

**Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited**

**Annual Financial Report**

**For the Year Ended**

**30 June 2014**

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**VERO INSURANCE NEW ZEALAND LIMITED  
DIRECTORS' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

The Board of Directors present the annual financial report of Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited and its subsidiaries ("the Company and the Group") incorporating the financial statements and auditor's report for the year ended 30 June 2014.

With the agreement of the shareholder, the Company has taken advantage of reporting concessions available to it under Section 211(3) of the Companies Act 1993.

**Directors**

The following persons were Directors of the Company during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report unless otherwise stated:

G C Dransfield  
E S Edgar  
D M Flacks (Appointed 16 December 2013)  
G T Ricketts  
P J R Snowball  
D J Turkington (Ceased 16 December 2013)

**Registered Office**

Vero Centre  
48 Shortland Street  
Auckland 1142

**Auditor**

KPMG  
18 Viaduct Harbour Avenue  
Auckland 1140

**Principal activities**

The principal activities of the Group during the course of the financial year were the underwriting of general insurance and the investment and administration of insurance funds. There has been no significant change in the nature of these activities during the year.

**Review of operations**

The net profit after income tax for the year ended 30 June 2014 was \$86,824,000 for the Group compared with net profit after income tax of \$74,397,000 for the previous year ended 30 June 2013. The net profit after income tax for the year ended 30 June 2014 was \$83,052,000 for the Company compared with net profit after income tax of \$72,413,000 for the previous year ended 30 June 2013.

**Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year**

There is, at the date of this Report, no matter or circumstance that has arisen since 30 June 2014 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- (a) the Company and Group's operations in future financial years;
- (b) the results of those operations in future financial years; or
- (c) the Company and Group's state of affairs in future financial years.

**Information on directors in office at the date of this report**

**Gary C Dransfield**

MAICD

*Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer*

Director since 2011. Mr Dransfield is a highly experienced financial services executive who joined the Suncorp Group in 2009. He has held senior management positions in the retail financial services industry over the last 25 years. Mr Dransfield is also a director of Vero Liability Insurance Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited.

Mr Dransfield is a board member of the Insurance Council of New Zealand.

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**Sir Eion S Edgar KNZM**  
*BCom, FACA, LL.D (Hon)*  
*Non-executive Director*

Director since 2010. Sir Eion has extensive corporate experience in New Zealand, with a strong background in investment, education, the arts, sport and philanthropy.

He is also a director Vero Liability Insurance Limited and Asteron Life Limited (a related company of Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited). He is Chairman of Forsyth Barr Group Limited, Queenstown Resort College Limited and Winter Games New Zealand.

His previous roles have included Chairman of the New Zealand Stock Exchange, director of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand and the Accident Compensation Corporation, Chancellor of the University of Otago and Chairman of the Central Lakes Trust.

Sir Eion is also Honorary President (for Life) of the New Zealand Olympic Committee, a former National Business Review New Zealander of the Year and was inducted into the New Zealand Business Hall of Fame in 2004.

**David M Flacks**  
*BA, MA, St John's College, University of Cambridge*  
*Non-executive Director*

Director since December 2013. Mr Flacks is an experienced corporate and commercial lawyer who is a partner of Bell Gully, Solicitors. He has significant commercial, governance and strategic experience gained as a leading corporate lawyer and member of one of the executive teams of one of New Zealand's largest listed companies.

He is chair of the NZ Markets Disciplinary Tribunal and a member of the Takeovers Panel. He is also a director of Vero Liability Insurance Limited.

**Geoffrey T Ricketts CNZM**  
*LLB (Hons), FlinstD*  
*Chairman and Independent Non-executive Director*

Director since 1992. Mr Ricketts is a commercial lawyer, having been a partner at Russell McVeagh, Solicitors for over 25 years. He has extensive experience in New Zealand and Australia.

He is also a non-executive director of Suncorp Group Limited, the ultimate parent company of Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited, Heartland Bank Limited and a director of a number of private companies. He is chairman of Vero Liability Insurance Limited, Asteron Life Limited and The Todd Corporation Limited.

