

BirdLife Australia and Controlled Entities  
ABN 75 149 124 774

Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2025

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## General information

The financial statements cover BirdLife Australia as a consolidated entity (referred to hereafter as the 'Group') consisting of BirdLife Australia, Bird Observation & Conservation Australia and, the Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is BirdLife Australia's functional and presentation currency. The responsible entity is an unlisted company limited by guarantee and incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

Its registered office and principal place of business, as at the date of this report, is:

Level 2, Main Building  
54 Wellington Street,  
Collingwood, VIC 3066.

A description of the nature of the Group's operations and its principal activities are included in the Responsible Entities' report, which is not part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of directors, on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2026. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

## Responsible Entities' Report

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, of the Group consisting of BirdLife Australia (referred to hereafter as the 'responsible entity' or 'parent entity') and the entities it controlled at the end of, or during, the year ended 31 December 2025.

### Directors

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

<b>Directors</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Reappointed</b>	<b>End of Term</b>
Amanda Robin Silberstein Bamford	President	28/05/2016	28/05/2022	
Hugh Philip Possingham	Vice President	23/05/2020	27/05/2023	
Gerard Patrick Early		28/05/2011	28/05/2022	24/05/2025
Judith Hoyle		29/05/2021	25/05/2024	
Penny McMullin		27/05/2023		
Gary Charles Nelson		23/11/2019	28/05/2022	10/11/2025
Jarrold Derek Pittson		30/03/2020	27/05/2023	
Pamela Sutton-Legaud		31/07/2017	31/03/2021	
Tuanh Nguyen		27/05/2023		
Gillian Jervis		25/05/2024		
Stephen Garnett		25/05/2024		

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

## Responsible Entities' Report continued

### Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Group are to encourage and facilitate the scientific study of birds and their habitats for conservation, in the Australian region, and to take action to maintain, protect or enhance that survival.

### Objectives

The Group's short and long-term objectives are:

- (i) to promote public understanding of the ecological and economic importance of Australian birds and their habitats;
- (ii) to monitor and investigate threats to the survival of Australian birds and their habitats and to take action to maintain, protect or enhance that survival;
- (iii) to develop and promote educational programs and materials which engender attitudes sympathetic to the protection, well-being, and appreciation of Australian birds;
- (iv) to encourage the scientific study and research of Australian birds and their habitats, to facilitate their conservation and well-being; and
- (v) to foster ethical bird observing as a social and individual activity directed to benefit Australian birds.

To achieve these objectives the Group has adopted the following strategies:

- (i) to build the Group's membership, supporter base and profile within the Australian community;
- (ii) to facilitate scientific surveys and engage in conservation activities and education programs;
- (iii) to produce high quality publications on Australian birds; and
- (iv) to organise and conduct a variety of birding activities for the benefit of members and the wider community.

**Responsible Entities' Report continued**

<b>Directors</b>	<b>Qualifications and Experience</b>
Amanda Robin Silberstein Bamford	BSc. (Hons) zoologist and science communicator, small business partner, Chair Herdsman Lake Regional Park CAC, President WA Gould League, member Community Grants & Awards committee.
Hugh Philip Possingham	DPhil (Oxon), BSc (Hons, Adelaide), FRS, FAA, FNAS, Research Professor (University of Queensland), member Finance & Audit Committee/Australian Bird Fund Committee, Chair Community Grants & Awards Committee, Chair Australasian Ornithological Conference 2023.
Gerard Patrick Early	MPA, BA, Grad Dip Admin, GAICD, environmental and public sector consultant, formerly Deputy Secretary of the Australian Government Environment Department, Chair Governance Committee
Judith Hoyle	BHSc, Nursing; Grad Dip Clinical Studies – Infection Control, Grad Cert Leadership and Management, Dip App Sci Nursing, Cert ICU, Cert STN, member Community Grants & Awards Committee, member Development Committee.
Penny McMullin	BCom (Accounting & Business Law), Chartered Accountant, ANZ, financial and marketplace analyst, member Finance & Audit Committee/Australian Bird Fund Committee.
Gary Charles Nelson	BCA, Chartered Accountant, Chair Finance & Audit Committee/Australian Bird Fund Committee.
Jarrod Derek Pittson	BSC (Hons) Chemistry, PGDip Environmental Management & Legislation, member Governance Committee. Chair Development Committee.
Pamela Sutton-Legaud	MBA, GAICD, Board member Inner West Community Enterprises/Seddon Community Bank, Director of the Western Melbourne Tourism Board, Chair Hobsons Bay Community Fund and Chair Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre.
Tuanh Nguyen OAM	B Com, LLB (Monash University), LLM (Melbourne University), member of Governance Committee
Gillian Jervis	BCom, M Applied Finance, Grad Dip Business (Governance), Certified Practising Accountant, environmental advocate and financial consultant, member Finance & Audit Committee/Australian Bird Fund Committee.
Stephen Garnett	PhD (Zoology & tropical veterinary Science), BSc (Hons, Zoology), Professor (Charles Darwin University), Senior Governmental Consultant and Conservation Officer, editor of Action Plan for Australian Birds, member Governance Committee.

