

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Senior Master of the Supreme Court of Victoria

Opinion	I have audited the special purpose financial reports (the financial reports) of the Senior Master of the Supreme Court of Victoria with respect to Common Fund No. 1, Common Fund No. 2, Common Fund No. 3, the Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account and the Assets Held on Separate Account (collectively the "Funds in Court") which comprises the: - balance sheets as at 30 June 2021 - comprehensive operating statements for the year then ended - statements of changes in equity for the year then ended - cash flow statements for the year then ended - notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies - joint declaration of the Senior Master and General Manager. In my opinion, the financial reports present fairly, in all material respects, the financial positions of the Funds in Court as at 30 June 2021 and their financial performances and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in note 2 to the financial statements.
Basis for opinion	I have conducted my audit in accordance with the <i>Audit Act 1994</i> which incorporates the Australian Auditing Standards. I further describe my responsibilities under that Act and those standards in the <i>Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Reports</i> section of my report. My independence is established by the <i>Constitution Act 1975</i>. My staff and I are independent of the Senior Master in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 <i>Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants</i> (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial reports in Victoria. My staff and I have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.
Emphasis of matter - Basis of accounting and restriction distribution and use	Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to note 2 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial reports have been prepared for the purpose of meeting the requirements of the <i>Supreme Court Act 1986</i> and <i>Supreme Court (General Civil Procedures) Rules 2015</i>. As a result, the financial reports may not be suitable for another purpose.
Senior Master's responsibilities for the financial reports	The Senior Master is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial reports in accordance with the accounting policies described in note 2 to the financial statements and for such internal control as the Senior Master determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of financial reports that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial reports, the Senior Master is responsible for assessing the ability of the Funds in Court to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless it is inappropriate to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial reports

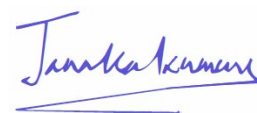
As required by the *Audit Act 1994*, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial reports based on the audit. My objectives for the audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial reports as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my 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 these financial reports.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial reports, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control of the Funds in Court
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Senior Master
- conclude on the appropriateness of the Senior Master's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Funds in Court's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial reports or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Funds in Court to cease to continue as a going concern
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial reports including the disclosures, and whether the financial reports represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the Senior Master regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

MELBOURNE
13 September 2021



Janaka Kumara
as delegate for the Auditor-General of Victoria



**Senior Master of the Supreme Court of Victoria
Special purpose financial reports for the year ended
30 June 2021**

Comprising:

Comprehensive operating statements, balance sheets, statements of changes in equity, cash flow statements and Notes to the Financial Reports for:

- Common Fund No. 1
- Common Fund No. 2
- Common Fund No. 3
- Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account
- Assets Held on Separate Account

Comprehensive operating statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

		Common Fund No. 1		Common Fund No. 2		Common Fund No. 3		Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account		Assets Held on Separate Account	
	Note	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Continuing Operations											
Income from transactions											
Interest revenue	3	245	546	25,523	29,013	56	184	1,709	1,911	-	-
Dividend revenue		-	-	-	-	25,068	27,843	-	-	-	-
Beneficiaries' annuity revenue		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	381	377
Administration cost recovery	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,617	10,293	-	-
Total income from transactions		245	546	25,523	29,013	25,124	28,027	13,326	12,204	381	377
Expenses from transactions											
Interest expense		-	4	275	655	-	-	1	79	-	-
Interest paid on closed accounts		12	30	17	139	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beneficiaries' annuity revenue transferred to Common Fund No. 2		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	381	377
Administration cost contribution	4	238	519	11,379	9,774	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense		-	-	-	-	-	-	217	72	-	-
Administration expenses	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,534	11,702	-	-
Total expenses from transactions		250	553	11,671	10,568	-	-	12,752	11,853	381	377
Net result from transactions (net operating balance)		(5)	(7)	13,852	18,445	25,124	28,027	574	351	-	-
Other economic flows included in net result											
Capital gains on disposal of investments	5(a)	-	-	-	-	-	-	695	3,743	-	-
Capital gains on disposal of shares	13	-	-	-	-	-	17,041	-	-	-	-
Capital losses on disposal of investments	5(b)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(261)	(1,071)	-	-
Capital losses on disposal of shares	13	-	-	-	-	-	(208)	-	-	-	-
Net gain/(loss) arising on revaluation of long service liability		-	-	-	-	-	-	3	(2)	-	-
Total other economic flows included in net result		-	-	-	-	-	16,833	437	2,670	-	-
Net result from continuing operations		(5)	(7)	13,852	18,445	25,124	44,860	1,011	3,021	-	-
Net result		(5)	(7)	13,852	18,445	25,124	44,860	1,011	3,021	-	-
Other economic flows - other changes in equity											
Gain/(losses) due to changes in fair value of financial assets	19	-	-	(23,925)	11,649	-	-	(800)	271	-	-
Cumulative (gains)/losses transferred to net result on sale of financial assets	19,5(c)	-	-	(434)	(2,769)	-	-	-	97	-	-
Total other economic flows - other changes in equity		-	-	(24,359)	8,880	-	-	(800)	368	-	-
Comprehensive result		(5)	(7)	(10,507)	27,325	25,124	44,860	211	3,389	-	-

The above comprehensive operating statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Balance sheets as at 30 June 2021

		Common Fund No. 1		Common Fund No. 2		Common Fund No. 3		Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account		Assets Held on Separate Account	
	Note	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
FINANCIAL ASSETS											
Cash and deposits		21,790	26,932	59,474	70,943	15,272	9,998	17,816	14,605	-	-
Receivables	7	10	29	6,493	7,309	2,987	1,235	506	522	16	15
Investments	10	13,500	17,500	874,970	846,778	-	-	50,616	53,615	-	-
Shares	13	-	-	-	-	709,857	599,500	-	-	-	-
Beneficiaries' annuities held on separate account	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	506	618
		<u>35,300</u>	<u>44,461</u>	<u>940,937</u>	<u>925,030</u>	<u>728,116</u>	<u>610,733</u>	<u>68,938</u>	<u>68,742</u>	<u>522</u>	<u>633</u>
NON FINANCIAL ASSETS											
Prepayments	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	84	325	-	-
Plant and equipment	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,588	2,075	-	-
Beneficiaries' residential properties	14,20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	357,845	313,047
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,672</u>	<u>2,400</u>	<u>357,845</u>	<u>313,047</u>
Total assets		<u>35,300</u>	<u>44,461</u>	<u>940,937</u>	<u>925,030</u>	<u>728,116</u>	<u>610,733</u>	<u>71,610</u>	<u>71,142</u>	<u>358,367</u>	<u>313,680</u>
LIABILITIES											
Payables	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	464	580	-	-
Annuity income payable to beneficiaries	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	15
Amounts owing to beneficiaries	11	35,289	44,431	889,278	848,448	728,113	610,727	-	-	358,351	313,665
Provisions	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,970	1,597	-	-
Total liabilities		<u>35,289</u>	<u>44,431</u>	<u>889,278</u>	<u>848,448</u>	<u>728,113</u>	<u>610,727</u>	<u>2,434</u>	<u>2,178</u>	<u>358,367</u>	<u>313,680</u>
Net assets		<u>11</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>51,659</u>	<u>76,582</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>69,176</u>	<u>68,964</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
EQUITY											
Funds available for future distribution		11	30	8,028	8,591	3	6	-	-	-	-
Statutory reserve	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,762	9,695	-	-
General reserve	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	58,633	57,689	-	-
Investments revaluation reserve	19	-	-	43,631	67,991	-	-	781	1,581	-	-
Total equity		<u>11</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>51,659</u>	<u>76,582</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>69,176</u>	<u>68,965</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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