**Patrick J R Snowball**  
*MA, Hon. LL.D*  
*Non-executive Director*

Director since 2010. Mr Snowball is an experienced financial services executive with extensive knowledge of the insurance industry, having overseen businesses in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada and Asia.

Mr Snowball is also the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Suncorp Group Limited, the ultimate parent company of Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited.

His previous directorships have included Norwich Union plc, Aviva plc and Jardine Lloyd Thompson plc, and he has also held deputy chairman and chairman roles in the United Kingdom.

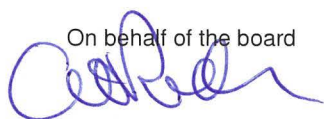
He was also on the FSA Practitioner Panel 2005 – 2007.

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This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

The Board of Directors of Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited authorised these financial statements for issue on

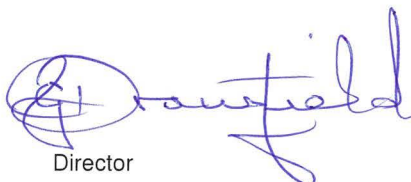
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On behalf of the board

Director

Date 1 AUG 2014



Director

Date 1 AUG 2014

**VERO INSURANCE NEW ZEALAND LIMITED  
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

**Introduction**

Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited ("the Company") is a company which is incorporated in New Zealand. The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Suncorp Group Holdings (NZ) Limited. The ultimate parent of the Company is Suncorp Group Limited, an Australian public company which is listed on the Australian Stock Exchange.

The Company is a licensed insurer under the Insurance (Prudential Supervision) Act 2010.

This corporate governance statement contains an outline of the principal corporate governance practices, policies and processes that have been established by the Company.

**Board of Directors**

At the date of this Statement, the Board comprises three independent non-executive Directors (Geoffrey Ricketts, Sir Eion Edgar and David Flacks), one non-executive Director who is not independent (Patrick Snowball) and one executive Director who is also the Chief Executive Officer of the Company (Gary Dransfield). Geoffrey Ricketts is the Chairman of the Board. Brief details of the Directors' qualifications and experience are set out in the Directors' Report.

As the Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary, the shareholder periodically reviews the tenure, effectiveness and composition of the Board. The Board considers it important to maintain an appropriate mix between long-serving Directors with established knowledge of the Company's business and corporate history, and new Directors who bring fresh perspectives to the Board. There is a Board-approved process for nominating and appointing Directors.

New Directors undergo an induction process and all Directors are expected to keep up to date with matters affecting the business of the Company, the Suncorp Group, the general insurance industry and their duties as Directors.

Each Director has met the requirements and criteria set out in the Board-approved Fit and Proper Policy and must complete an annual fit and proper declaration which the Board is required to approve.

**Duties and Responsibilities of the Board**

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the performance of the Company. The Board has delegated the day-to-day operation and management of the business of the Company to the Chief Executive Officer.

Under the Company's constitution, each Director is required to act in the best interests of the Company. Other matters covered by the constitution include the appointment and removal of Directors, the minimum number of Directors, the quorum for Board meetings, meeting procedures, Directors' interests and Directors' remuneration and other benefits.

The Board has adopted a charter which contains the principles for the operation of the Board, a description of the functions and responsibilities of the Board and those functions that are delegated to management. Matters covered by this charter include Board composition, responsibilities of the Chairperson and individual Directors, conflicts of interest, Board meeting procedures, Board performance reviews and the criteria for determining Directors' independence. Provision is also made for the Board to delegate certain matters to committees of the Board. The Board is required to review its charter at least annually.

Scheduled Board meetings are held on a quarterly basis. Otherwise, Board meetings are held as often as are deemed necessary by Directors to fulfil their duties and responsibilities. The Board approves an annual programme of work and this is used as a guide to the preparation of each scheduled Board meeting's agenda.

The Board approves the strategic direction of the Company and monitors executive management performance in the implementation and achievement of strategic and business objectives through the receipt of regular reports from management. Other matters that are approved by the Board include the Company's Risk Appetite Statement, Capital Management Plan, dividend payments, financial statements and solvency returns, major operating and capital expenditure which exceed management's limits, and the financial performance outcomes for the Company's senior executives.