## Responsible Entities' Report continued

### Director Meetings

Directors	Meetings Held	Meetings eligible to attend	Meetings attended
Amanda Robin Silberstein Bamford - President	5	5	5
Hugh Philip Possingham - Vice President	5	5	5
Gerard Patrick Early (resigned 24/05/2025)	5	1	1
Judith Hoyle	5	5	5
Penny McMullin	5	5	4
Gary Charles Nelson (resigned 10/11/2025)	5	4	4
Jarrod Derek Pittson	5	5	4
Pamela Sutton-Legaud	5	5	3
Tuanh Nguyen	5	5	5
Gillian Jervis	5	3	3
Stephen Garnett	5	5	5

### Dividends

The responsible entity is an unlisted company limited by guarantee, has no share capital, and declares no dividends.

### Indemnification of Officers

During the financial year, the responsible entity paid a premium in respect of a contract ensuring the directors of the responsible entity (as named above), the Chief Executive Officer and all executive officers of the responsible entity and of any related body against a liability incurred by such a director, secretary or executive officer to the extent permitted by the Corporations Law. The contract of insurance prohibits disclosure of the nature of the liability and the amount of the premium.

The Group has not otherwise, during or since the financial year, indemnified or agreed to indemnify an officer or auditor of BirdLife Australia or of any related body corporate against a liability incurred by such an officer or auditor.

### Proceedings on Behalf of the Group

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Group or its controlled entities or intervene in any proceedings to which the Group is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Group for all or any part of those proceedings.

The Group was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

## Auditors' Independence Declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out on page 6.

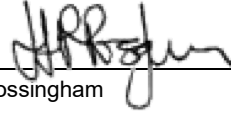
Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:



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Amanda Bamford

Director



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Hugh Possingham

Director

Dated this 30th day of April 2026

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As lead auditor for the audit of the financial report of BirdLife Australia and Controlled Entities for the year ended 31 December 2025, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

*Rsm***RSM AUSTRALIA PARTNERS****K J DUNDON**  
Partner1 May 2026  
Melbourne, Victoria

**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

		<b>Consolidated</b>	
	<b>Note</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Project income		6,233,490	3,915,174
Donations		6,024,988	5,723,204
Bequests		1,773,155	1,834,812
Subscriptions		472,117	508,953
Sales, courses, and fees		1,459,819	1,140,322
Finance income	4	653,286	791,576
Other income	5	45,144	17,609
Net gain/(loss) in revaluation of financial assets at fair value through Profit or Loss		536,434	997,272
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17,198,433</b>	<b>14,928,922</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Employee costs		13,461,387	13,120,506
Printing, stationery, and magazine costs		521,727	531,133
Finance and administration costs		1,704,478	1,682,901
Project non-employee costs		2,428,398	1,967,417
Occupancy expenses		535,182	291,457
Travel expenses		462,445	341,315
Subscriptions		49,634	69,880
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>19,163,251</b>	<b>18,004,609</b>
Operating surplus/(deficit)	6	<b>( 1,964,818)</b>	<b>( 3,075,687)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>			
<b>Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss</b>		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>( 1,964,818)</b>	<b>( 3,075,687)</b>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the notes on pages 10 - 27

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
 AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025**