Statements of changes in equity for the year ended 30 June 2021

	Funds available for future distribution \$'000	General reserve \$'000	Statutory reserve \$'000	Investments available for sale revaluation reserve \$'000	TOTAL \$'000
<u>Common Fund No. 1</u>					
Balance at 1 July 2019	66	-	-	-	66
Net result for period	(7)	-	-	-	(7)
Distribution of interest, dividends to beneficiaries	(29)	-	-	-	(29)
Balance as at 30 June 2020	30	-	-	-	30
Net result for period	(5)	-	-	-	(5)
Distribution of interest, dividends to beneficiaries	(14)	-	-	-	(14)
Balance as at 30 June 2021	11	-	-	-	11
<u>Common Fund No. 2</u>					
Balance at 1 July 2019	8,837	-	-	59,110	67,947
Net result for period	18,445	-	-	-	18,445
Distribution of interest, dividends to beneficiaries	(18,690)	-	-	-	(18,690)
Unrealised gains/(losses)	-	-	-	11,649	11,649
Realised (gains)/losses	-	-	-	(2,769)	(2,769)
Balance as at 30 June 2020	8,592	-	-	67,990	76,582
Net result for period	13,852	-	-	-	13,852
Distribution of interest, dividends to beneficiaries	(14,416)	-	-	-	(14,416)
Unrealised gains/(losses)	-	-	-	(23,925)	(23,925)
Realised (gains)/losses	-	-	-	(434)	(434)
Balance as at 30 June 2021	8,028	-	-	43,631	51,659
<u>Common Fund No. 3</u>					
Balance at 1 July 2019	23	-	-	-	23
Net result for period	44,860	-	-	-	44,860
Distribution of interest, dividends to beneficiaries	(28,045)	-	-	-	(28,045)
Distribution of realised capital gains on shares	(5,127)	-	-	-	(5,127)
Allocation of realised capital losses on shares	(11,705)	-	-	-	(11,705)
Balance as at 30 June 2020	6	-	-	-	6
Net result for period	25,124	-	-	-	25,124
Distribution of interest, dividends to beneficiaries	(25,127)	-	-	-	(25,127)
Distribution of realised capital gains on shares	-	-	-	-	-
Allocation of realised capital losses on shares	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 30 June 2021	3	-	-	-	3

The above statements of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statements of changes in equity for the year ended 30 June 2021 (continued)

	Funds available for future distribution \$'000	General Reserve \$'000	Statutory Reserve \$'000	Investments Available for Sale Revaluation Reserve \$'000	TOTAL \$'000
<u>Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account</u>					
Balance at 1 July 2019	-	54,904	9,459	1,213	65,576
Net result for period	3,021	-	-	-	3,021
Transfers to/(from) reserves:					
Transfers from Funds available for future distribution	-	3,021	-	-	3,021
Transfers to general reserve	(3,021)	-	-	-	(3,021)
Transfer from general reserve	-	-	235	-	235
Transfer to statutory reserve	-	(235)	-	-	(235)
Investments revaluation reserve (Note 19)					
Unrealised gains/(losses)	-	-	-	271	271
Realised (gains)/losses	-	-	-	97	97
Balance as at 30 June 2020	-	57,690	9,694	1,581	68,965
Net result for period	1,011	-	-	-	1,011
Transfers to/(from) reserves:					
Transfers from Funds available for future distribution	-	1,011	-	-	1,011
Transfers to general reserve	(1,011)	-	-	-	(1,011)
Transfer from general reserve	-	-	67	-	67
Transfer to statutory reserve	-	(67)	-	-	(67)
Investments revaluation reserve (Note 19)					
Unrealised gains/(losses)	-	-	-	(800)	(800)
Realised (gains)/losses	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 30 June 2021	-	58,634	9,761	781	69,176

There were no movements in equity during the current period for Assets Held on Separate Account (2020: nil)

The above statements of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Cash flow statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

Note	Common Fund No. 1		Common Fund No. 2		Common Fund No. 3		Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account		Assets Held on Separate Account	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Cash flows from/(used in) operating activities										
Interest and dividends received	264	583	26,339	29,217	23,372	30,278	1,702	1,905	-	-
Administration cost (contribution) / recovery	(238)	(519)	(11,379)	(9,774)	-	-	11,617	10,293	-	-
Interest paid on closed accounts	(12)	(30)	(17)	(139)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administration expenses paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	(12,009)	(11,698)	-	-
Interest expense paid	-	(4)	(275)	(655)	-	-	(1)	(79)	-	-
Transferred capital gains realised / (capital outgoings)	-	-	-	-	-	-	434	2,672	-	-
Net cash inflow from operating activities	14	30	14,668	18,649	23,372	30,278	1,743	3,093	-	-
Cash flows from/(used in) investing activities										
Investments-Purchase	(30,500)	(39,500)	(187,058)	(167,312)	(5,474)	(68,999)	(16,800)	(26,500)	-	-
Investments-Sale	34,500	47,000	134,505	169,971	-	53,449	19,000	22,124	-	-
Payments for non financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	(732)	(1,726)	(13,773)	(12,540)
Net cash flow from/(used in) investing activities	4,000	7,500	(52,553)	2,659	(5,474)	(15,550)	1,468	(6,102)	(13,773)	(12,540)
Cash flows from/(used in) financing activities										
Receipts to beneficiaries' accounts	36,922	55,189	167,595	160,216	24,591	28,279	-	-	8,702	14,227
Transfers - beneficiaries properties held on separate account	-	-	(5,183)	1,575	-	-	-	-	5,183	(1,575)
Transfers - annuities held on separate account	-	-	112	112	-	-	-	-	(112)	(112)
Payments from beneficiaries' accounts	(46,078)	(41,719)	(136,108)	(179,162)	(37,215)	(49,398)	-	-	-	-
Net cash flow from/(used in) financing activities	(9,156)	13,470	26,416	(17,259)	(12,624)	(21,119)	-	-	13,773	12,540
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(5,142)	21,000	(11,469)	4,049	5,274	(6,391)	3,211	(3,009)	-	-
Cash at beginning of the financial year	26,932	5,932	70,943	66,895	9,998	16,389	14,605	17,614	-	-
Cash at the end of the financial year	21,790	26,932	59,474	70,943	15,272	9,998	17,816	14,605	-	-

