evert Yulianes Hosang, Dra. Forlberta, Pak Leki Seran, Pak Matias Melki, Pak Thomas Keo, Dr. Daud Saleh, Pak Simprianus Rompi, Ibu Amelia, Pak Markus Minggus, Pak Yohanes Banola, Pak Matias Abdon, Ibu Susie Koffman, Pak Fridolinus Nong Frans, Pak Sil Laurensius Loar.

The new look NTA Indonesia staff in Kupang (West Timor) and Founder of the NTA-I are shown here:



From left to right: Pak Tomas, Ibu Tina, Ibu Yanes, Ibu Deby (Founder), Pak Evert, Pak Frans

The founder and staff of the Yayasan Pengembangan Masyarakat Pulau Semau (Semau Island Community Development Foundation) are shown below:

Founder - Drs Mesach De Beeh MSi, Pak Edman Adam Ngefar, Pak Dramus Melkianus Nong, Pak Agusberth Demetrius Negefak



# BADAN RISET DAN INOVASI NASIONAL (NATIONAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AGENCY) )





# IFTK LEDALERO (LEDALERO INSTITUTE OF CREATIVE PHILOSOPHY AND TECHNOLOGY)

Particular mention to our trainers Ibu Maria Rosa and Ibu Maria Yosephina.





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# **RECOGNITION OF DONORS**

We are grateful for the very important support we receive from Australian Aid, the corporate sector and community organisations. This support includes funding and the donation of goods and services including items used for fundraising. Our special thanks goes to:



# Australian Feelgood Designs







#### Particularly the Rotary Clubs of:

- West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook
- Lane Cove
- Northbridge
- North Sydney Sunrise
- Kincumber
- Hills-Kellyville
- Beecroft
- Daylesford
- Canberra Burley Griffin
- Jerrabomberra
- Canberra Sunrise
- Gunghalin
- Paddington
- Murrumbidgee Canberra













# 2022/ 23 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NUSATENGGARA ASSOCIATION INC

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Directors' report 30 June 2023

The responsible persons present their report on NUSATENGGARA ASSOCIATION INC for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

#### Information on directors

The names of each person who has been a director during the year and to date of the report are:

Ron Thompson FAICD

Jade Thinault

Dr Colin Darlow (Deceased 11 December 2022)

James Fox

Leslie Potter (Appointed)

Nardine Vincenc (Appointed)

Ria Gondowarsito

Robert Cramb

Wendy Emerton

Responsible persons have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of the report unless otherwise stated.

#### Principal activities

The principal activity of NUSATENGGARA ASSOCIATION INC during the financial year was to continue the long-standing role of improving the livelihoods and food security of rural households in Nusa Tenggara Timur province in eastern Indonesia

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

#### Operating results

The profit/(loss) of the Charity after providing for income tax amounted to \$8,522 (2022: \$27,521)

#### Review of operations

A review of the operations of the Charity during the financial year and the results of those operations show that the charity continues as a going concern with a steady stream of income supporting charitable works.

#### Significant changes in state of affairs

There have been no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Charity during the year.

#### Events after the reporting date

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

#### Future developments and results

Directors' report 30 June 2023

There are no significant changes that would impact on the future development of the NUSATENGGARA ASSOCIATION INC

#### Environmental issues

The Charity's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulations under a law of the Commonwealth or of a state or territory of Australia.

#### Indemnification and insurance of officers and auditors

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

#### Auditor's Independence Declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration in accordance with section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, for the year ended 30 June 2023 has been received and can be found on page # of the financial report.

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

Ron Thompson FAICD

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Director

Dated: 15 November 2023

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Jade Thinault

Jade Thinault Director

# Auditor's independence declaration to the responsible persons of NUSATENGGARA ASSOCIATION INC

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2023, there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Canberra Assurance Specialist Pty Ltd

John Little

Partner

Canberra, 15 November 2023

Jahr Little

Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		\$	\$
Revenue	4		
Revenue from contracts with customers			
Grants - Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade		277,119	150,000
Member subscriptions		386	500
Total Revenue from contracts with customers		277,505	150,500
Revenue from other sources			
Donations			
Donation - Individual		63,986	57,716
Donation - Corporate		30,042	67,130
Donation - Non-monetary		161,098	236,970
Total Donations		255,126	361,816
Other revenue from other sources		26,559	13,663
Total Revenue from other sources		281,685	375,479
Total Income		559,190	525,979
Gross Income		559,190	525,979
Finance income	5	2,835	75
Administrative expenses			
Administrative expenses		(2,074)	(2,944)
Employee benefit expenses		(19,560)	(74,800)
Total Administrative expenses		(21,634)	(77,744)
Marketing expenses		(7,245)	(6,011)
Other expenses			
Other expenses			
Insurance		(3,476)	(3,490)
Other expenses		(9,291)	(4,360)
Total Other expenses		(12,767)	(7,850)
Total Other expenses		(12,767)	(7,850)
Charitable Purpose expenditure			
Overseas Project expenese			
Community Education		(19,200)	-
Non Monetary project costs			
Project Administration		(131,108)	(198,347)
Monitoring Visits		(29,990)	(38,623)
Total Non Monetary project costs		(161,098)	(236,970)
Overseas Project expenses			,
Funds to International Programs		(287,085)	(169,958)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income For the year ended 30 June 2023