		Consolidated	
	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	2,896,200	3,702,730
Trade and other receivables	8	737,503	1,092,883
Other financial assets		887,981	657,188
Other assets		71,388	36,485
Contract Assets	9	496,098	224,666
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>5,089,170</u>	<u>5,713,952</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Investments	10	8,875,517	11,308,224
Right of use assets		275,695	26,245
Property, plant & equipment	11	1,557,581	1,593,660
Intangible assets	12	171,972	216,992
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>10,880,765</u>	<u>13,145,121</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>15,969,935</u>	18,859,073
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	13	872,274	1,375,165
Lease liability		121,130	21,951
Provisions	14		1,674,692
Contract Liabilities	15	1,434,986	2,263,266
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>2,428,390</u>	<u>5,335,074</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Provisions	14	192,295	171,591
Lease liability		164,363	8,673
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>356,658</u>	180,264
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>2,785,048</u>	<u>5,515,338</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>13,184,887</u>	<u>13,343,735</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained surplus	16	11,378,917	13,343,735
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>11,378,917</u>	<u>13,343,735</u>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the notes on pages 10 – 27

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

Consolidated	Note	Retained Surplus \$
<b>Balance 31 December 2024</b>		<b>13,343,735</b>
Surplus / (Deficit) for the period		<u>( 1,964,818)</u>
<b>Balance 31 December 2025</b>		<b><u>11,378,917</u></b>

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

		Consolidated	
	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from ordinary activities		13,447,312	12,777,656
Payments to suppliers and employees		( 20,910,535)	( 18,371,191)
Bequests		1,773,155	1,834,812
Finance Income received		653,286	791,576
Interest paid on lease liabilities		9,011	29,452
Net cash provided by operating activities	17	<u>( 5,027,771)</u>	<u>( 2,937,695)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Net cash flows from sale/(acquisition) of investments		2,738,348	4,854,743
Net acquisition of intangibles, plant and equipment		( 216,735)	( 623,452)
Net cash provided by/ (used in) investing activities		<u>2,521,613</u>	<u>4,231,291</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayment of lease liabilities		( 106,341)	( 105,904)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		<u>( 106,341)</u>	<u>( 105,904)</u>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash held</b>		<b>( 2,612,499)</b>	<b>1,187,692</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year</b>		<b>3,702,730</b>	2,515,038
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year</b>	7	<b><u>2,896,200</u></b>	<b><u>3,702,730</u></b>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the notes on pages 10 - 27

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

### 1. Material Accounting Policies

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements and have been applied consistently by the Group.

#### **New or amended Standards and Interpretations adopted**

The Group has adopted all new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

#### **Basis of preparation**

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB'), the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Victorian legislation the Fundraising Act 1998 and associated regulations and the Corporations Act 2001, as appropriate for not-for-profit oriented entities.

#### *Historical cost convention*

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for, certain classes of property, plant, and equipment.

#### *Critical accounting estimates*

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 2, Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions.

In the context of a not-for-profit charitable organisation, all references to "profit" and "loss" have been changed to "surplus" and "deficit".

#### **Parent entity information**

In accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, these financial statements present the results of the Group only. Supplementary information about the parent entity is disclosed in note 18.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

### 1. Material Accounting Policies continued

#### Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of entities controlled by BirdLife Australia at the end of the reporting period. A controlled entity is any entity over which BirdLife Australia has the power to govern the financial and operating policies so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

Where controlled entities have entered or left the Group during the year, the financial performances of those entities are included only for the period of the year that they were controlled. A list of controlled entities is contained in Note 24 to the financial statements.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, all intragroup balances, and transactions between entities in the consolidated group have been eliminated in full on consolidation.

#### Revenue recognition

The company recognises revenue as follows:

##### *Revenue from contracts with customers*

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Group is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer. For each contract with a customer, the Group: identifies the contract with a customer; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct good or service to be delivered; and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the goods or services promised.

Variable consideration within the transaction price, if any, reflects concessions provided to the customer such as discounts, rebates and refunds, any potential bonuses receivable from the customer and any other contingent events. Such estimates are determined using either the 'expected value' or 'most likely amount' method. The measurement of variable consideration is subject to a constraining principle whereby revenue will only be recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur. The measurement constraint continues until the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. Amounts received that are subject to the constraining principle are recognised as a refund liability.

##### *Sale of goods*

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point in time when the customer obtains control of the goods, which is generally at the time of delivery.

##### *Rendering of services*

Revenue from a contract to provide services is recognised over time as the services are rendered based on either a fixed price or an hourly rate.

##### *Interest*

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method.

