

New Zealand
Railways Corporation

HALF-YEAR REPORT

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Chair's Report



I am pleased to present this half-yearly report for the New Zealand Railways Corporation (“**Corporation**”) for the six months ended 31 December 2023.

In the six months ended 31 December 2023, the Corporation has continued to support a sustainable rail business in New Zealand.

As set out in its Statement of Corporate Intent, the Corporation holds approximately 18,200 hectares of railway land on behalf of the Crown. It is not expected to derive any return from the land and is not expected to operate a rail business.

The Corporation continues to lease the railway land under a long-term lease (“Core Lease”) to KiwiRail Limited a wholly owned subsidiary of KiwiRail Holdings Limited (“KiwiRail”) for nominal consideration, to enable KiwiRail to enjoy the commercial benefit of the land and support the Crown’s investment in rail operations as a whole. The Core Lease gives KiwiRail a secure leasehold tenure over the railway land until the end of 2070.

To minimise costs and avoid duplication of work with KiwiRail, there is a Management Agreement under which KiwiRail provides corporate and administrative services to the Corporation for a nominal charge. The unaudited half-yearly financial statements attached to this report show that the Corporation’s operating costs have been fully offset by the charge payable by KiwiRail in accordance with the Management Agreement.

Excluding timing differences, year to date operating costs are generally in line with budget.

David McLean
Chair

New Zealand Railways Corporation
Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense
For the six months ended 31 December 2023

	Note	6 months ended 31 Dec 2023 (Unaudited)	6 months ended 31 Dec 2022 (Unaudited)	Year ended 30 June 2023 (Audited)
		\$000	\$000	\$000
Operating revenues	2	60	79	330
Operating expenses	3	(60)	(79)	(330)
Operating surplus				
Net gain/(loss) on sale of land		-	-	-
Net surplus		-	-	-
Other comprehensive revenue and expense				
Revaluation of property, plant and equipment		-	-	(60,310)
Total comprehensive revenue and expense		-	-	(60,310)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

New Zealand Railways Corporation
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2023

	31 Dec 2023 (Unaudited)	31 Dec 2022 (Unaudited)	30 June 2023 (Audited)
	\$000	\$000	\$000
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	1	1	1
Trade and other receivables	18	35	-
Prepayment	20	21	43
Assets held for sale	1,228	1,228	1,228
	1,267	1,285	1,272
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	4,279,247	4,313,801	4,261,329
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Total assets	4,280,514	4,315,086	4,261,601
Current liabilities			
Trade and other liabilities	18	35	-
Unearned revenue	20	21	43
	38	56	43
Equity			
Equity capital	1,532,446	1,532,446	1,532,446
Retained earnings	(1,328,943)	(1,354,699)	(1,346,861)
Asset revaluation reserve	4,076,973	4,137,283	4,076,973
	4,280,476	4,315,030	4,262,558
Total liabilities and equity	4,280,514	4,315,086	4,262,601



David McLean

Chair
22 February 2024



Nicola Greer

Director
22 February 2024

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New Zealand Railways Corporation
Statement of Changes in Equity
For the six months ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Equity Capital	Retained Earnings	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Total
		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
As at 1 July 2022 (Audited)		1,532,446	(1,359,145)	4,137,283	4,310,584
Net surplus for the period		-	-	-	-
Other comprehensive revenue and expense		-	-	-	-
Revaluation of property, plant and equipment		-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive revenue and expense		-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners					
Sale and purchase of land	4	-	4,446	-	4,446
As at 31 December 2022 (Unaudited)		1,532,446	(1,354,699)	4,137,283	4,315,030
Net surplus for the period		-	-	-	-
Other comprehensive revenue and expense		-	-	(60,310)	(60,310)
Revaluation of property, plant and equipment		-	-	(60,310)	(60,310)
Total comprehensive revenue and expense		-	-	(60,310)	(60,310)
Transactions with owners					
Sale and purchase of land	4	-	7,838	-	7,838
As at 30 June 2023 (Audited)		1,532,446	(1,346,861)	4,076,973	4,262,558
Net surplus for the period		-	-	-	-
Other comprehensive revenue and expense		-	-	-	-
Revaluation of property, plant and equipment		-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive revenue and expense		-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners					
Sale and purchase of land	4	-	17,918	-	17,918
As at 31 December 2023 (Unaudited)		1,532,446	(1,328,943)	4,076,973	4,280,476

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

New Zealand Railways Corporation
Statement of Cash Flows
For the six months ended 31 December 2023

