



FRDC

**Financial statements
for the period ended
31 March 2023**

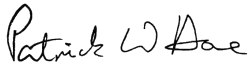
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FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (FRDC)

STATEMENT BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

In our opinion, the attached financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2023 comply with subsection 42(2) of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 (PGPA Act), and are based on properly maintained financial records as per subsection 41(2) of the PGPA Act.

In our opinion, at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the FRDC will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.



Apr 28, 2023

Signed.....
Dr Patrick Hone
Managing Director

Date



Apr 28, 2023

Signed.....
Ms Cheryl Cole
Chief Financial Officer

Date

Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the period ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2022-23 \$	2021-22 \$	Original PBS budget \$
NET COST OF SERVICES				
Expenses				
Employee benefits	1.1A	3,101,528	2,515,834	3,952,000
Suppliers	1.1B	874,242	654,764	1,110,000
Research and development	1.1C	18,746,494	18,831,639	35,850,000
Depreciation and amortisation	2.2A	265,967	266,625	370,000
Finance costs	1.1D	6,772	6,499	7,000
Total expenses		22,995,003	22,275,361	41,289,000
Own-source income				
Own-source revenue				
Revenue from contracts with customers	1.2A	-	800,000	-
Interest	1.2B	721,996	30,838	100,000
Contributions	1.2C	3,114,644	4,685,789	9,167,000
Other revenue	1.2D	7,493	62,445	2,000,000
Total own-source revenue		3,844,133	5,579,072	11,267,000
Total own-source income		3,844,133	5,579,072	11,267,000
Net (cost of) services		(19,150,870)	(16,696,289)	(30,022,000)
Revenue from the Australian Government	1.2E	16,792,501	16,973,990	24,855,000
Surplus/(deficit)		(2,358,369)	277,701	(5,167,000)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME				
Items not subject to subsequent reclassification to net cost of services				
Changes in asset revaluation reserve	2.2A	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss)		(2,358,369)	277,701	(5,167,000)

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Financial Position

as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2022-23 \$	2021-22 \$	Original PBS budget \$
ASSETS				
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	2.1A	27,290,562	27,715,574	16,073,000
Trade and other receivables	2.1B	1,844,674	2,877,753	1,883,000
Total financial assets		29,135,236	30,593,327	17,956,000
Non-financial assets ¹				
Buildings	2.2A	561,818	722,387	505,000
Plant and equipment	2.2A	31,792	76,851	41,000
Intangibles	2.2A	248,597	408,946	393,000
Other non-financial assets	2.2B	16,191	9,972	15,000
Total non-financial assets		858,398	1,218,156	954,000
Total assets		29,993,634	31,811,483	18,910,000
LIABILITIES				
Payables				
Suppliers	2.3A	-	5,928	200,000
Projects	2.3B	3,094,782	3,265,950	1,000,000
Other payables	2.3C	86,132	74,222	-
Total payables		3,180,914	3,346,100	1,200,000
Interest bearing liabilities				
Leases	2.4A	595,374	753,797	549,000
Total interest bearing liabilities		595,374	753,797	549,000
Provisions				
Employee provisions	3.1A	1,260,610	855,146	790,000
Total provisions		1,260,610	855,146	790,000
Total liabilities		5,036,898	4,955,043	2,539,000
Net assets		24,956,736	26,856,440	16,371,000
EQUITY				
Asset revaluation reserve		590,343	561,765.00	562,000
Retained earnings		24,366,393	26,294,675	15,809,000
Total equity		24,956,736	26,856,440	16,371,000

¹ Right-of-use assets are included in the following line item - Buildings.

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Changes in Equity
for the period ended 31 March 2023

	2022-23 \$	2021-22 \$	Original PBS budget \$
RETAINED EARNINGS			
Opening balance			
Balance carried forward from previous period	26,724,762	26,016,974	20,976,000
Opening balance	26,724,762	26,016,974	20,976,000
Comprehensive income			
Surplus/(deficit) for the period	(2,358,369)	277,701	(5,167,000)
Closing balance as at 31 March 2023	24,366,393	26,294,675	15,809,000
ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE			
Opening balance			
Balance carried forward from previous period	590,343	561,765	562,000
Opening balance	590,343	561,765	562,000
Comprehensive income			
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Closing balance as at 31 March 2023	590,343	561,765	562,000
TOTAL EQUITY			
Opening balance			
Balance carried forward from previous period	27,315,105	26,578,739	21,538,000
Adjusted opening balance	27,315,105	26,578,739	21,538,000
Comprehensive income			
Surplus/(deficit) for the period	(2,358,369)	277,701	(5,167,000)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income	(2,358,369)	277,701	(5,167,000)
Closing balance as at 31 March 2023	24,956,736	26,856,440	16,371,000