##### *Other income (including Donations and Bequests)*

Other income is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

### 1. Material Accounting Policies continued

#### Current and non-current classification

Assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of financial position based on current and non-current classification. An asset is classified as current when: it is either expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the Group's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period; or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is classified as current when: it is either expected to be settled in the Group's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period; or there is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

#### Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any allowance for expected credit losses ('ECL').

Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any allowance for ECL.

#### Contract Assets

Contract assets are recognised when the Group has transferred goods or services to the customer but where the Group is yet to establish an unconditional right to consideration. Contract assets are treated as financial assets for impairment purposes.

#### Investments and other financial assets

Investments and other financial assets are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs are included as part of the initial measurement, except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Such assets are subsequently measured at either amortised cost or fair value depending on their classification. Classification is determined based on both the business model within which such assets are held and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset unless, an accounting mismatch is being avoided.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows have expired or have been transferred and BirdLife Australia has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. When there is no reasonable expectation of recovering part, or all, of a financial asset, the carrying value is written off.

BirdLife Australia has elected to recognise investments at fair value through profit or loss. Consequently, all fair value movements on investments are recognised in profit or loss. Other financial assets comprising term deposits with longer than 3 months maturity date are recognised at amortised cost.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

### 1. Material Accounting Policies continued

#### Property, plant, and equipment

##### *Recognition and measurement*

Plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

In accordance with AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment, heritage and cultural assets acquired at no cost, or for a nominal cost, are required to be initially recognised at fair value as at the date of acquisition. Depending on the circumstances it may not be possible to reliably measure the fair value as at the date of acquisition of a heritage or cultural asset. Accordingly, where reliable measurement is not possible, these assets are not recognised on the Statement of Financial Position at their fair value.

Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only when it is probable that the future economic benefits associated with the expenditure will flow to the Group, and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment over their expected useful lives as follows:

- Buildings	30 years
- Plant and equipment	3 – 5 years
- Motor Vehicles	5 years

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

Given the nature of heritage and cultural assets, these assets do not have limited useful lives and therefore are not subject to depreciation. At the end of each reporting period, the Group assesses whether there are indications that the assets have been impaired and adjusts the carrying amount accordingly.

Leasehold improvements (the cost of improvements to, or on, leasehold properties) are depreciated over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the assets, whichever is shorter.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the Group. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss. Any revaluation surplus reserve relating to the item disposed of is transferred directly to retained surplus.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

### 1. Material Accounting Policies continued

#### Right-of-use assets

A right-of-use asset is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for, as applicable, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date net of any lease incentives received, any initial direct costs incurred, and, except when included in the cost of inventories, an estimate of costs expected to be incurred for dismantling and removing the underlying asset, and restoring the site or asset.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the asset, whichever is the shorter. Where the Group expects to obtain ownership of the leased asset at the end of the lease term, the depreciation is over its estimated useful life. Right-of use assets are subject to impairment or adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

The Group has elected not to recognise a right-of-use asset and corresponding lease liability for short-term leases with terms of 12 months or less and leases of low value assets. Lease payments on these assets are expensed to profit or loss as incurred.

#### Intangibles Assets

Intangible assets that are acquired by the Group and have finite useful lives are measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates. All other expenditure is recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

#### *Information systems and website development*

Significant costs associated with information systems and Website are deferred and amortised on a straight-line basis over the period of their expected benefit, being their finite life of 5 years.

#### Impairment of non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the Group's non-financial assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

#### Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Group prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature, they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted.

#### Contract liabilities

Contract liabilities represent the Group's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer and are recognised when a customer pays consideration, or when the Group recognises a receivable to reflect its unconditional right to consideration (whichever is earlier) before the consolidated entity has transferred the goods or services to the customer.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

### 1. Material Accounting Policies continued

#### Lease liabilities

A lease liability is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments to be made over the term of the lease, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Group's incremental borrowing rate. Lease payments comprise of fixed payments less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees, exercise price of a purchase option when the exercise of the option is reasonably certain to occur, and any anticipated termination penalties. The variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Lease liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The carrying amounts are remeasured if there is a change in the following: future lease payments arising from a change in an index, or a rate used; residual guarantee; lease term; certainty of a purchase option and termination penalties. When a lease liability is remeasured, an adjustment is made to the corresponding right-of-use asset, or to profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset is fully written down.