The above cash flow statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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1. NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE COMMON FUNDS, COMMON FUNDS GUARANTEE AND RESERVE ACCOUNT AND ASSETS HELD ON SEPARATE ACCOUNT

Common Fund No. 1

The prime objective of Common Fund No. 1 is to maintain liquid investments with a secure return pending the identification of a person or persons entitled to any part of the fund. The Fund consists of:

- money held in dispute matters;
- money held as security for costs; and,
- other payments made into court under the provisions of the *Trustee Act 1958* and other Acts.

Common Fund No. 2

The prime objective of Common Fund No. 2 is to provide the maximum return achievable subject to acceptable risk criteria through investment in approved securities, in the longer term, for the benefit of beneficiaries who are under legal disability but are entitled presently to their funds that are administered by the Senior Master.

The Fund consists of:

- damages awarded and payments pursuant to proceedings brought for persons deemed incapable of managing their own affairs due to disability;
- funds held for minors who were dependents of a deceased parent or other person *in loco parentis*;
- funds held for minors who have sustained personal injury with entitlement to payment out at age 18; and
- awards under the *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 1996* to minors and persons incapable of managing their own affairs.

Common Fund No. 3

The prime objective of Common Fund No. 3 is to provide the maximum return achievable subject to acceptable risk criteria through investment in approved shares and other financial instruments.

With a view to providing a measure of capital growth, a hedge against inflation, and to offset taxation liability, it is appropriate for part of the assets of certain beneficiaries to be invested outside Common Fund No. 2. During the reporting period, investments held by Common Fund No. 3 consisted of shares in leading companies listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. The shares managed in Common Fund No. 3 are recorded at market value in accordance with daily unit pricing.

Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account

The purposes of the Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account are the:

- provision of a statutory reserve of 1% of the combined value of the total assets of Common Fund No. 1 and Common Fund No. 2 under the provisions of the *Supreme Court Act 1986*;

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- provision for, and payment of, the administrative expenses of Funds in Court; Funds in Court is a self-funded not-for –profit division of the Court. Pursuant to the Supreme Court Act and the Rules, it is used by the Senior Master to administer all funds paid into Court. All investments made on behalf of beneficiaries are made in the name of the Senior Master of the Supreme Court of Victoria.
- smoothing of the annual crediting rate of interest paid to beneficiaries of the Common Funds; and
- provision for, and payment of, other expenses incurred by the Common Funds as considered appropriate by the Senior Master. Capital losses incurred on the realisation of any Common Fund investment may be met by the Direction of the Senior Master from this account.

Assets Held on Separate Account

Annuities

With a view to providing a hedge against inflation, a measure of capital growth, and to defer taxation liability, it is appropriate for part of the assets of certain beneficiaries to be invested outside Common Fund No. 1, Common Fund No. 2 and Common Fund No. 3. Investments Held on Separate Account are limited to Indexed Annuities at present. Investments Held on Separate Account are registered in the name of the Senior Master of the Supreme Court but in a manner which specifically identifies the individual upon whose behalf the investment is held.

Beneficiaries' Residences

The Senior Master may use a beneficiary's funds in Court to purchase real estate for the beneficiary to use as a residence. Upon application, the Court will decide whether the purchase of a property for the use of a beneficiary is in the best interests of a beneficiary and whether or not it is affordable in the context of the funds in Court and the beneficiary's future needs. Each property purchased from the funds in Court is held in trust for the beneficiary. Refer to Note 20.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Statement of compliance (refers to all funds)

The Senior Master has prepared these as special purpose financial statements because the individual funds are non-reporting entities. These special purpose financial statements are prepared in order to meet the requirements of the *Supreme Court Act 1986 and Supreme Court (General Civil Procedures) Rules 2015*.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the *Supreme Court Act 1986* and the requirements of the following Australian Accounting Standards (AASs):

- AASB 101 - *Presentation of Financial statements*
- AASB 107 - *Statement of Cash Flows*
- AASB 108 - *Accounting Policies, Changes in accounting estimates*
- AASB 1048 - *Interpretation of Standards*
- AASB 1054 - *Australian Additional Disclosures*

The accounting policies disclosed below have been determined to be appropriate to provide true and fair financial statements.

(b) Basis of preparation and measurement (refers to all funds)

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis, in Australian dollars and rounded to the nearest thousand (\$000) dollars unless otherwise stated. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components reflect rounding. They are based on a historical cost basis, except for:

- (a) the revaluation of financial instruments that have been recorded on a fair value basis (refer Note 2(i)); and
- (b) the beneficiaries' residential properties which have been recorded at 'restricted' valuation (refer Note 20).

In the application of the accounting policies, the Senior Master is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about carrying values of some assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstance, the results of which form the basis for making the judgements. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Judgements and assumptions made by the Senior Master in the application of the accounting policies, that have significant effects on the financial statements and estimates relate to the fair value of residential properties, the useful lives of plant and equipment and provisions.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision, and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

The Senior Master determines the policies and procedures for both recurring fair value measurements such as property, plant and equipment and financial instruments in accordance with the requirements of the *Supreme Court Act 1986*.

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, FIC has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy. The fair values and the net fair values of assets and liabilities are determined as follows:

- Level 1 - the fair value of financial instruments with standard terms and conditions and traded in active liquid markets are determined with reference to quoted market prices;
- Level 2 - the fair value is determined using inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the financial asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 - the fair value is determined using generally accepted pricing models based on discounted cash flow analysis using unobservable market inputs.

Accounting policies are selected and applied in a manner which ensures that the resulting financial information satisfies the concepts of relevance and reliability, thereby ensuring that the substance of the underlying transactions or other events is reported.

The accounting policies set out below have been applied in preparing the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2021 and the comparative information presented for the year ended 30 June 2020.

(c) Scope and presentation of financial statements (refers to all funds)

Comprehensive operating statements

Income and expenses in the comprehensive operating statements are separated into either 'transactions' or 'other economic flows'. Refer to Note 28 for the definition of these terms.

Balance sheets

Items of assets and liabilities in the balance sheets are:

- rated in liquidity order;
- aggregated into financial and non-financial assets;
- disclosed as current versus non-current assets and liabilities in the notes where relevant.