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Cash Flow Statement

for the period ended 31 March 2023

Notes	2022-23 \$	2021-22 \$	Original PBS budget \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash received			
Receipts from the Australian Government	17,286,033	19,320,274	24,855,000
Contributions	4,442,890	5,378,710	10,981,000
Interest	477,539	21,951	100,000
Net GST received	1,008,210	1,578,974	-
Other	8,242	68,690	-
Total cash received	23,222,914	26,368,599	35,936,000
Cash used			
Employees	(3,015,506)	(2,480,057)	(3,912,000)
Suppliers	(647,194)	(809,995)	(410,000)
Research and development	(21,138,229)	(19,915,463)	(35,850,000)
Interest payments on lease liabilities	(6,772)	(6,499)	(7,000)
Other	-	(487,226)	(700,000)
Total cash used	(24,807,701)	(23,699,240)	(40,879,000)
Net cash from/(used by) operating activities	(1,584,787)	2,669,359	(4,943,000)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Cash used			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(5,226)	-	(20,000)
Purchase of intangibles	-	(20,960)	(100,000)
Total cash used	(5,226)	(20,960)	(120,000)
Net cash (used by) investing activities	(5,226)	(20,960)	(120,000)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash used			
Principal payments of lease liabilities	(124,410)	(115,079)	(161,000)
Total cash used	(124,410)	(115,079)	(161,000)
Net cash (used by) financing activities	(124,410)	(115,079)	(161,000)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(1,714,423)	2,533,320	(5,224,000)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	29,004,985	25,182,254	21,297,000
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	27,290,562	27,715,574	16,073,000

2.1A

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Overview

Overview of the FRDC

The FRDC is an Australian Government controlled entity. It is a not-for-profit entity established as a statutory corporation on 2 July 1991 under the provisions of the *Primary Industries Research and Development Act 1989* (PIRD Act). The FRDC's principal place of business is 25 Geils Court Deakin, ACT 2600.

The FRDC's mission is to act as a national thought leader, facilitating knowledge creation, collaboration and innovation to shape the future of fishing and aquaculture in Australia for the benefit of the Australian people. To achieve this, the FRDC plans, invests in and manages research and development for fishing and aquaculture, and the wider community, and ensures that the resulting knowledge and innovation is adopted for impact. The FRDC also undertakes monitoring of key indicators of change across fishing and aquaculture. This helps in the evaluation of impact that results from the FRDC's investments. Information collected is also of use to decision makers, to understand and respond to emerging issues.

The FRDC's strong relationships with sectors, managers and researchers are fundamental to enable the needs of key stakeholders to be identified and addressed.

The FRDC is structured to meet the following outcome:

Increased economic, social and environmental benefits for Australian fishing and aquaculture, and the wider community, by investing in knowledge, innovation and marketing.

The continued existence of the FRDC in its present form, and with its present outcome, is dependent on Australian Government policy, and on continuing funding from the Australian Government for the FRDC's outcome.

The basis of preparation

The financial statements are required by:

- a) Section 42 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- a) *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Financial Reporting) Rule 2015 (FRR)*; and
- b) Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations - including simplified disclosures for Tier 2 Entities under AASB 1060 issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that apply for the reporting period.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis, and in accordance with the historical cost convention, except for certain assets and liabilities at fair value. Except where stated, no allowance is made for the effect of changing prices on the results or the financial position. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars.

New Accounting Standards

The new standards, revised standards, interpretations and amending standards that were issued prior to the sign-off date and are applicable to the current reporting period, did not have a material effect on the FRDC's financial statements.

Standard/ Interpretation	Nature of change in accounting policy, transitional provisions, and adjustment to financial statements
AASB 1060 General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities	AASB 1060 applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2021 and replaces the reduced disclosure requirements (RDR) framework. The application of AASB 1060 involves some reduction in disclosure compared to the RDR with no impact on the reported financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the entity.

Taxation

The FRDC is exempt from all forms of taxation except Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) and the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Events after the reporting period

No reportable events have occurred after the Statement of Financial Position date.

Financial performance

	2022-23	2021-22
	\$	\$
Note 1.1: Expenses		
Note 1.1A: Employee benefits		
Wages and salaries	2,560,844	2,094,600
Superannuation		
Defined contribution plans	199,034	147,211
Defined benefit plans	255,628	244,834
Leave and other entitlements	86,022	29,189
Total employee benefits	3,101,528	2,515,834

Accounting policy

Accounting policies for employee related expenses are contained in the People and relationships section at Note 3.1A.

Note 1.1B: Suppliers

Goods and services supplied or rendered

Asset purchases less than \$5,000	41,358	56,249
Audit fees	-	-
External service providers	168,715	74,429
Insurance	25,235	22,665
Information technology	250,482	289,544
Legal	16,655	15,648
Office supplies	12,701	11,341
Postage and couriers	1,920	1,937
Property	15,978	16,646
Recruitment/director selection costs	-	25,843
Telecommunications	23,095	20,791
Training	58,278	44,624
Travel	71,393	13,035
Other	180,226	49,840
Total goods and services supplied or rendered	866,036	642,592

Other suppliers

Workers compensation expenses	8,206	7,252
Short-term leases ¹	-	4,920
Total other suppliers	8,206	12,172
Total suppliers	874,242	654,764

¹ The FRDC has no short-term lease commitments as at 31 March 2023.