	6 months ended 31 Dec 2023 (Unaudited)	6 months ended 31 Dec 2022 (Unaudited)	Year ended 30 June 2023 (Audited)
	\$000	\$000	\$000
Cash flows from operating activities			
<i>Proceeds from:</i>			
Receipts from customers from non-exchange transactions	18	159	467
<i>Proceeds utilised for:</i>			
Payments to suppliers and employees	(18)	(159)	(467)
Net cash used in operating activities	-	-	-
Cash flows from investing activities			
<i>Proceeds from:</i>			
Sale of land	-	-	-
<i>Proceeds utilised for:</i>			
Purchase of land	(17,918)	(4,446)	(12,284)
Net cash flow from investing activities	(17,918)	(4,446)	(12,284)
Cash used in financing activities			
<i>Proceeds from:</i>			
Equity injection from Shareholders	17,918	4,446	12,284
<i>Proceeds utilised for:</i>			
Equity withdrawal by Shareholders	-	-	-
Net cash used in financing activities	17,918	4,446	12,284
Net decrease in cash and equivalents	-	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	1	1	1
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	1	1	1

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New Zealand Railways Corporation
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the six months ended 31 December 2023

1. CORPORATION INFORMATION

(a) REPORTING ENTITY

New Zealand Railways Corporation (“Corporation”) is a statutory corporation established pursuant to the New Zealand Railways Corporation Act 1981 and is included within the First Schedule of the State-Owned Enterprises Act 1986. The Corporation is designated as a Public Sector Public Benefit Entity (PBE) defined as “a reporting entity whose primary objective is to provide goods and services for community or social benefit and where equity has been provided with a view to supporting that primary objective rather than for a financial return to equity holders”.

The primary objective of the Corporation is to make available approximately 18,200 hectares of railway land to KiwiRail Holdings Limited to enjoy the commercial benefit of the land for nominal consideration.

The unaudited, condensed interim financial statements are for the six months ended 31 December 2023 (“the interim financial statements”) and were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 22 February 2024.

(b) BASIS OF PREPARATION

Statement of compliance

The interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with PBE IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting. They meet the requirements of the New Zealand Railways Corporation Act 1981 and the State-Owned Enterprises Act 1986.

The interim financial statements do not include all information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 included in the Corporation’s Annual Report.

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for land and buildings that are measured at fair value.

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$000) unless otherwise stated.

Changes in accounting policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies in the current financial year. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with those used in previous periods. There were no new accounting standards and interpretations issued effective from 1 July 2023 applicable to the Corporation.

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For the six months ended 31 December 2023

2. OPERATING REVENUES

	6 months ended 31 Dec 2023 (Unaudited)	6 months ended 31 Dec 2022 (Unaudited)	Year ended 30 June 2023 (Audited)
	\$000	\$000	\$000
Operating revenues from non-exchange transactions	60	79	330
Total operating revenues	60	79	330

Operating revenue consists solely of management fees charged to KiwiRail Holdings Limited (KHL) under the Management Agreement. In accordance with the Management Agreement any operating costs incurred by the Corporation are charged to KHL as management fees, such that the Corporation makes no operating surplus or deficit.

Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable by the Corporation and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business once significant risk and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the buyer.

3. OPERATING EXPENSES

	6 months ended 31 Dec 2023 (Unaudited)	6 months ended 31 Dec 2022 (Unaudited)	Year ended 30 June 2023 (Audited)
	\$000	\$000	\$000
Professional fees	-	-	144
Directors' fees	36	36	72
Insurance	24	26	51
Audit fees	-	17	62
Other expenses	-	-	1
Total operating expenses	60	79	330

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4. SALE AND PURCHASE OF LAND

From time to time the Corporation may sell parcels of railway land. Under the lease agreement with KiwiRail Limited (part of the KiwiRail Holdings Limited Group (the Group) entered into on 31 December 2012, the Group may identify railway land that should be sold and request the Corporation to sell it or surrender it from the lease. The sale proceeds are provided to the Group to support its business as the State-Owned Enterprise responsible for the financial performance of the Crown's investment in rail operations. The Corporation may incur an accounting loss following a sale of railway land because the value of the land is in the Corporation's asset base.

Where land has previously been revalued any gain or loss is based on the valuation and any revaluation reserve relating to the land sold is released through the Statement of Changes in Equity.

Similarly, the Group can identify new parcels of land that are required for rail purposes. The Group will fund the acquisition of the land and can transfer it to the Corporation to be included within the lease.

The sale and purchase of land are treated as common control transactions as the Crown is the ultimate parent of the Group and the Corporation. The sale of the Corporation's land and the transfer of the proceeds is regarded as a reduction in equity of the Corporation whilst the Group's acquisition of land for the Corporation is treated as an increase in equity of the Corporation.

The following represents the financial impact of land sold and purchased after the vesting date which impacts the current financial year.

	6 months ended 31 Dec 2023 (Unaudited)	6 months ended 31 Dec 2022 (Unaudited)	Year ended 30 June 2023 (Audited)
	\$000	\$000	\$000
Cost of land acquisitions	17,918	4,446	12,284
Net impact of sale and purchase of land charged to equity	17,918	4,446	12,284

5. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Treaty of Waitangi claims

Claims lodged under the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975, in respect of land and other assets currently or previously administered by the Corporation, have not been recognised in these financial statements. Since 1 July 1993 such claims are considered to be the responsibility of the Crown rather than that of the Corporation and administered by the Office of Treaty Settlements, Ministry of Justice. The outcome of these claims is uncertain at this stage and an estimate of financial effect is not practicable.