#### Finance costs

Interest expense on finance leases and the financial effect of unwinding of the make good provision are recorded within 'Finance and administration cost'. Borrowing costs that are not directly attributable to the acquisition, construction, or production of a qualifying asset are recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method. All other finance costs are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

#### Provisions

A provision is recognised if, as a result of a past event, the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows that reflect current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost.

#### Employee benefits

##### *Short term benefits*

Short-term employee benefit obligations are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid under short-term cash bonus or profit-sharing plans if the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

##### *Other long-term employee benefits*

The Group's net obligation in respect of long-term employee benefits is the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior periods plus related on-costs. That benefit is discounted to determine its present value, and the fair value of any related assets is deducted. The discount rate is the yield at the reporting date on corporate bonds that have maturity dates approximating the terms of the Group's obligations. Remeasurements are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

##### *Defined contribution superannuation expense*

Obligations for contributions to defined contribution superannuation funds are recognised as an expense in profit or loss in the periods during which services are rendered by employees. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or reduction in future payment is available.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

### 1. Material Accounting Policies continued

#### Fair value measurement

When an asset or liability, financial or non-financial, is measured at fair value for recognition or disclosure purposes, the fair value is based on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date; and assumes that the transaction will take place either: in the principal market; or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market.

Fair value is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming they act in their economic best interests. For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement is based on its highest and best use. Valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, are used, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs, and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

#### Members' guarantee

As a Group limited by Guarantee, in the event of the Group being wound up, the liability of the members is limited to \$20 for each membership. There were 7,905 members as at 31 December 2025 (2024: 7,608).

#### Income tax

No income tax expense is charged, and no income tax is payable by the Group as the Australian Taxation Office ('ATO') has granted the Group an exemption from income tax.

#### Goods and Services Tax ('GST') and other similar taxes

Revenue, expenses, and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as a current asset or liability in the statement of financial position. Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis. The GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

### 2. Critical accounting judgements, estimates, and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue, and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

#### *Revenue from contracts with customers involving sale of goods*

When recognising revenue in relation to the sale of goods to customers, the key performance obligation of the Group is considered as the point of delivery of the goods to the customer, as this is deemed to be the time that the customer obtains control of the promised goods and therefore the benefits of unimpeded access. In relation to grants/ project income, judgment is required to determine appropriate standard (AASB15 v AASB1058) for revenue recognition, including whether revenue should be recognised over time or at a point in time.

#### *Impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets*

BirdLife Australia assesses impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the company and to the particular asset that may lead to impairment. If an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. This involves fair value less costs of disposal or value-in-use calculations, which incorporate a number of key estimates and assumptions.

#### *Estimation of useful lives of assets*

BirdLife Australia determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other event. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

#### *Incremental borrowing rate*

Where the interest rate implicit in a lease cannot be readily determined, an incremental borrowing rate is estimated to discount future lease payments to measure the present value of the lease liability at the lease commencement date. Such a rate is based on what the Group estimates it would have to pay a third party to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of a similar value to the right-of-use asset, with similar terms, security, and economic environment.

#### *Employee benefits provisions*

As discussed in note 1, the liability for employee benefits expected to be settled more than 12 months from the reporting date are recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation have been considered.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

		Consolidated	
		2025	2024
		\$	\$
<b>3</b>	<b>Disaggregation of revenue</b>		
	Total Revenue	17,198,433	14,928,922
	Less: Revenue not recognised under AASB15 - Revenue from Contracts with Customers		
	Project Income	(159,757)	-
	Donations	(6,024,988)	(5,723,204)
	Bequests	(1,773,155)	(1,834,812)
	Subscriptions	(472,117)	(508,953)
	Finance income	(653,286)	(791,576)
	Other income	(45,144)	(17,609)
	Net gain in revaluation of financial assets at fair value through Profit or Loss	(536,434)	(997,272)
	<b>AASB15 - Revenue from Contracts with Customers</b>	<b>7,533,552</b>	<b>5,055,496</b>
	<b>Geographical Regions</b>		
	Australia	7,533,552	5,055,496
	<b>Timing of revenue:</b>		
	Services transferred at a point in time	5,490,512	2,227,354
	Services transferred over time	2,043,040	2,828,142
	<b>AASB15 - Revenue from Contracts with Customers</b>	<b>7,533,552</b>	<b>5,055,496</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Finance income</b>		
	From Investment Fund:		
	Interest earned on cash deposits	24,509	23,270
	Dividends received on investments	542,280	660,281
	Franking Credits earned	45,878	75,173
	Interest from Operating Bank Accounts	40,619	32,852
		<b>653,286</b>	<b>791,576</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Other income</b>		
	Other	45,144	17,609
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Consolidated	
	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<b>6 Operating surplus/(deficit)</b>		
The surplus/ (deficit) from ordinary activities has been determined after the following expenses:		
Depreciation and amortisation of non-current assets		
- Buildings	36,672	34,276
- Plant & Equipment, Vehicles	216,142	213,749
- Website	1,205	13,006
- Software	43,815	3,651
- Right of use asset	120,771	102,201
Total depreciation and amortisation	418,605	366,883
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Remuneration of the auditors for:		
- Audit services	77,900	62,348
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**7 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the cash flow statement is reconciled to items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