The above lease disclosures should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes 2.2A and 2.4A.

Accounting policy

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The FRDC has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases of assets that have a lease term of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets (less than \$10,000). The entity recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

	2022-23	2021-22
	\$	\$
<i>Note 1.1: Expenses continued</i>		
Note 1.1C: Research and development		
Projects		
Australian Government entities (related parties)	1,246,910	867,560
State and territory governments	3,081,402	3,372,096
Universities and educational bodies	5,442,796	7,675,254
Cooperative research centres	202,062	182,062
Research and development corporations	94,300	663,103
Industry (commercial, recreational and Indigenous)	4,835,242	3,912,263
Overseas research entities	72	-
Private providers	3,034,354	1,106,976
Stakeholder engagement and R&D activities ¹	809,356	1,052,325
Total Research and development	18,746,494	18,831,639

¹ Stakeholder engagement and R&D activities include the dissemination of research outputs, extension activities, development and R&D support. Stakeholder engagement was reclassified from other expenses in the comparative year, and is now disclosed in research and development.

Accounting policy

The FRDC recognises project liabilities through project agreements that require research partners to perform services or provide facilities, or to meet eligibility criteria. In these cases, liabilities are recognised only to the extent that the services required have been performed to the FRDC's satisfaction, an invoice issued consistent with the contractual requirements and the invoice approved by the FRDC delegate.

Project commitments

Project commitments comprise the future funding of approved projects that are contingent on the achievement of agreed deliverables over the life of those projects (project agreements are exchanged prior to release of the first payment on a project). Projects, where amounts were payable but were unpaid at the end of the period, have been brought to account as project payables. The FRDC contracts to fund projects in future years in advance of receipt of the income needed to fund them. FRDC manages this risk by having the project agreement allow for termination at its sole discretion for any reason. If the FRDC were to terminate a project agreement, it would only be liable to compensate the research partner for any reasonable costs in respect of unavoidable loss incurred by the research provider and directly attributable to the termination of the agreement, provided that the costs are fully substantiated to the FRDC.

Project commitments are payable as follows:

Within 1 year	26,865,832	22,185,606
More than 1 year	43,517,484	41,963,035
More than 5 years	325,050	55,000
Total project commitments	70,708,366	64,203,642

Note: Project commitments are GST inclusive.

Note 1.1D: Finance costs

Finance leases	6,772	6,499
Total finance costs	6,772	6,499

Note 1.1E: Write down and impairment of assets

Write down of intangible assets	-	-
Total write down and impairment of assets	-	-

	2022-23	2021-22
	\$	\$

Note 1.2: Own-source income and revenue from the Australian Government

Own-source revenue

Note 1.2A: Revenue from contracts with customers

Australian Government entities (related parties) - over time	-	800,000
Total revenue from contracts with customers	-	800,000

Accounting policy

Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when control has been transferred to the buyer. The FRDC determines a contract is in scope of AASB 15 when the performance obligations are required by an enforceable contract and the performance obligations within the enforceable contract are sufficiently specific to enable the FRDC to determine when they have been satisfied. The FRDC determines there to be an enforceable contract when the agreement creates enforceable rights and obligations. Performance obligations are sufficiently specific where the promises within the contract are specific to the nature, type, value and quantity of the services to be provided and the period over which the services must be transferred.

The FRDC receives revenue from the Australian Government under which it manages a suite of research activities. These activities are listed at Note 2.3B. FRDC has specific funding agreements with the Australian Government that include enforceable rights and performance obligations. The FRDC initially recognises the funding received as a liability to recognise the contract liability. Once the performance obligations have been satisfied as per the funding agreement deliverables over time, it is then recognised as revenue.

The transaction price is the total amount of consideration to which the FRDC expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring promised goods or services to a customer. The consideration promised in a contract with a customer may include fixed amounts, variable amounts, or both. All consideration promised in contracts with customers is included in the transaction price.

Receivables for services, which have 30 day terms, are recognised at the nominal amounts due less any impairment allowance account. Collectability of debts is reviewed at the end of the reporting period. Allowances are made when collectability of the debt is no longer probable.'

Note 1.2B: Interest

Deposits	721,996	30,838
Total interest	721,996	30,838

Note 1.2C: Contributions

Australian Prawn Farmers Association	314,589	250,438
Australian Fisheries Management Authority	142,098	19,000
Australian Capital Territory	-	16,500
New South Wales	195,185	485,596
Northern Territory	-	222,937
Queensland	412,667	560,000
South Australia	361,163	609,133
Tasmania	448,063	1,469,232
Victoria	-	51,000
Western Australia	1,240,879	1,001,953
Total contributions	3,114,644	4,685,789

Accounting policy

Contributions are recognised as income when the FRDC recognises an asset in relation to a contribution or a right to receive a contribution, after recognising any other related amounts.