**Governance**

As the Company is part of the Suncorp Group, it complies with Suncorp Group's policies and requirements, except where these are inconsistent with New Zealand requirements. The Board of the Company has formally adopted a number of Suncorp Group's policies (amended to reflect New Zealand requirements where appropriate). These policies include Conflicts of Interest, Business Continuity, Whistleblower, Product Approval, Sanctions, Securities Trading, Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity, Safety and Wellbeing, and Operational Risk. Directors are also required to abide by Suncorp Group's Code of Conduct.

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**Board Audit and Risk Committee**

In order to enable the Board to focus on strategy, planning and performance enhancement, the Board has delegated certain duties to its Board Audit and Risk Committee ("BARC"). The role of the BARC is to assist the Board in fulfilling its statutory and fiduciary responsibilities with respect to the oversight of the effectiveness of risk management strategies and internal controls across the Company. The terms of reference of the BARC are contained in a Board-approved charter. All of the non-executive Directors of the Board are members of the BARC and the majority of members are independent. Sir Eion Edgar, an independent non-executive Director of the Company, has a finance and accounting background and chairs the BARC.

The BARC is required to meet not less than four times a year. The BARC approves an annual programme of work and this is used as a guide to the preparation of each BARC meeting agenda. The BARC receives regular reports from senior executives including the Chief Risk Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Regular reports are also received from Suncorp Group Internal Audit (which provides independent and objective internal audit services to the Suncorp Group), and the Company's external auditors. Other attendees of BARC meetings include the Company's Chief Executive Officer and representatives from the Company's Risk and Finance functions, Suncorp Group Internal Audit, the Suncorp Group Chief Risk Officer, and the external auditors. The BARC reviews and makes recommendations to the Board on matters such as the Company's Risk Appetite Statement, its annual business licence, Capital Management Plan, investment strategy and mandate reviews, investment policy, financial statements and solvency returns. The BARC regularly updates the Board on its activities and copies of its minutes are provided to the Board.

Under the terms of its charter, the BARC is required to undertake an annual assessment of its effectiveness in meeting the requirements of its charter. The results are reported to the Board. The BARC is also required to review its charter at least annually.

The Vero New Zealand Asset and Liability Committee and the Vero New Zealand Risk Governance Committee are management committees that oversee the management of certain risks arising from the activities of the Company and its main operating subsidiary. Each of these committees has its own terms of reference which have been approved by the BARC. The BARC also reviews the effectiveness of these committees.

Information on the Company's approach to Risk Management is contained in Note 6.



## Independent auditor's report

### **To the shareholder of Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited**

#### **Report on the company and group financial statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited ("the company") and the group, comprising the company and its subsidiaries, on pages 10 to 68. The financial statements comprise the statements of financial position as at 30 June 2014, the statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, for both the company and the group.

#### ***Directors' responsibility for the company and group financial statements***

The directors are responsible for the preparation of company and group financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand and International Financial Reporting Standards that give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of company and group financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

#### ***Auditor's responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these company and group financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the company and group financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the company and group financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the company and group financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the company's preparation of the company and group financial statements that give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate 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 company's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, as well as evaluating the presentation of the company and group financial statements.

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

Our firm has also provided other services to the company and group in relation to other audit and assurance services. Subject to certain restrictions, partners and employees of our firm may also deal with the company and group on normal terms within the ordinary course of trading activities of the business of the company and group. These matters have not impaired our independence as auditor of the company and group. The firm has no other relationship with, or interest in, the company and group.



***Opinion***

In our opinion the company and group financial statements on pages 10 to 68:

- comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand;
- comply with International Financial Reporting Standards;
- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the company as at 30 June 2014 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended.

***Emphasis of matter***

We draw attention to Notes 5(ii)(5), 9, 13 and 23 to the company and group financial statements which explain the considerable uncertainties that exist in measuring gross outstanding claims liabilities and the associated reinsurance recoveries arising from the Canterbury earthquakes. Our opinion is not qualified in respect of this matter.

**Report on other legal and regulatory requirements**

In accordance with the requirements of sections 16(1)(d) and 16(1)(e) of the Financial Reporting Act 1993, we report that:

- we have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required; and
- in our opinion, proper accounting records have been kept by Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited as far as appears from our examination of those records.