Cash on hand	9,022	6,958
Cash at bank - operating accounts	2,021,862	3,102,546
Cash at bank - investment cash management	865,316	593,226
	2,896,200	3,702,730

**(a) Cash at bank**

These are interest bearing at an average of 1.02% (2024: 0.76%).

**8 Trade and other receivables**

Trade debtors	33,250	50,360
Other debtors	704,253	1,042,523
	737,503	1,092,883

	Consolidated	
	2025	2024
	\$	\$
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

		Consolidated	
		2025	2024
		\$	\$
<b>9</b>	<b>Contract Assets</b>		
	<b>Current</b>		
	Contract Partial performance	496,098	224,666
		<u>496,098</u>	<u>224,666</u>
<b>10</b>	<b>Investments</b>		
	<b>Non Current</b>		
	Fair value of funds under external management	8,875,517	11,308,224
		<u>8,875,517</u>	<u>11,308,224</u>
<b>11</b>	<b>Property, plant &amp; equipment</b>		
	<b>Buildings</b>		
	Buildings at cost	1,206,784	1,161,168
	Less: Accumulated depreciation	(437,165)	(400,493)
		<u>769,619</u>	<u>760,675</u>
	<b>Plant &amp; Equipment</b>		
	Plant and equipment at cost	1,353,821	1,452,238
	Less: Accumulated depreciation	(920,312)	(859,835)
		<u>433,509</u>	<u>592,403</u>
	<b>Motor Vehicles</b>		
	Motor vehicles at cost	506,860	362,404
	Less: Accumulated depreciation	(344,218)	(312,883)
		<u>162,642</u>	<u>49,521</u>
	<b>Fair value of cultural assets of artwork, rare books</b>	191,811	191,061
		<u>1,557,581</u>	<u>1,593,660</u>

Movements in carrying amounts	Buildings	Plant, Equipment, Vehicles & Other	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance 1 January 2025	760,675	832,985	1,593,660
Additions	14,677	209,268	223,945
Less: Disposals	-	(7,210)	(7,210)
Less: Depreciation	(36,672)	(216,142)	(252,814)
Asset reclassification	30,939	(30,939)	-
Carrying amount at 31 December 2025	<u>769,619</u>	<u>787,962</u>	<u>1,557,581</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

		Consolidated	
		2025	2024
		\$	\$
<b>12</b>	<b>Intangible assets</b>		
	Website development costs	547,946	547,946
	Less: Accumulated amortisation	(547,586)	(546,381)
		<u>360</u>	<u>1,565</u>
	Software development costs	219,078	219,078
	Less: Accumulated amortisation	(47,466)	(3,651)
		<u>171,612</u>	<u>215,427</u>
<b>13</b>	<b>Trade and other payables</b>		
	<b>Current</b>		
	Trade creditors	120,384	286,740
	Other creditors & accruals	751,890	1,088,425
		<u>872,274</u>	<u>1,375,165</u>
<b>14</b>	<b>Provisions</b>		
	<b>Current</b>		
	Annual leave	1,095,002	1,017,304
	Long service leave	710,968	657,388
		<u>1,805,970</u>	<u>1,674,692</u>
	<b>Non Current</b>		
	Long service leave	192,295	171,591
		<u>192,295</u>	<u>171,591</u>
<b>15</b>	<b>Contract Liabilities</b>		
	<b>Current</b>		
	Unearned Income	1,434,986	2,263,266
		<u>1,434,986</u>	<u>2,263,266</u>
<b>16</b>	<b>Retained surplus</b>		
	Balance at the beginning of the year	13,343,735	16,419,422
	Net surplus/ (deficit) for the year	(1,964,818)	(3,075,687)
	Balance at the end of the year	<u>11,378,917</u>	<u>13,343,735</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Consolidated	
	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<b>17 Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
<b>Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by/ used in Operating Activities to Operating Surplus</b>		
Operating surplus/(deficit)	(1,964,818)	(3,075,687)
<i>Adjustment for</i>		
Depreciation and amortisation expense	418,606	366,883
Net unrealised gain/(loss) on financial assets	(536,434)	(997,272)
<i>Changes in net assets and liabilities:</i>		
(Increase)/Decrease in trade and other receivables	355,380	(159,086)
(Increase)/Decrease in other assets	(34,903)	14,004
(Increase)/Decrease in contract assets	(271,432)	19,574
Increase/(Decrease) in trade and other payables	(511,902)	1,843
Increase/(Decrease) in unearned income	(828,280)	1,041,458
Increase/(Decrease) in provisions	(1,653,988)	(149,412)
Net cash provided by/ used in operating activities	<u>(5,027,771)</u>	<u>(2,937,695)</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