Note 1.2D: Other revenue

Project funds received	-	-
Project refunds of prior years expenditure	5,164	59,561
Other	2,329	2,884
Total other revenue	7,493	62,445

Note 1.2E: Revenue from the Australian Government

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry		
Corporate Commonwealth entity payment item of 0.50% of AGVP ¹	14,548,293	14,052,209
Matching of industry contributions ²	2,244,208	2,921,781
Total revenue from the Australian Government	16,792,501	16,973,990

¹ AGVP is the average gross value of fisheries production for the current year and the two preceding financial years. The Australian Government's contribution of 0.50% of AGVP is made on the grounds that the FRDC exercises a stewardship role in relation to fisheries resources on behalf of the Australian community.

² Matching of industry contributions (up to 0.25% of AGVP) by the Australian Government.

Accounting policy

Revenue from the Australian Government

Revenues from the Australian Government are recognised when they are entitled to be received by the FRDC.

Funding received or receivable from non-corporate Commonwealth entities (appropriated to the non-corporate Commonwealth entity as a corporate Commonwealth entity payment item for payment to FRDC) is recognised as revenue from Government by the corporate Commonwealth entity unless the funding is in the nature of an equity injection or a loan.

Financial position

	2022-23	2021-22
Note 2.1: Financial assets	\$	\$
Note 2.1A: Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash on hand or on deposit	27,290,562	27,715,574
Total cash and cash equivalents	27,290,562	27,715,574
Accounting policy		
Cash is recognised at its nominal amount. Cash and cash equivalents includes:		
a) cash on hand; and		
b) demand deposits in bank accounts with an original maturity of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.		
Note 2.1B: Trade and other receivables		
Goods and services receivables		
Goods and services ¹	514,331	1,946,308
Total goods and services receivables	514,331	1,946,308
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry		
Receivables	680,810	896,278
Total receivables from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	680,810	896,278
Other receivables		
GST receivable from the Australian Taxation Office	405,076	26,280
FBT receivable from the Australian Taxation Office	-	-
Interest from the Commonwealth Bank	244,457	8,887
Total other receivables	649,533	35,167
Total trade and other receivables	1,844,674	2,877,753
Trade and other receivables are expected to be recovered		
No more than 12 months	1,844,674	2,877,753
Total trade and other receivables	1,844,674	2,877,753

¹ Credit terms for goods and services are within 30 days (2021-22: 30 days).

Accounting policy

Financial assets

Trade receivables, loans and other receivables that are held for the purpose of collecting the contractual cash flows where the cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, that are not provided at below-market interest rates, are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method adjusted for any loss allowance.

Note 2.2: Non-financial assets

Note 2.2A: Reconciliation of the opening and closing balances of property, plant and equipment and intangibles

	Buildings	Plant and equipment	Intangibles	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
As at 1 July 2022				
Gross book value	1,195,837	90,700	1,036,330	2,322,867
Accumulated depreciation, amortisation and impairment	(505,296)	-	(712,452)	(1,217,748)
Total as at 1 July 2022	690,541	90,700	323,878	1,105,119
Additions				
Purchase or Internally developed	-	5,226	-	5,226
Right-of-use assets	-	-	-	-
Remeasurement of ROU Asset after CPI Increase	(2,171)	-	-	(2,171)
Revaluations recognised in other comprehensive income ¹	-	-	-	-
Impairments recognised in net cost of services	-	-	-	-
Depreciation and amortisation	-	(64,134)	(75,281)	(139,415)
Depreciation on right-of-use assets	(126,552)	-	-	(126,552)
Total as at 31 March 2023	561,818	31,792	248,597	842,207
Total as at 31 March 2023 represented by				
Gross book value	1,193,666	95,926	1,036,330	2,325,922
Accumulated depreciation, amortisation and impairment	(631,848)	(64,134)	(787,733)	(1,483,715)
Total as at 31 March 2023	561,818	31,792	248,597	842,207
Carrying amount of right-of-use assets	561,818	-	-	561,818

Accounting policy

Assets are recorded at cost on acquisition except as stated below. The cost of acquisition includes the fair value of assets transferred in exchange and liabilities undertaken. Financial assets are initially measured at their fair value plus transaction costs where appropriate.

Assets acquired at no cost, or for nominal consideration, are initially recognised as assets and income at their fair value at the date of acquisition, unless acquired as a consequence of restructuring of administrative arrangements. In the latter case, assets are initially recognised as contributions by owners at the amounts at which they were recognised in the transferor's accounts immediately prior to the restructuring.

Asset recognition threshold

Purchases of property, plant and equipment are recognised initially at cost in the Statement of Financial Position, except for purchases costing less than \$5,000 that are expensed in the year of acquisition (other than where they form part of a group of similar items where the value is greater than \$5,000).

Lease right-of-use (ROU) assets

Lease ROU assets are capitalised at the commencement date of the lease and comprise of the initial lease liability amount, initial direct costs incurred when entering into the lease less any lease incentives received. These assets are accounted for by Commonwealth lessees as separate asset classes to corresponding assets owned outright, but included in the same column as where the corresponding underlying assets would be presented if they were owned.