Statements of changes in equity

The statements of changes in equity present reconciliations of each equity opening balance at the beginning of the year to the closing balance at the end of the year, showing separately movements due to amounts recognised in the comprehensive result and amounts recognised in equity related to transactions.

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Cash flow statements

The statements of cash flows classify flows by operating, investing and financing activities in accordance with AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows*.

(d) Comprehensive operating statements – revenue and expenditure

(i) Revenue

For **Common Fund No. 1** and **Common Fund No. 2**, revenue is income earned from investment activities of the funds accounted for on an accruals basis, plus interest from fixed interest securities and any transfers of interest from the Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account to the Common Funds. Distributions are made on 1 June each year.

For **Common Fund No. 3**, revenue is income earned from shares and, to a minor extent, short term investments. In compliance with the Asset Management Policy, interest income from short term investment activities is accounted for on an accruals basis. Dividend income from shares is accounted for on an accruals basis. Dividends from shares are recognised on the effective date, as announced (ie “ex-dividend”) in both the daily “unit price” and the balance sheet. Income distributions are made each month to “unit holders” in accordance with the Asset Management Policy.

For the **Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account**, revenue is income earned from investment activities of the fund and accounted for on an accruals basis. Revenue includes gains on sale or maturity of investments made by Common Funds No. 1 and No. 2 which are required by the *Supreme Court Act 1986* to be transferred to the Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account. Revenue may also include contributions from Common Funds No. 1 and No. 2 for administration cost recoveries.

For **Assets Held on Separate Account**, revenue is income earned from the indexed annuities accounted for on an accrual basis. The revenue is credited directly on cash receipt to the individual beneficiary’s account in Common Fund No. 2.

(ii) Expenses

Employee costs at Note 6 are recognised as they are incurred and reported in the financial year to which they relate. Staff engaged in Funds in Court are employed either as Victorian Public Service (VPS) officers, supplied via Court Services Victoria (CSV), or via a contract of employment with an agency. VPS officers are Court employees under Part 3 of the *Public Administration Act 2004* as provided for by section 106 of the *Supreme Court Act 1986*. Employment costs and associated leave entitlements for VPS officers are paid by the Senior Master to CSV according to an internal agreement with CSV responsible for all leave entitlements attributable to these staff. The Senior Master carries the values of all leave entitlements for the staff that the Senior Master employs through an employment agency.

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(e) Comprehensive result for the period

Common Fund No. 1 and Common Fund No. 2

The comprehensive results reflect the results for the period from investment activities including:

- the distributions made at 1 June to beneficiaries' accounts are recognised in equity;
- allocations of all unrealised gains and losses are recognised in equity; and
- revaluation reserves are recognised in equity.

The comprehensive results include administration cost contributions transferred to the Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account.

At 1 June each year, distributions are made from Common Funds No. 1 and No. 2 to the accounts of the respective beneficiaries. This is initiated by the declaration of respective interest rates by the Senior Master with the approval of the Chief Justice.

At 30 June each year there are unallocated funds that consist of net investment income (i.e. interest) earned and either received or receivable during June. This amount is included as accumulated surplus in the equity section of the balance sheet until a distribution is made during the following twelve months. These funds will not be allocated to the accounts of beneficiaries until the following 1 June save that interest paid on closed accounts will be distributed during the year as a result of beneficiaries leaving a Fund. Where interest is paid on closed accounts, the interest is paid on either the last interest rate declared for Common Fund No. 1 or the declared interim rate for Common Fund No. 2.

The Funds available for future distribution in the statement of changes in equity represents the unallocated funds at 30 June.

Common Fund No. 3

The comprehensive result for the period reflects the net result attributable to interest from investments, dividends from shares; and, realised capital gains on shares. Interest, dividends and realised capital gains are distributed to beneficiaries during the reporting period.

The Funds available for future distribution in the statement of changes in equity represents the unallocated funds at 30 June.

Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account

The comprehensive result for the period reflects all investment and operating revenues and expenses and administration cost recoveries transferred from Common Fund No. 1 and Common Fund No. 2.

Assets Held on Separate Account

All revenue received from annuities and beneficiaries' properties is credited directly to beneficiaries' Common Fund No. 2 accounts.

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Distributions (refers to Common Funds 1, 2, 3)

Distributions to beneficiaries are recognised in equity apart from Common Fund No. 3. Refer to Note 2(d)

(f) Cash and deposits (refers to all funds)

Cash and deposits, including cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and cash in bank, deposits at call and those highly liquid investments with the balances maturing within three months of purchase date. They also include 'at call accounts' that are provided for by the asset management policy.

There were no bank overdrafts at 30 June 2021 (2020: nil).

(g) Receivables

Receivables include accrued investment income (interest) which is accounted for on an accruals basis.

(h) Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the Senior Master assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. All financial instrument assets, except those measured at fair value through profit or loss, are subject to annual review for impairment.

In assessing impairment of statutory (non-contractual) assets, which are not financial instruments, professional judgement is applied in assessing materiality using estimates, averages and other computational methods.

(i) Investments

Investments in **Common Fund No. 1** comprise Australian Fixed Income securities.

Investments in **Common Fund No. 2** and **Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account** comprise State Government securities and bonds; and, Australian Fixed Income securities.

Investments in **Common Fund No. 3** comprise shares in companies listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.

Investments in **Assets Held on Separate Account** comprise indexed annuities. The indexed annuities are amortised in equal instalments over the period of the annuity contract.

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The Senior Master has classified investments in Common Fund No 1, Common Fund No. 2 and Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account as "Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income" and they are stated at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are recognised directly in equity on the balance sheets until the investment is disposed of, or detected to be impaired, at which time the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in equity is included in the comprehensive result for the period.

Investments in Common Fund No. 3 are Equity investments which are recognised and measured at their fair value. Realised gains and losses resulting from the disposal of an investment are recognised in the comprehensive operating statement. Unrealised gains and losses due to the net movement in the fair value of the investment are recognised as an adjustment to the investment and the liability "Amounts owing to beneficiaries". Section 113A(8) of the Supreme Court Act 1986 requires the fair value of "Amounts owing to beneficiaries" to be measured on a daily basis, effectively establishing the fund's unit price. Therefore, unrealised gains and losses of the liability are not recognised in the comprehensive operating statement.

Capital gains and losses are defined as proceeds from sale or realisation of investments, less purchase cost. Gains from Common Fund No. 1 and Common Fund No. 2 are transferred to the Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account pursuant to S113(17) of the *Supreme Court Act 1986*. Losses are met by the Direction of the Senior Master from the Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account pursuant to S113(18)(a) of the Act.

Investments are categorised at Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Interest expenses are the premiums paid on negotiable securities at time of purchase.

(j) Leases (refers to Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account)

Lease payments are recognised as an expense when incurred over the lease term.