Total Overseas Project expenses	(331,559)	(169,958)
Total Charitable Purpose expenditure	(511,857)	(406,928)
Surplus for the year	8,522	27,521
Income tax	-	-
Surplus from continuing operations	8,522	27,521
Surplus for the year	8,522	27,521
Total comprehensive income for the year	8,522	27,521

The comparative information is not compliant with Australian Accounting Standards.

Statement of financial position As at 30 June 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		\$	\$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	262,730	230,717
Trade and other receivables	8		
Trade receivables			
Other Receivable		445	306
GST receivable		-	220
Total Trade and other receivables		445	526
Total current assets		263,175	231,243
Total assets		263,175	231,243
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9		
Trade payables		1,755	2,011
GST payable		16,095	_
Entitlements		7,570	-
Total Trade and other payables		25,420	2,011
Total current liabilities		25,420	2,011
Total liabilities		25,420	2,011
Net assets		237,755	229,232
Equity			
Retained earnings		237,755	229,232

The comparative information is not compliant with Australian Accounting Standards.

Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Retained		
2022	earnings	Total	Total equity
	\$	\$	\$
Opening balance	201,711	201,711	201,711
Surplus for the year	27,521	27,521	27,521
Closing balance	229,232	229,232	229,232
	Retained		
2023	earnings	Total	Total equity
	\$	\$	\$
Opening balance	229,233	229,233	229,233
Surplus for the year	8,522	8,522	8,522
Closing balance	237,755	237,755	237,755

Statement of cash flows For the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers	121,054	139,766
Payments to suppliers and employees	(368,995)	(260,076)
Interest received	2,835	75
Receipt from grants	277,119	150,000
Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities	32,013	29,765
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	32,013	29,765
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	230,717	200,952
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	262,730	230,717

The comparative information is not compliant with Australian Accounting Standards.

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 June 2023

#### 1. Introduction

The financial report covers NUSATENGGARA ASSOCIATION INC as an individual entity.

NUSATENGGARA ASSOCIATION INC is a not-for-profit Company, registered and domiciled in Australia.

The principal activities of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2023 were to continue the long standing role of improving the livelihoods and food security of rural households in Nusa Tenggara Timur province in eastern Indonesia

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The functional and presentation currency of NUSATENGGARA ASSOCIATION INC is Australian dollars.

The financial report was authorised for issue by those charged with governance on 15 November 2023.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

#### Basis of preparation

In the opinion of those charged with governance, the Company is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial statements who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows*, AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* and AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures*.

The Charity is preparing special purpose financial statements since it is unlikely there are users of these financial statements who are not in a position to require the preparation of reports tailored to their information needs. Accordingly, these financial statements have been prepared to satisfy the Directors' reporting requirements under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act* 2012

The financial statements and material accounting policies all comply with the recognition and measurement requirements in Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

#### Summary of significant accounting policies

#### a. Income tax

The Charity is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 June 2023

#### 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).

Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

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

#### Foreign currency transactions and balances

#### Transaction and balances

Foreign currency transactions are recorded at the spot rate on the date of the transaction.

At the end of the reporting period:

- Foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate;
- Non-monetary items that are measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction; and
- Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value are translated using the rate at the date when fair value was determined.

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items or on translating monetary items at rates different from those at which they were translated on initial recognition or in prior reporting periods are recognised through profit or loss, except where they relate to an item of other comprehensive income or whether they are deferred in equity as qualifying hedges.

#### Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

The Charity has adopted all standards which became effective for the first time at 30 June 2023, the adoption of these standards has not caused any material adjustments to the reported financial position, performance or cash flow of the Charity.

#### 4. Revenue and other income

#### Accounting policy

#### i. Revenue from contracts with customers

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Charity expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services.

Generally, the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

None of the revenue streams of the Charity have any significant financing terms as there is less than 12 months between receipt of funds and satisfaction of performance obligations.

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 June 2023

#### ii. Statement of financial position balances relating to revenue recognition

#### Contract assets and liabilities

Where the amounts billed to customers are based on the achievement of various milestones established in the contract, the amounts recognised as revenue in a given period do not necessarily coincide with the amounts billed to or certified by the customer.

When a performance obligation is satisfied by transferring a promised good or service to the customer before the customer pays consideration or the before payment is due, the Charity presents the contract as a contract asset, unless the Charity's rights to that amount of consideration are unconditional, in which case the Charity recognises a receivable.

When an amount of consideration is received from a customer prior to the entity transferring a good or service to the customer, the Charity presents the contract as a contract liability.