Following initial application, an impairment review is undertaken for any ROU lease asset that shows indicators of impairment and an impairment loss is recognised against any ROU lease asset that is impaired. Lease ROU assets continue to be measured at cost after initial recognition in Commonwealth agency, general government sector (GGS) and whole of government financial statements.

Revaluations

Following initial recognition at cost, property, plant and equipment (excluding ROU assets) are carried at fair value less subsequent accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Valuations are conducted with sufficient frequency to ensure that the carrying amounts of assets do not differ materially from the assets' fair values as at the reporting date. The regularity of independent valuations depend on the volatility of movements in market values for the relevant assets.

Revaluation adjustments are made on a class basis. Any revaluation increment is credited to equity under the heading of asset revaluation reserve except to the extent that it reverses a previous revaluation decrement of the same asset class that was previously recognised in the surplus/deficit. Revaluation decrements for a class of assets are recognised directly in the surplus/deficit except to the extent that they reversed a previous revaluation increment for that class.

Any accumulated depreciation as at the revaluation date is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset, and the asset restated to the revalued amount.

Depreciation

Depreciable property, plant and equipment assets are written off to their estimated residual values over their estimated useful lives to the FRDC using, in all cases, the straight-line method of depreciation.

Depreciation rates (useful lives), residual values and methods are reviewed at each reporting date and necessary adjustments are recognised in the current, or current and future reporting periods, as appropriate.

Depreciation rates applying to each class of depreciable asset are based on the following useful lives:

	2022-23	2021-22
Buildings (including ROU assets)	Lease term	Lease term
Leasehold improvements	Lease term	Lease term
Plant and equipment	up to 5 years	up to 5 years

Impairment

All assets were assessed for impairment at 31 March 2023. Where indications of impairment exist, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated and an impairment adjustment made if the asset's recoverable amount is less than its carrying amount.

The recoverable amount of an asset is the higher of its fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from the asset. Where the future economic benefit of an asset is not primarily dependent on the asset's ability to generate future cash flows, and the asset would be replaced if the FRDC were deprived of the asset, its value in use is taken to be its depreciated replacement cost.

Derecognition

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal, or when no further future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal.

Intangibles

The FRDC's intangibles comprise internally developed software and purchased software for internal use. These assets are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Software is amortised on a straight-line basis over its anticipated useful life. The useful lives of the FRDC's software is 10 years (2021-22: 10 years).

All software assets were assessed for indications of impairment as at 31 March 2023.

	2022-23	2021-22
	\$	\$
<i>Note 2.2: Non-financial assets continued</i>		
Note 2.2B: Other non-financial assets		
Prepayments	16,191	9,972
Total other non-financial assets	16,191	9,972

	2022-23	2021-22
	\$	\$
Note 2.3: Payables		
Note 2.3A: Suppliers		
Trade creditors and accruals	-	5,928
Total suppliers	-	5,928

Settlement is usually made within 30 days.

	2022-23	2021-22
	\$	\$
Note 2.3B: Projects		
Projects		
Australian Government entities	-	-
State and territory governments	-	-
Universities and educational bodies	-	-
Industry (commercial, recreational and Indigenous)	-	-
Contract liability ¹	3,094,782	2,795,559
Other	-	470,391
Total projects	3,094,782	3,265,950

¹ The contract liabilities from contracts with customers are associated with funding provided for research and development activities under Funding Agreements with the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Australian Maritime Safety Authority, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and Department of Agriculture and Fisheries QLD as detailed below.

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

- Assist with data generation to support Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) application
- Development of on-farm biosecurity plan implementation support programs for the aquaculture industry
- AQUAPLAN Development Workshop Publication
- Aquatic Animal Health Training Scheme 2019 - 2022
- Compilation of Information for the Marine Mammal Protection Act Comparability Finding Process
- Indigenous Engagement Strategy
- Finfish - Ectoparasites - Ag Vet 6 - 4-G1AHKTN
- Peracetic - Ag Vet 6 - 4-G1AHKTN
- Tuna Champions Phase 2
- Finfish Parasites - Toltrazuril - 4-GWT37U6

The FRDC recognised a contract liability in 2022-23 totalling: \$643,882

NSW Department of Primary Industries

- NSW seafood product development program
- Research project to investigate and develop a framework to establish Aboriginal commercial fishing, aquaculture and other related businesses in NSW
- Research and development for Harvest Strategies in NSW

The FRDC recognised a contract liability in 2022-23 totalling: \$1,325,900

Australian Maritime Safety Authority

- Seafood Industry Safety Initiative (SISI) funding support

The FRDC recognised a contract liability in 2022-23 totalling: \$690,000

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

- Habitat ecological risk assessment for eco-regions with high trawl footprints, in southern Queensland

The FRDC recognised a contract liability in 2022-23 totalling: \$300,000

Department of Agriculture and Fisheries QLD

- Queensland aquaculture

The FRDC recognised a contract liability in 2022-23 totalling: \$135,000

Accounting policy

Project payables are recognised at their nominal amounts, being the amounts at which the liabilities will be settled. They relate to payments approved on achievement of agreed deliverables, but which were unpaid at the end of the reporting period. Settlement is usually made within 30 days.