(k) Plant and equipment and Intangible assets (refers to Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account)

Computer and office equipment and Leasehold improvements are measured initially at cost and subsequently re-valued at fair value, less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment. Intangible assets (some computer software) are measured at cost. Cost includes expenditure that is attributable directly to the acquisition of the items.

The cost of leasehold improvements is capitalised as an asset and depreciated over the remaining term of the lease.

The Senior Master has considered the specific requirements relating to highest and best use, valuation premise, and principle (or most advantageous) market. The Senior Master has reviewed the fair value principles as well as its current valuation methodologies in assessing the fair value, and the assessment has not materially changed the fair values recognised. For all assets measured at fair value, current use is considered the highest and best use.

The capitalisation threshold for plant and equipment and intangible assets to be recognised as an asset is \$1,000 (2020: \$1,000).

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(l) Depreciation (refers to Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account)

Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis to write off the net cost of each item of computer equipment, office equipment, leasehold improvements and intangible assets over expected useful life. All plant and equipment and intangible assets that has a finite useful life is depreciated. Estimates of remaining useful lives are made on an annual basis. The expected useful lives are as follows:

	2020/21	2019/20
• Office equipment	4 years	4 years
• Computer equipment	2.5 years	2.5 years
• Leasehold improvements	2-4 years	2-4 years
• Intangible assets	2.5 years	2.5 years

(m) Payables (refers to Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account)

Payables are recognised when the Senior Master becomes obliged to make future payments resulting from the purchase of goods and services.

(n) Goods and services tax (refers to Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account)

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority, in which case the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of the expense item as applicable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the balance sheet. Cash flows are included in the cash flow statement on a gross basis.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority are presented as operating cash flows.

(o) Taxation treatment

Income earned from the funds is taxed at the beneficiary level. Where the beneficiary is “presently entitled”, income is taxed at ordinary marginal rates in the hands of the Senior Master, pursuant to section 98 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (ITAA) . Where no person is “presently entitled” (CF-1 only), income is taxed pursuant to section 99A of the ITAA 1936.

(p) Amounts owing to beneficiaries

The Senior Master records Funds that are paid into Court as a liability either in Common Fund No.1 (when no person has been identified as entitled presently to any part of the funds) or Common Fund No. 2 (when a beneficiary is under legal disability but entitled presently to their funds).

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Amounts owing to beneficiaries of Common Fund No. 3 are recognised and measured at their fair value (refer note 2(i)). A liability is de-recognised when it is settled, including when the Senior Master makes a payment to a beneficiary. Assets held on Separate Account are recognised and measured at their fair value

(q) Provisions

All non-VPS officers are employed pursuant to a contract between the Senior Master and Morgan Consulting Pty Ltd (Morgan Consulting) whereby Morgan Consulting employs the staff at the request of the Senior Master and in each case on the terms and conditions in a further contract executed by the Senior Master, Morgan Consulting and the staff member.

Due to the contractual arrangements of staff employed pursuant to a contract between the Senior Master and Morgan Consulting, all annual and long service leave are recognised in the financial accounts of the Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account.

Provisions for annual leave and long service leave (LSL) are recognised when there is a present obligation, the future sacrifice of economic benefits is probable, and the amount of the provision can be measured reliably. The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at reporting date taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows.

(i) Annual leave

Liabilities for annual leave are expected to be wholly settled within twelve months of the reporting date. The liabilities are recognised in the provision in respect of service up to the reporting date, classified as current liabilities, and measured at their nominal values.

(ii) LSL

Liability for LSL is recognised in the provision as either:

- Current liability – unconditional LSL (representing 7 or more years of continuous service for staff) is disclosed as a current liability even where the liability is not expected to be settled within 12 months because there is not an unconditional right to defer the settlement of the entitlement should LSL be taken within 12 months. The components of the current LSL liability are measured at:
 - Present value – component that is not expected to be wholly settled within 12 months; and
 - Nominal value – component that is expected to be wholly settled within 12 months.
- Non-current liability – conditional LSL (representing less than 7 years of continuous service) is disclosed as a non-current liability. There is an unconditional right to defer the settlement of the entitlement until staff have completed the requisite years of service. This non-current LSL liability is measured at present value.

(iii) Employee benefits on-costs

Employee benefits on-costs (payroll tax, workers compensation, superannuation) are recognised and included together with Annual Leave and LSL benefits.

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	Common Fund No. 1		Common Fund No. 2		Common Fund No. 3		Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account		Assets Held on Separate Account	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
3. INTEREST REVENUE										
Bank account	54	122	208	946	56	184	24	152	-	-
Fixed interest securities	191	424	25,315	28,067	-	-	1,685	1,759	-	-
Total interest revenue	245	546	25,523	29,013	56	184	1,709	1,911	-	-

4. ADMINISTRATION COST RECOVERY/(CONTRIBUTION)

Interest transfer (to)/from pursuant to S113(16) of the Supreme Court Act. Interest was paid from the Common Funds No. 1 and No. 2 to the Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account.

Total administration cost recovery/(contribution)	(238)	(519)	(11,379)	(9,774)	-	-	11,617	10,293	-	-
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	Common Fund No. 1		Common Fund No. 2		Common Fund No. 3 *		Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account		Assets Held on Separate Account	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
5. CAPITAL GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS										
5(a) CAPITAL GAINS ON DISPOSAL OF INVESTMENTS										
<i>All capital profits made on the realisation of a Common Fund investment are credited to the Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account pursuant to S113(17) of the Supreme Court Act.</i>										
Capital gains realised	-	-	695	3,723	-	-	-	20	-	-
Capital gains transferred (to)/from	-	-	(695)	(3,723)	-	-	695	3,723	-	-
Total Capital Gains on Disposal of Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	695	3,743	-	-
5(b) CAPITAL LOSSES ON DISPOSAL OF INVESTMENTS										
<i>Capital losses incurred on realisation of any Common Fund investment may be met by the Direction of the Senior Master from the Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account pursuant to S113(18)(a) of the Supreme Court Act.</i>										
Capital losses incurred	-	-	(261)	(954)	-	-	-	(117)	-	-
Capital losses transferred to/(from)	-	-	261	954	-	-	(261)	(954)	-	-
Total capital losses on disposal of investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	(261)	(1,071)	-	-
5(c) CUMULATIVE (GAINS)/LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS										
Cumulative (gains)/losses transferred to net result on sale of financial assets	-	-	(434)	(2,769)	-	-	-	97	-	-

* Gains/losses in relation to shares held in Common Fund No.3 are disclosed at Note 13.

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Common Fund No. 1		Common Fund No. 2		Common Fund No. 3		Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account		Assets Held on Separate Account	
2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000

6. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

The following expenses incurred in administering the Common Funds are paid from the Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account at the Senior Master's discretion and pursuant to S113(18)(c) of the Supreme Court Act 1986.

Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-	9	11	-	-
Computer and office equipment	-	-	-	-	-	338	115	-	-
Consultants fees	-	-	-	-	-	1,035	1,059	-	-
Employee expenses	-	-	-	-	-	9,895	9,104	-	-
External audit fees [Note 26]*	-	-	-	-	-	84	86	-	-
Motor vehicles - operating expenses	-	-	-	-	-	67	78	-	-
Stationery and office supplies	-	-	-	-	-	32	47	-	-
General office expenditure including legal and investment costs	-	-	-	-	-	1,024	1,154	-	-
Training	-	-	-	-	-	50	48	-	-
Total administration expenses	-	-	-	-	-	12,534	11,702	-	-

* \$2,000 credit received for 2020 Audit fee has been recognised in 2021

7. RECEIVABLES

Current :

Fixed interest securities	10	29	6,493	7,309	3	6	403	395	-	-
Annuities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	15
Dividends (ex dividend)	-	-	-	-	2,984	1,229	-	-	-	-
GST refunds	-	-	-	-	-	-	103	127	-	-
Total receivables	10	29	6,493	7,309	2,987	1,235	506	522	16	15

8. PAYABLES

Current :

Audit fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	84	54	-	-
Computer related	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	1	-	-
Consultants' fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	104	46	-	-
Employee costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	201	371	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	107	-	-
Annuity interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	15
Total payables	-	-	-	-	-	-	464	579	16	15

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	Common Fund No. 1		Common Fund No. 2		Common Fund No. 3		Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account		Assets Held on Separate Account	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
9. PREPAYMENTS										
Current :										
Administration expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	84	325	-	-
Total Prepayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	84	325	-	-
10. INVESTMENTS ON COMMON ACCOUNT AVAILABLE FOR SALE										
Investments	13,500	17,500	874,970	846,778	-	-	50,616	53,615	-	-
Total investments on common account	13,500	17,500	874,970	846,778	-	-	50,616	53,615	-	-
Comprised of										
Current (matures < 1 year)	13,500	17,500	85,460	60,394	-	-	4,051	5,000	-	-
Non current (matures > 1 year)	-	-	789,510	786,384	-	-	46,565	48,615	-	-
	13,500	17,500	874,970	846,778	-	-	50,616	53,615	-	-
11. AMOUNTS OWING TO BENEFICIARIES										
Current :										
Beneficiary accounts	35,289	44,431	36,490	25,391	791	372	-	-	-	-
Non Current:										
Beneficiary accounts	-	-	852,788	823,057	727,322	610,355	-	-	-	-
Residences held in trust	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	358,351	313,665
Total amounts owing to beneficiaries	35,289	44,431	889,278	848,448	728,113	610,727	-	-	358,351	313,665
12. PROVISIONS										
Current :										
Unconditional annual leave entitlements	-	-	-	-	-	-	681	452	-	-
Unconditional long service leave entitlements	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,106	966	-	-
Total Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,787	1,418	-	-
Current entitlements that are expected to be utilised:										
Within 12 months after end of the reporting period	-	-	-	-	-	-	681	452	-	-
More than 12 months after the end of the reporting period	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,106	966	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,787	1,418	-	-
Non Current :										
Conditional long service leave entitlements	-	-	-	-	-	-	139	124	-	-
Lease Provision	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	55	-	-
Total Non Current	-	-	-	-	-	-	183	179	-	-
Total Provisions	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,970	1,597	-	-

The total closing balances for the provisions include oncost of \$238,334 (2020: \$199,817) for long service leave and \$189,265 (2020: \$115,726) for annual leave.

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13. INVESTMENTS IN SHARES - COMMON FUND NO. 3

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Opening balance at 1 July	599,500	678,669
Shares purchased during the year	4,102	66,175
Dividends reinvested during the year	1,372	2,824
Shares (including rights issues) disposed of during the year	-	(53,449)
Capital gains from shares disposed of during the year	-	17,041
Capital losses from shares disposed of during the year	-	(208)
Capital loss carried forward	-	-
Realised gains distributed to beneficiaries	-	(5,127)
Realised gains offset against carry forward losses	-	(11,705)
Unrealised gains/(losses) in the market value of shares throughout the year	104,883	(94,718)
Closing balance at 30 June	709,857	599,500

Shares are held for the long-term rather than trading purposes. The portfolio is maintained in accordance with the model set by the Senior Master based on the recommendation of the Investment Review Panel.

A corresponding liability is booked to reflect the Senior Master's responsibility for management of beneficiaries' funds. Consequently any movements during the year are adjusted against the value of the shares and the liabilities owed to beneficiaries.

14. ASSETS HELD ON SEPARATE ACCOUNT

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Non Current :		
Annuities		
Opening balance 1 July	618	730
Annuities disposed of during the year	-	-
Amortisation of annuities in current year	(112)	(112)
Closing balance at 30 June (historical cost)	506	618
Beneficiaries' Residential Properties		
Opening balance (at 'restricted' valuation) 1 July	313,047	313,645
Properties purchased during the year	13,773	12,540
Properties disposed during the year	(8,590)	(14,115)
Valuation movements (Note 20)	39,615	977
Closing balance at 30 June (at 'restricted' valuation)	357,845	313,047
Total closing balance	358,351	313,665

These investments do not form part of a Common Fund. (Refer Note 1.)

For the total closing balances for the Annuities and Residential Properties, refer to "Amounts owing to Beneficiaries" in Note 11.

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15. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS - COMMON FUNDS GUARANTEE AND RESERVE ACCOUNT

	30 June 2021 \$'000	30 June 2020 \$'000
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Computer equipment	1,260	1,101
Less: accumulated depreciation	(989)	(818)
Carrying amount of Computer equipment	271	283
Office equipment	1,280	1,207
Less: accumulated depreciation	(1,208)	(1,188)
Carrying amount of Office equipment	72	19
Leasehold improvements	1,008	1,003
Less: accumulated depreciation	(1,003)	(989)
Carrying amount of Leasehold improvements	5	14
Total carrying amount of Plant and Equipment	348	316
INTANGIBLE ASSETS		
Computer software	2,313	1,820
Less: accumulated depreciation	(73)	(61)
Total Carrying amount of intangible assets	2,240	1,759
Total carrying amount of Plant and Equipment and Intangible assets	2,588	2,075

Reconciliations of the carrying amounts for each class of Plant and Equipment and Intangible assets

	Computer equipment \$'000	Office equipment \$'000	Leasehold improvements \$'000	Intangible assets \$'000	Total \$'000
Gross carrying amount:					
Balance as at 1 July 2019	789	1,192	1,002	421	3,404
Additions	312	15	1	1,399	1,727
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 30 June 2020	1,101	1,207	1,003	1,820	5,131
Additions	159	73	5	493	730
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 30 June 2021	1,260	1,280	1,008	2,313	5,861
Accumulated Depreciation:					
Balance as at 1 July 2019	(769)	(1,182)	(975)	(58)	(2,984)
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	(49)	(6)	(14)	(3)	(72)
Balance as at 30 June 2020	(818)	(1,188)	(989)	(61)	(3,056)
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	(171)	(20)	(14)	(12)	(217)
Balance as at 30 June 2021	(989)	(1,208)	(1,003)	(73)	(3,273)
Net book value					
As at 30 June 2020	283	19	14	1,759	2,075
As at 30 June 2021	271	72	5	2,240	2,588

The above expected fair value is Level 3 assets - valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable.