1 August 2014  
Auckland

VERO INSURANCE NEW ZEALAND LIMITED

STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	Note	Consolidated		Company	
		Year ended 30 June 2014	Year ended 30 June 2013 Restated*	Year ended 30 June 2014	Year ended 30 June 2013 Restated*
		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Gross earned premium	7	1,218,914	1,122,314	889,722	820,433
Outwards reinsurance premium expense	8	(241,234)	(279,292)	(199,747)	(240,998)
<b>Net premium revenue</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>977,680</b>	<b>843,022</b>	<b>689,975</b>	<b>579,435</b>
Claims expense	9	(998,808)	(788,425)	(759,595)	(585,679)
Reinsurance and other recoveries revenue	7, 9	434,469	307,011	376,611	267,023
<b>Net incurred claims</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>(564,339)</b>	<b>(481,414)</b>	<b>(382,984)</b>	<b>(318,656)</b>
Acquisition costs		(237,425)	(227,991)	(195,365)	(184,066)
Other underwriting expenses		(97,135)	(81,412)	(66,761)	(51,034)
<b>Underwriting expenses</b>		<b>(334,560)</b>	<b>(309,403)</b>	<b>(262,126)</b>	<b>(235,100)</b>
Reinsurance commission revenue	7	6,839	6,619	4,877	4,778
<b>Underwriting result</b>		<b>85,620</b>	<b>58,824</b>	<b>49,742</b>	<b>30,457</b>
Service charges on defined benefit fund		675	(361)	575	(360)
Gain on sale of investment in subsidiary		-	1,893	-	2,545
Net investment revenue	7	33,500	40,298	52,223	54,931
Finance costs	10	(244)	-	(244)	-
<b>Net profit for the year before income tax</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>119,551</b>	<b>100,654</b>	<b>102,296</b>	<b>87,573</b>
Income tax expense	11a)	(32,727)	(26,257)	(19,244)	(15,160)
<b>Net profit for the year after income tax</b>		<b>86,824</b>	<b>74,397</b>	<b>83,052</b>	<b>72,413</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>					
<b>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</b>					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit plans		2,876	15,171	2,951	14,552
Income tax expense on other comprehensive income	11c)	(826)	(4,249)	(826)	(4,075)
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year after income tax</b>		<b>2,050</b>	<b>10,922</b>	<b>2,125</b>	<b>10,477</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year after income tax</b>		<b>88,874</b>	<b>85,319</b>	<b>85,177</b>	<b>82,890</b>
<b>Net profit for the year attributable to:</b>					
Parent		78,684	67,490	83,052	72,413
Non-controlling interests		8,140	6,907	-	-
<b>Net profit for the year</b>		<b>86,824</b>	<b>74,397</b>	<b>83,052</b>	<b>72,413</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to:</b>					
Parent		80,758	78,270	85,177	82,890
Non-controlling interests		8,116	7,049	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>88,874</b>	<b>85,319</b>	<b>85,177</b>	<b>82,890</b>

\*Refer to Note 2(g)

The above Statements of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

	Note	Consolidated		Company	
		As at	As at	As at	As at
		30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
		2014	2013	2014	2013
		Restated*		Restated*	
		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents		14,024	9,964	10,276	6,438
Trade receivables	12	483,903	521,181	371,480	424,316
Other current assets	12	9,417	10,937	7,770	9,101
Reinsurance and other recoveries	13	1,100,466	1,883,381	1,069,823	1,862,060
Deferred reinsurance premiums	14	176,625	250,349	147,030	217,545
Deferred acquisition costs	15	113,192	109,119	93,952	89,286
Current tax assets	11e)	-	-	-	5,852
Financial assets	16	944,848	861,722	654,652	581,997
Property, plant and equipment	17	9,887	11,896	7,696	9,039
Investment in subsidiary companies	18	-	-	37,586	37,586
Intangible assets	19	85,022	84,934	85,561	85,458
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>2,937,384</b>	<b>3,743,483</b>	<b>2,485,826</b>	<b>3,328,678</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Payables	20	266,932	335,818	230,165	295,579
Other financial liability	21	-	-	-	-
Current tax liabilities	11e)	19,003	1,590	11,109	-
Unearned premium liabilities	22	622,618	580,399	440,417	419,213
Outstanding claims liabilities	23	1,483,979	2,216,493	1,360,518	2,108,393
Net deferred tax liability	11f)	17,609	9,088	12,921	4,673
Superannuation commitments	24	10,548	14,099	11,136	14,662
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>2,420,689</b>	<b>3,157,487</b>	<b>2,066,266</b>	<b>2,842,520</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>516,695</b>	<b>585,996</b>	<b>419,560</b>	<b>486,158</b>
<b>Equity</b>					
Share capital	25	276,165	275,940	276,165	275,940
Retained earnings		206,972	278,214	143,395	210,218
<b>Total equity attributable to owners of the Company</b>		<b>483,137</b>	<b>554,154</b>	<b>419,560</b>	<b>486,158</b>
Non-controlling interests		33,558	31,842	-	-
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>516,695</b>	<b>585,996</b>	<b>419,560</b>	<b>486,158</b>