As per AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, contract liabilities are recognised at their nominal amounts, being the amounts at which the liabilities are not yet settled. They relate to payments received for funding provided for research and development activities, of which specific performance obligations were not met at the end of the reporting period.

	2022-23	2021-22
	\$	\$
Note 2.3C: Other payables		
FBT payable	(3,527)	(1,176)
PAYG payable	89,659	75,398
Other	-	-
Total other payables	86,132	74,222

	2022-23	2021-22
Note 2.4: Interest bearing liabilities	\$	\$
Note 2.4A: Leases		
Lease liabilities ¹	595,374	753,797
Total leases	595,374	753,797

¹ Total cash outflow for leases for the period ended 31 March 2023 was \$124,410 plus finance costs of \$6,772.

The FRDC in its capacity as lessee has leased office accommodation located at:

- Fisheries Research House, 25 Geils Court, Deakin, Australian Capital Territory, which expires 31 July 2023, and has a 3 year right of renewal until 31 July 2026. Lease payments are paid on a monthly basis and subject to a 3 per cent annual increase in accordance with the lease agreement.
- Wine Australia, corner of Botanic and Hackney Roads, Adelaide, South Australia was renewed 1 August 2021 and expires on 31 July 2026, with an option to renew on 1 August 2026. Lease payments are subject to a CPI annual increase in accordance with the lease agreement.

The above lease disclosures should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes 1.1B and 2.4A.

Accounting policy

For all new contracts entered into, the FRDC considers whether the contract is, or contains a lease. A lease is defined as 'a contract, or part of a contract, that conveys the right to use an asset (the underlying asset) for a period of time in exchange for consideration'. Once it has been determined that a contract is, or contains a lease, the lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments unpaid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease, if that rate is readily determinable, or the FRDC's incremental borrowing rate. Subsequent to initial measurement, the liability will be reduced for payments made and increased for interest. It is remeasured to reflect any reassessment or modification to the lease. When the lease liability is remeasured, the corresponding adjustment is reflected in the right-of-use asset or profit and loss depending on the nature of the reassessment or modification.

People and relationships

	2022-23	2021-22
Note 3.1: Employee provisions	\$	\$
Note 3.1A: Employee provisions		
Leave	1,260,610	855,146
Total employee provisions	1,260,610	855,146

Accounting policy

Liabilities for short-term employee benefits and termination benefits expected within 12 months of the end of reporting period are measured at their nominal amounts.

Leave

The liability for employee benefits includes provision for annual leave and long service leave. The leave liabilities are calculated on the basis of employees' remuneration at the estimated salary rates that will be applied at the time the leave is taken, including the FRDC's employer superannuation contribution rates to the extent that the leave is likely to be taken during service rather than paid out on termination. The liability for long service leave has been determined by reference to the requirements of the short-hand method. The estimate of the present value of the liability takes into account attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation.

Superannuation

The FRDC's staff are members of the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme (PSS), or the PSS accumulation plan (PSSap), or other superannuation funds held outside the Australian Government.

The PSS is a defined benefit scheme for the Australian Government. The PSSap and any other superannuation funds are defined contribution schemes.

The liability for defined benefits is recognised in the financial statements of the Australian Government and is settled by the Australian Government in due course. This liability is reported in the Department of Finance's administered schedules and notes.

The FRDC makes employer contributions to the employee's defined benefit superannuation scheme at rates determined by an actuary to be sufficient to meet the current cost to the Australian Government. The FRDC accounts for the contributions as if they were contributions to defined contribution plans.

Note 3.2: Key management personnel remuneration

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the FRDC, directly or indirectly, including any director of the board (whether executive or otherwise) of the FRDC. The FRDC has determined the key management personnel to be the non-executive directors, the Managing Director and senior general managers. Key management personnel remuneration is reported in the table below:

	2022-23	2021-22
	\$	\$
Short-term employee benefits	1,168,093	1,098,531
Post-employment benefits	189,494	177,161
Other long-term employee benefits	122,292	118,063
Total key management personnel remuneration expenses ¹	1,479,879	1,393,755

¹ The total number of key management personnel that are included in the above table is 14 (2021-22: 13). They are made up of:

- one non-executive director (Chair)
- seven non-executive directors
- one Managing Director
- five senior general managers

	2022-23	2021-22
Note 3.3: Annual total remuneration ranges (including superannuation) paid to key management personnel		
Nil to \$39,999	0	10
\$40,000 to \$69,999	8	3
\$150,000 to \$249,999	5	5
\$360,000 to \$389,999	1	1
Total number of key management personnel	14	19

Note 3.4: Related party disclosures

Related party relationships

The FRDC is an Australian Government controlled entity. Related parties to this entity are non-executive directors, the Managing Director, senior general managers and other Australian Government entities.