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16. CASH FLOW INFORMATION

For the purposes of the cash flow statements, cash includes cash on hand and in banks, net of outstanding overdrafts (nil). Cash at the end of the financial year, as shown in the cash flow statements, is consistent with Cash and Deposits as disclosed in the balance sheets.

Reconciliation of net result for period to cash flows from operating activities

	Common Fund No. 1		Common Fund No. 2		Common Fund No. 3		Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account		Assets Held on Separate Account	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Net result for the period	(5)	(7)	13,852	18,445	25,124	44,860	1,011	3,021	-	-
<i>Plus/(minus) non-cash items:</i>										
Depreciation and amortisation	-	-	-	-	-	-	217	72	-	-
Realised capital (gains)/losses on Investments in shares [Note 13]	-	-	-	-	-	(16,832)	-	-	-	-
<i>(Increase)/decrease in assets</i>										
Prepayments	-	-	-	-	-	-	241	(271)	-	-
Beneficiaries' annuity income receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	(2)
Receivables	19	37	816	205	(1,752)	2,251	16	(21)	-	-
<i>Increase/(decrease) in liabilities</i>										
Beneficiaries annuity income payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Payables	-	-	-	-	-	-	(116)	152	-	-
Provisions	-	-	-	-	-	-	373	140	-	-
Net cash inflow from operating activities	14	30	14,668	18,650	23,372	30,279	1,741	3,093	-	-

17. STATUTORY RESERVE

The Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account maintains a Statutory Reserve at 1% of the Common Funds No.1 & No. 2 pursuant to S113(20) of the Supreme Court Act 1986.

Opening balance at 1 July	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,695	9,460	-	-
Add: transferred from general reserve (Note 18)	-	-	-	-	-	-	67	235	-	-
Closing Balance at 30 June	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,762	9,695	-	-

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Common Fund No. 1		Common Fund No. 2		Common Fund No. 3		Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account		Assets Held on Separate Account	
2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000	
18. GENERAL RESERVE									
<i>Equity in the assets of the Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account is shown as a General Reserve against potential capital losses on realisation of Common Fund investments and to supplement interest distributions to Common Fund beneficiaries pursuant to S113(20) of the Supreme Court Act 1986.</i>									
Opening balance at 1 July	-	-	-	-	-	-	57,689	54,903	-
Less: transferred (to) statutory reserve [Note 17]	-	-	-	-	-	-	(67)	(235)	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	57,622	54,668	-
Add: net result	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,011	3,021	-
Closing balance at 30 June	-	-	-	-	-	-	58,633	57,689	-

19. INVESTMENTS REVALUATION RESERVE

Opening balance at 1 July	-	-	67,991	59,110	-	-	1,581	1,214	-
Unrealised gain/(loss) of financial assets	-	-	(23,925)	11,649	-	-	(800)	271	-
Cumulative (gain)/loss transferred to the net result on sale of financial assets: [Note 5(c)]	-	-	(434)	(2,769)	-	-	-	97	-
Cumulative (gain)/loss transferred to the net result on impairment of financial assets:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing balance at 30 June	-	-	43,631	67,991	-	-	781	1,581	-

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20. THE APPLICATION OF BENEFICIARIES' FUNDS IN THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

As part of the administration of funds held in Court for persons under disability, a request may be made to the Court for the release of funds to contribute either fully or partially towards the purchase of real estate. Upon being satisfied that the purchase is in the best interests of the person for whom the funds are held, the Court may order that a property be purchased for a particular beneficiary. Beneficiaries' properties are predominantly residential land and dwellings, which are held on trust for beneficiaries.

The properties are either held in the name of the Senior Master or trustees (usually two), who are the registered legal owners. While the owners in law, they hold the property on trust for the beneficiary. The trust is created or evidenced by a declaration of trust approved by the Court. The trustees act in accordance with the Senior Master's instructions. External solicitors are requested to perform the legal work involved in and following purchases. The Certificate of Title is retained by Funds in Court for safe keeping.

The properties are purchased, pursuant to the Supreme Court Act 1986 and the Supreme Court Rules, as residences which are used, or are to be used, by persons under disability for whose benefit the purchase is made. The initial cost of properties is deemed as fair value measurement. Properties are categorised at Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable.

Property purchased from funds held in Court must be insured, and kept insured at a value representing full market cost of replacement. To that end, house insurance valuations for each house are carried out by qualified valuers at least once in every three year period. The qualified valuers concurrently perform a 'restricted' valuation of the entire property (i.e. land and buildings), which is a valuation made on location without access to the house itself. The Senior Master believes the use of 'restricted' valuations for financial reporting purposes is sufficient for the preparation of these special purpose financial statements. 'Restricted' valuations are made, instead of full valuations, to avoid unnecessary cost to beneficiaries and to allow them 'quiet enjoyment' of their property. These 'restricted' valuations take into account local government valuations and recent sales data. Full sworn valuations for all properties are obtained prior to their purchase or sale. The carrying value of beneficiary properties is based on their most recent sworn or restricted valuation. As changes in value reflect the capital appreciation of the beneficiary homes, all adjustments are recognised directly in "amounts owing to beneficiaries". Revaluations in relation to this process were performed this financial year except for properties purchased/valued within the last 24 months.

As at 30 June 2021 there were 514 (2020: 505) trust properties of which the beneficiaries' component was valued at \$357,845,426 (2020: \$313,047,153).

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21. COMMITMENTS FOR EXPENDITURE

The lease commitments reflect our lease obligations for leasehold premises and motor vehicles. The lease for the leasehold premises (Level 5, 469 Latrobe Street) commenced from 05 November 2017 for a five year term with two further options for renewal. Lease incentive is received as equal monthly instalments over the period of the first term. Net rental is increased annually on the anniversary of the lease commencement date. Motor vehicles are leased for minimum of two year terms with further options for renewal. Details of these non-cancellable operating leases (inclusive of GST) are as follows:

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Lease - No longer than 1 year	751,362	732,950
Lease - Longer than 1 year and not longer than 5 years	258,976	1,011,041
	<u>1,010,338</u>	<u>1,743,991</u>

22. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

No contingent liabilities or assets have been identified for 2021 financial year (2020: nil).

23. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Senior Master is a Judicial Member of the Supreme Court of Victoria and does not receive fees or any other remuneration from Funds in Court (2020: nil).

24. COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Senior Master continues to monitor the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on daily business activities. To date, the effect on the Funds in Court Office and the ability to service beneficiaries has not been significant. Office Management has determined that there is no material uncertainty casting doubt on the ability to continue as a going concern.

Properties are usually purchased as beneficiaries' residences, rather than exclusively as investments, it is considered that there should be no significant long-term impact on valuations as a result of the pandemic. Considering that the property market has been substantially impacted in the short to medium term, influencing the valuation of residential properties, restricted valuations have been performed for the properties held.

The pandemic has the potential to impact adversely upon the investment outcomes of Common Fund No. 3. However, because of the long term returns from Australian Leading Equity investment, the consistency in the management of the Common Fund, and the alignment of the funds invested to the proper “investment horizon” for such investments, it is considered that any such impact should not cause lasting detriment.

Office Management will ensure continuing compliance with government policies and advice and will endeavour to meet service obligations in the most effective and safest way, without endangering the health of staff and beneficiaries.

25. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE

Subsequent to 30 June 2021 no matters or circumstances have arisen that have significantly affected, or may affect significantly, the operations of the Senior Master, the results of the operations or the state of affairs in financial years subsequent to this financial year.

26. REMUNERATION OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Victorian Auditor-General’s Office	<u>\$86,100</u>	<u>\$86,100</u>
	<u>\$86,100</u>	<u>\$86,100</u>

27. SUFFICIENCY OF FUNDS

Section 113(23) of the *Supreme Court Act 1986* provides that if at any time a Common Fund (except Common Fund No. 3) is insufficient to meet a proper claim on it, the amount of that claim, as far as it cannot be met from the Common Fund, must be paid out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Victoria. However, the investments undertaken by the Senior Master are made with such prudential reserve that it is improbable that recourse would eventuate.

28. GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Commitments

Commitments include those operating, capital and other outsourcing commitments arising from non-cancellable contractual or statutory sources.

Comprehensive result

Total comprehensive result is the net result from operations for the period and all gains and losses recognised directly in equity.

Financial asset

A financial asset is any asset that is:

- (a) cash;
- (b) an equity instrument of another entity;
- (c) a contractual right:

- i. to receive cash or another financial asset from another entity; or
 - ii. to exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another entity under conditions that are potentially favourable to the entity; or
- (d) a contract that will or may be settled in the entity's own equity instruments and is:
 - i. a non-derivative for which the entity is or may be obliged to receive a variable number of the entity's own equity instruments; or
 - ii. a derivative that will or may be settled other than by the exchange of a fixed amount of cash or another financial asset for a fixed number of the entity's own equity instruments.

Financial instrument

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

Financial liability

A financial liability is:

- a contractual obligation:
 - to deliver cash or another financial asset to another entity; or
 - to exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another entity under conditions that are potentially unfavourable to the entity; or
- a contract that will or may be settled in the entity's own equity instruments and is
 - a non-derivative for which the entity is or may be obliged to deliver a variable number of the entity's own equity instruments or
 - a derivative that will or may be settled other than by the exchange of a fixed amount of cash or another financial asset for a fixed number of the entity's own equity instruments. For this purpose the entity's own equity instruments do not include: instruments that are themselves contracts for the future receipt or delivery of the entity's own equity instruments; puttable instruments classified as equity or certain liabilities arising on liquidation classified by IAS 32 as equity instruments.

Financial report

The financial report consists of the four primary statements, notes to the financial statements and the joint declaration by the Senior Master and General Manager. The four primary statements are comprehensive operating statements, balance sheets, statements of changes in equity, and cash flow statements.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are financial instrument assets with fixed and determinable payments that are not quoted on an active market. These assets are initially recognised at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial measurement, loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Loans and receivables category includes cash and deposits term deposits with maturity greater than three months, trade receivables, loans and other receivables, but not statutory receivables.

Net result from transactions/net operating balance

Net result from transactions or net operating balance is a key fiscal aggregate and is income from transactions minus expenses from transactions. It is a summary measure of the ongoing sustainability of operations. It excludes gains and losses resulting from changes in price levels and other changes in the volume of assets. It is the component of the change in net worth that is due to transactions.

Net result

Net result is a measure of financial performance of the operations for the period. It is the net result of items of revenue, gains and expenses (including losses) recognised for the period, excluding those that are classified as 'other changes in equity'.

Non-financial assets

Non-financial assets are all assets that are not 'financial assets'.

Other economic flows included in net result

Other economic flows are changes in the volume or value of an asset or liability that do not result from transactions. It includes gains and losses from disposals, revaluations and impairments of non-current physical assets; fair value changes of financial instruments. In simple terms other economic flows are changes arising from market re-measurements.

Payables

Includes short and long term trade debt and accounts payable and interest payable.

Receivables

Includes short and long term trade credit and accounts receivable, taxes and interest receivable.

Supplies and services

Supplies and services generally represent day-to-day running costs in the normal operations of the entity.

Transactions

Transactions are those economic flows that are considered to arise as a result of policy decisions as required by the Supreme Court Act 1986, usually an interaction between two entities by mutual agreement. They also include flows within an entity such as depreciation where the owner is simultaneously acting as the owner of the depreciating asset and as the consumer of the service provided by the asset. Taxation is regarded as mutually agreed interactions between the government and taxpayers. Transactions can be in kind (e.g. assets provided/given free of charge or for nominal consideration) or where the final consideration is cash.

Joint Declaration of the Senior Master and General Manager

We certify that the attached special purpose financial statements for Common Fund No.1, Common Fund No. 2, Common Fund No.3, Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account and the Assets Held on Separate Account have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 2 to the financial statements.

We further state that, in our opinion, the information set out in the comprehensive operating statements, balance sheets, statements of changes in equity, cash flow statements and notes to and forming part of the financial statements for the Common Fund No.1, Common Fund No. 2, Common Fund No.3, Common Funds Guarantee and Reserve Account and the Assets Held on Separate Account presents fairly the financial transactions during the year ended 30 June 2021 and the financial position at 30 June 2021. We are not aware of any circumstance which would render any particulars included in the financial report to be misleading or inaccurate.

We authorise the attached financial report for issue on 08 September 2021.



ASSOCIATE JUSTICE JOHN EFTHIM
Senior Master

Melbourne
08 September 2021



GARY GEORGIOS
General Manager - Funds in Court

Melbourne
08 September 2021