**18. Parent Entity Information**

Set out below is the supplementary information about BirdLife Australia. These financial results exclude those of the controlled entities Bird Observation & Conservation Australia and Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union.

**Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Project income	6,233,490	3,915,174
Donations	6,024,988	5,723,204
Bequests	1,773,155	1,834,812
Subscriptions	472,117	508,953
Sales, courses, and fees	1,459,819	1,140,322
Finance income	653,286	791,576
Other income	45,144	17,609
Net gain in revaluation of financial assets at fair value through Profit or Loss	536,434	997,272
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>17,198,433</u>	<u>14,928,922</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Employee costs	13,461,387	13,120,506
Printing, stationery, and magazine costs	521,727	531,133
Finance and administration costs	1,704,478	1,682,901
Project non-employee costs	2,428,398	1,967,417
Occupancy expenses	535,182	291,457
Travel expenses	462,445	341,315
Subscriptions	49,634	69,880
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u>19,163,251</u>	<u>18,004,609</u>
Operating surplus/(deficit)	<u>( 1,964,818)</u>	<u>( 3,075,687)</u>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		
<i>Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss</i>	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<u>( 1,964,818)</u>	<u>( 3,075,687)</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

**18. Parent Entity Information**

**Statement of financial position**

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,896,200	3,702,730
Trade and other receivables	737,503	1,092,883
Other financial assets	887,981	657,188
Other assets	71,388	36,485
Contract Assets	496,098	224,666
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>5,089,170</b>	<b>5,713,952</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Investments	8,875,517	11,308,224
Right of use assets	275,695	26,245
Property, plant & equipment	1,557,581	1,593,660
Intangible assets	171,972	216,992
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>10,880,765</b>	<b>13,145,121</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>15,969,935</b>	<b>18,859,073</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade and other payables	872,274	1,375,165
Lease liability	121,130	21,951
Provisions CL	1,805,970	1,674,692
Contract Liabilities	1,434,986	2,263,266
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>4,234,360</b>	<b>5,335,074</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Provisions NCL	192,295	171,591
Lease liability	164,363	8,673
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>356,658</b>	<b>180,264</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>4,591,018</b>	<b>5,515,338</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>11,378,917</b>	<b>13,343,735</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Retained surplus	11,378,917	13,343,735
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>11,378,917</b>	<b>13,343,735</b>

**Capital and leasing commitments - Property, plant, and equipment**

BirdLife Australia had no capital commitments for property, plant, and equipment as at 31 December 2025 and 31 December 2024.

BirdLife Australia's leasing commitments are those set out in Note 21.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

**19. Financial Instruments**

**Financial assets**

**a) Credit risk**

The Group does not have any significant credit risk exposure. The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the Statement of Financial Position, net of any provisions for doubtful debts, represents the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk.

**b) Interest rate risk**

The Group has a low exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates and the effective weighted average interest rates on classes of financial assets and financial liabilities.

**c) Liquidity risk**

The Group is not subject to any liquidity risk.