The non-executive directors and the Managing Director of the FRDC during the year were:

Mr John Williams	Chair (Chair Remuneration Committee)
Professor Colin D. Buxton	Director (Re-appointed 1 September 2021) (Deputy Chair)
Dr Christopher Calogeras	Director (Appointed 1 September 2021)
Dr Saranne Cooke	Director (Re-appointed 1 September 2021) (Chair Finance and Audit Committee)
Dr Patrick Hone	Managing Director
Mrs Suzanne Hullick	Director (Appointed 1 September 2021) (Member Finance and Audit Committee – term ended 28 February 2023) (Member Remuneration Committee – term commenced 28 February 2023)
Mr Boris Musa	Director (Appointed 1 September 2021) (Member Finance and Audit Committee)
Mr Alex Ogg	Director (Appointed 1 September 2021) (Member Remuneration Committee – term ended 28 February 2023) (Member Finance and Audit Committee – term commenced 28 February 2023)
Dr Lyndal Thorburn	Director (Appointed 1 September 2021) (Member Remuneration Committee)

Note 3.4A: Transactions with director-related entities

The FRDC's practice is to disclose all transactions with an entity with whom a director has an association. This means that where directors have disclosed a material personal interest, all the transactions with that entity will be disclosed. Typically, the FRDC will not transact with all the entities for which a director has made such a declaration. The transactions that are not with related parties as defined by AASB 124 *Related Party Disclosures*, are identified below with an asterisk (*).

The FRDC's 'Board governance policy' provides guidance to directors on how the FRDC deals with material personal interests. Where a director has an association with an entity where a conflict has the potential to arise, in addition to the duty to disclose that association, the director absents him/herself from both the discussion and the decision-making process.

Given the breadth of Australian Government activities, related parties may transact with the government sector in the same capacity as ordinary citizens. These transactions have not been separately disclosed in this note.

The directors disclosed material personal interests during the directors' related period

Director	Organisation and position held	Nature of interest
Professor C. D. Buxton	Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies University of Tasmania * <i>Adjunct Professor</i> 1 July 2022 to current	Research projects or work undertaken by the organisation
Dr C. Calogeras	C-AID Consultants <i>Director</i> 1 July 2022 to current	Research projects or work undertaken by the organisation
	Atlantis Fisheries Consulting Group <i>Associate Northern Fisheries and Lead Indigenous Services Division</i> 1 July 2022 to current	Research projects or work undertaken by the organisation
Dr Saranne Cooke	Charles Sturt University <i>Deputy Chancellor</i> 1 July 2022 to current	Research projects or work undertaken by the organisation
Dr P. Hone	CEO's Committee for the Council of Rural Research and Development Corporations <i>Member</i> 1 July 2022 to current	Research projects or work undertaken by the organisation
	National Marine Science Committee <i>Member</i> 1 July 2022 to current	Research projects or work undertaken by the organisation
Mr B. Musa	Australian Barramundi Farmers Association (ABFA) <i>Non Executive Director and Treasurer</i> FRDC Project Number 2020-127 <i>"ABFA IPA: RD&E project investment and management via ABFA strategic plan 2021-2025"</i> 1 July 2022 to current	Research projects or work undertaken by the organisation
Mr A. Ogg	Seafood Industry Australia <i>Member</i> 1 July 2022 to current	Research projects or work undertaken by the organisation

The following transactions occurred during the directors' related period with these entities.

Transactions with related parties	2022-23		2021-22	
	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure	Income
School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Education Deakin University	93,500	-	97,141	-
Southern Rock Lobster Ltd	202,400	-	222,200	-
Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies University of Tasmania	3,070,270	-	3,541,145	-
C-AID Consultants	113,845	-	228,043	-
Council of Rural Research and Development Corporations	13,544	-	7,773	-
National Marine Science Committee	5,000	747	5,000	-
Australian Barramundi Farmers Association	90,164	-	-	-
Seafood Industry Australia	638,972	-	271,700	-
Charles Sturt University	-	2,116	-	-
Atlantis Fisheries Consulting Group	14,300	-	-	-

All transactions were conducted under normal terms and conditions and include GST.

Note 3.4B: Other related party disclosures

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

- Assist with data generation to support Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority application
- National Carp Control Program
- Development of on-farm biosecurity plan implementation support programs for the aquaculture industry
- AQUAPLAN Development Workshop Publication
- Aquatic Animal Health Training Scheme 2019 - 2022
- Compilation of Information for the Marine Mammal Protection Act Comparability Finding Process
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- Tuna Champions Phase 2
- Finfish Parasites - Toltrazuril - 4-GWT37U6

The FRDC has received new funding from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry in 2022-23 totalling: \$Nil (2021-22: \$800,000).