The Charity recognises assets relating to the costs of obtaining a contract and the costs incurred to fulfil a contract or set up / mobilisation costs that are directly related to the contract provided they will be recovered through performance of the contract.

Costs to obtain a contract are only capitalised when they are directly related to a contract and it is probable that they will be recovered in the future. Costs incurred that would have been incurred regardless of whether the contract was won are expensed, unless those costs are explicitly chargeable to the customer in any case (whether or not the contract is won).

#### iii. Volunteer services

Volunteer services are measured at their fair value, which is determined by the value being placed on the time contributed by volunteers, and income and expenses are recognised for these amounts.

#### Revenue from continuing operations

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Revenue from contracts with customers (AASB 15)		
Grants - Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	277,119	150,000
Member subscriptions	386	500
	277,505	150,500
Revenue recognised on receipt (not enforceable or no sufficiently specific performance obligations - AASB 1058)		
Donations	255,126	361,816
Other revenue from other sources	26,559	13,663
	281,685	375,479
	559,190	525,979

#### Performance obligation information

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 June 2023

In broad terms, the NTA is obligated to:

- 1. submit an ADPlan outlining the projects to be implemented with Activity funding for the financial year 2022-2023.
- 2. Submit Annual Performance Report and Acquittal Report
- 3. Submit recognised Development Expenditure (RDE) Worksheet Submission

#### d. Volunteer services not recognised

The cost of the Audit of the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 has not been recognised in the financial statements as a services provided free of charge. The estimated cost of the audit is \$2,000

#### Finance income and expenses

Finance income	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Other finance income	2,835	75

#### Result for the year

The result for the year includes the following specific expenses:

	2023	2022 \$
	\$	
Defined contribution superannuation	-	-
Impairment of non-financial assets	-	-
Other expenses		
Other Expenses	514	826
Travel	7,459	2,011
Bank Fees and Charges	1,318	1,523
Total Other expenses	9,291	4,360

#### a. Accountability and administration

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2023

Accountability and administration	2023 \$	2022 \$
Insurance	3,476	3,490
ACFID Fees	2,074	2,944
Employee benefit expenses	19,560	74,800
Website expenese	1,050	
Travel Expenses	7,459	2,011
Other	514	826
total Accountability and administration costs	34,133	84,071

#### b. Fundraising costs

Fundraising	2023	2022	
	\$	\$	
Printing postage and stationery		186	
Bank Fees	1,318	1,523	
Catering and room Hire	6,055	5,663	
Advertising	140	162	
Total Findraising cost	7,513	7,534	

#### c. Employee Benefits

Description	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Salary and wage - Governance and administration	12,000	68,000
Salaries and Wages - RDE equivalent	60,000	
Superannuation contributions	7,560	6,800
Total employee benefits	79,560	74,800

#### d. Auditors Remuneration

The audit of the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 was undertaken at a cost of \$2,500 as an in kind donation.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

#### a. Accounting policy

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### b. Cash and cash equivalent details

#### Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash at bank	262,682	230,621
Other cash and cash equivalents	48	96
	262,730	230,717

#### Reconciliation of cash

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to items in the statement of financial position as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	262,730	230,717

#### Trade and other receivables

Current	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Trade receivables	445	306
GST receivable	-	220
	445	526

#### Trade and other payables

Current	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Trade payables	1,755	2,011
GST payable	16,095	-
Accrued superannuation	7,570	-
	25,420	2,011

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

#### Contingencies

In the opinion of the Directors, the Charity did not have any contingencies at 2023 (2022: None).

#### Events occurring after the reporting date

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

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 June 2023

### 12. Statutory information

The registered office and principal place of business of the Charity is: NUSATENGGARA ASSOCIATION INC 10 Moss Steet Cook ACT Australia

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Responsible persons' declaration

The responsible persons declare that in the responsible persons' opinion:

- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013.

Ron Thompson FAICD Responsible person

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Dated: 15 November 2023

Jade Thinault Responsible person

Jade Thinault

# Independent audit report to the members of NUSATENGGARA ASSOCIATION INC

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of NUSATENGGARA ASSOCIATION INC (the Charity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements and the Responsible persons' declaration.

In our opinion, subject to the matter refered to in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the accompanying financial report of the Charity for the year ended 30 June 2023 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* 

#### Basis for Qualified Opinion

Because we were appointed auditors on 14 October 2023, we were unable to undertake appropriate audit procedures on opening balances at 1 July 2022. Also we were unable to satisfy ourselves by alternative means there were no material errors included in the opening balances of assets and liabilities at 1 July 2022. Since opening balances enter into the determination of the financial performance and cash flows, we were unable to determine whether adjustments might have been necessary in respect of the income for the year reported in the statement of comprehensive income and the net cash flows from operating activities reported in the statement of cash flows.

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

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

#### Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist the Charity in compliance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Charity and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the Charity. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report

in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Charity'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 management either intends to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Charity's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

https://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf.

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Canberra Assurance Specialist Pty Ltd

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John Little

Partner

Canberra, 15 November 2023

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