	Average		Floating		Non-Interest		Total	
	Interest Rate		Interest Rate		Bearing			
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
<i>Financial Assets</i>	%	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash	1.02	0.76	<b>2,887,178</b>	3,695,772	<b>9,022</b>	6,958	<b>2,896,200</b>	3,702,730
Receivables	-	-	-	-	<b>737,503</b>	1,092,883	<b>737,503</b>	1,092,883
Other financial assets	4.00	4.28	<b>887,981</b>	657,188	-	-	<b>887,981</b>	657,188
Investments	6.63	6.50	<b>8,875,517</b>	11,308,224	-	-	<b>8,875,517</b>	11,308,224
			<b>12,650,676</b>	15,661,184	<b>746,525</b>	1,099,841	<b>13,397,201</b>	16,761,025
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>								
Payables	-	-	-	-	<b>872,274</b>	1,375,165	<b>872,274</b>	1,375,165
Lease Liability	3.71	7.50	<b>285,493</b>	30,624	-	-	<b>285,493</b>	30,624
			<b>285,493</b>	30,624	<b>872,274</b>	1,375,165	<b>1,157,767</b>	1,405,789
<b>Net Financial Assets/Liabilities</b>			<b>12,365,183</b>	15,630,560	<b>(125,749)</b>	(275,324)	<b>12,239,434</b>	15,355,236

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

### 20. Related Party Disclosures

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and on conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

#### (a) Directors

The following persons were directors of BirdLife Australia during the year:

Amanda Robin Silberstein Bamford  
Hugh Philip Possingham  
Gerard Patrick Early  
Judith Hoyle  
Penny McMullin  
Gary Charles Nelson  
Jarrod Derek Pittson  
Pamela Sutton-Legaud  
Tuanh Nguyen  
Gillian Jervis  
Stephen Garnett

#### (b) Executive Directors

BirdLife Australia does not have any executive directors.

#### (c) Remuneration of Directors

All directors' act in an honorary capacity.

#### (d) Key Management Personnel Compensation

The compensation of key management personnel, being the leadership team, comprises:

	Consolidated	
	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Aggregate compensation	1,211,846	1,200,233

Compensation of key management personnel includes salaries, leave entitlements and contributions to defined contribution superannuation plans.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

### 21. Capital and Leasing Commitments

Operating lease commitments.

Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements:

	Consolidated	
	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Payable		
- not later than one year	4,680	4,680
- later than one year and not later than 5 years	7,140	11,820
	<u>11,820</u>	<u>16,500</u>

### 22. Contingent Liabilities

BirdLife Australia has given a Bank Guarantee for \$136,577 in relation to the lease of offices at 54 Wellington Street, Collingwood secured by a Term Deposit in the same amount (2024: \$56,000 for offices at 60 Leicester Street, Carlton).

### 23. Subsequent Events

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2025 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

### 24. Controlled Entities

BirdLife Australia controlled the following entities as at balance date:

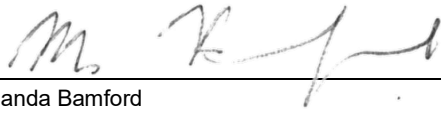
	Consolidated	
	2025	2024
	%	%
Bird Observation & Conservation Australia	100	100
Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union	100	100

## Responsible Entities' Declaration

The responsible entities of the Group declare that:

1. The attached financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 7-27:
  - (a) comply with the Corporations Act 2001, the Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Victorian legislation the Fundraising Act 1998 and associated regulations, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
  - (b) give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2025 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
2. In the responsible entities' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Group will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

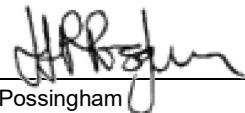
This declaration is made pursuant to section 295(5)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001 and in accordance with a resolution of the responsible entities.



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Amanda Bamford

Director



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Hugh Possingham

Director

Dated 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

### **To the Members of BirdLife Australia and Controlled Entities**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial report of BirdLife Australia and its Controlled Entities (the Group), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and the declaration by those charged with governance.

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

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2025 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – *Simplified Disclosures* under AASB 1060 *General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities* and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and 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.

#### **Other Information**

Those charged with governance are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Group's annual report for the year ended 31 December 2025, but does not include the financial report and the auditor's report thereon.

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

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

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

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### **Responsibilities of the Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report**

The Responsible Entities of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – *Simplified Disclosures* under AASB 1060 *General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act)* and for such internal control as the Responsible Entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Responsible Entities are responsible for assessing the ability of the Group to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **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: [http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf). This description forms part of our auditor's report.



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