Agricultural Innovation Australia

The FRDC is one of 15 members of Agricultural Innovation Australia (AIA), a company limited by guarantee. The constitution of AIA prohibits the distribution of any assets and income to its

Financial instruments and fair value measurement

	2022-23	2021-22
	\$	\$
Note 4.1: Financial instruments		
Note 4.1A: Categories of financial instruments		
Financial assets at amortised cost		
Cash and cash equivalents	27,290,562	27,715,574
Trade and other receivables	758,788	2,877,753
Total financial assets at amortised cost	28,049,350	30,593,327
Total financial assets	28,049,350	30,593,327
Financial liabilities		
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost		
Suppliers and other payables	-	5,928
Projects	3,094,782	3,265,950
Total financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	3,094,782	3,271,878
Total financial liabilities	3,094,782	3,271,878

Accounting policy

Financial assets

As per AASB 9 *Financial Instruments*, the FRDC classifies its financial assets in the following category:

- financial assets measured at amortised cost.

The classification depends on both the FRDC's business model for managing the financial assets and contractual cash flow characteristics at the time of initial recognition. Financial assets are recognised when the FRDC becomes a party to the contract and, as a consequence, has a legal right to receive or a legal obligation to pay cash and derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are transferred upon trade date.

Financial assets at amortised cost

Financial assets included in this category need to meet two criteria:

1. the financial asset is held in order to collect the contractual cash flows; and
2. the cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) on the principal outstanding amount.

Amortised cost is determined using the effective interest method.

Effective interest method

Income is recognised on an effective interest rate basis for financial assets that are recognised at amortised cost.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets are assessed for impairment at the end of each reporting period based on expected credit losses, using the general approach which measures the loss allowance based on an amount equal to lifetime expected credit losses where risk has significantly increased, or an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses if risk has not increased.

The simplified approach for trade, contract and lease receivables is used. This approach always measures the loss allowance as the amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses.

A write-off constitutes a derecognition event where the write-off directly reduces the gross carrying amount of the financial asset.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified as either financial liabilities 'at fair value through profit or loss' or other financial liabilities.

Financial liabilities are recognised and derecognised upon 'trade date'.

Financial liabilities at amortised cost

Financial liabilities, including borrowings, are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs. These liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, with interest expense recognised on an effective interest basis.

Supplier and other payables are recognised at amortised cost. Liabilities are recognised to the extent that the goods or services have been received (and irrespective of having been invoiced).

	2022-23	2021-22
	\$	\$
Note 4.1B: Net gains or losses on financial assets		
Financial assets at amortised cost		
Interest revenue	721,996	30,838
Net gains on financial assets at amortised cost	721,996	30,838

There are no gains or losses on financial liabilities.

Note 4.2: Fair value measurement

Accounting policy

FRDC engaged Jones Lang LaSalle Public Sector Valuations (JLL) to conduct an asset revaluation of all plant and equipment assets as at 30 June 2022. An annual assessment is undertaken to determine whether the carrying amount of the assets is materially different from the fair value. Comprehensive valuations are carried out at least once every three years. JLL has provided written assurance to the FRDC that the models developed are in compliance with AASB 13.

The methods utilised to determine and substantiate the unobservable inputs are derived and evaluated as follows.

Physical depreciation and obsolescence under the depreciated replacement cost approach, the estimated cost to replace the asset is calculated and then adjusted to take into account physical depreciation and obsolescence. Physical depreciation and obsolescence has been determined based on professional judgement regarding physical, economic and external obsolescence factors relevant to the asset under consideration. For all leasehold improvement assets, the consumed economic benefit / asset obsolescence deduction is determined based on the term of the associated lease.

FRDC's policy is to recognise transfers into, and transfers out of, fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period.

Note 4.2A: Fair value measurement

	Fair value measurements at the end of the reporting period	
	2022-23 \$	2021-22 \$
Non-financial assets		
Leasehold improvements	82,650	107,600
Plant and equipment	8,050	13,600
Total non-financial assets	90,700	121,200

Other information

	2022-23 \$	2021-22 \$
Note 5.1: Current/non-current distinction for assets and liabilities		

Note 5.1A: Current/non-current distinction for assets and liabilities**Assets expected to be recovered in:****No more than 12 months**

Cash and cash equivalents	27,290,562	27,715,574
Trade and other receivables	1,844,674	2,877,753
Other non-financial assets	16,191	9,972
Total no more than 12 months	29,151,427	30,603,299

More than 12 months

Buildings	561,818	722,387
Plant and equipment	31,792	76,851
Intangibles	248,597	408,946
Total more than 12 months	842,207	1,208,184
Total assets	29,993,634	31,811,483

Liabilities expected to be settled in:**No more than 12 months**

Suppliers	-	5,928
Projects	3,094,782	3,265,950
Other payables	86,132	74,222
Leases	167,654	132,166
Employee provisions	378,203	726,506
Total no more than 12 months	3,726,771	4,204,772

More than 12 months

Leases	427,720	621,631
Employee provisions	882,407	128,640
Total more than 12 months	1,310,127	750,271
Total liabilities	5,036,898	4,955,043









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