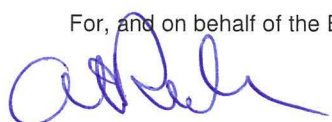
\*Refer to Note 2(g)

The above Statements of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

The Board of Directors of Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited approved these financial statements for issue on

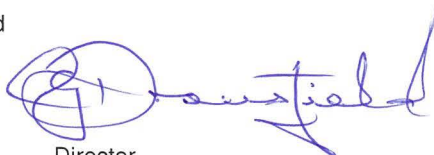
1 AUG 2014

For, and on behalf of the Board



Director

Dated 1 AUG 2014



Director

Dated 1 AUG 2014

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

Note	Consolidated				
	Equity attributable to owners of the Company			Non-controlling Interest	Total
	Share Capital \$000	Retained Earnings \$000	Total \$000	Equity \$000	Equity \$000
Balance at 1 July 2013	275,940	278,214	554,154	31,842	585,996
Profit for the year	-	78,684	78,684	8,140	86,824
Other comprehensive income	-	2,074	2,074	(24)	2,050
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	-	80,758	80,758	8,116	88,874
<b>Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity</b>					
Share-based payment transactions	225	-	225	-	225
Dividends paid	-	(152,000)	(152,000)	(6,400)	(158,400)
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2014</b>	<b>276,165</b>	<b>206,972</b>	<b>483,137</b>	<b>33,558</b>	<b>516,695</b>

Note	Consolidated				
	Equity attributable to owners of the Company			Non-controlling Interest	Total
	Share Capital \$000	Retained Earnings \$000	Total \$000	Equity \$000	Equity \$000
Balance at 1 July 2012	275,566	188,671	464,237	31,395	495,632
Impact of changes in accounting policy	-	11,273	11,273	133	11,406
Balance at 1 July 2012 (Restated)	275,566	199,944	475,510	31,528	507,038
Profit for the year	-	67,490	67,490	6,907	74,397
Other comprehensive income	-	10,780	10,780	142	10,922
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	-	78,270	78,270	7,049	85,319
<b>Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity</b>					
Share-based payment transactions	374	-	374		374
Dividends paid	-	-	-	(6,400)	(6,400)
Disposal of subsidiary with non-controlling interest	-	-	-	(335)	(335)
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2013</b>	<b>275,940</b>	<b>278,214</b>	<b>554,154</b>	<b>31,842</b>	<b>585,996</b>

The above Statements of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

VERO INSURANCE NEW ZEALAND LIMITED

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

Note	Company		
	Share Capital \$000	Retained Earnings \$000	Total Equity \$000
Balance at 1 July 2013	275,940	210,218	486,158
Profit for the year	-	83,052	83,052
Other comprehensive income	-	2,125	2,125
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85,177</b>	<b>85,177</b>
<b>Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity</b>			
Share-based payment transactions	225	-	225
Dividends paid		(152,000)	(152,000)
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2014</b>	<b>276,165</b>	<b>143,395</b>	<b>419,560</b>
Dividend paid per share (dollar)			0.82

Note	Company		
	Share Capital \$000	Retained Earnings \$000	Total Equity \$000
Balance at 1 July 2012	275,566	116,338	391,904
Impact of changes in accounting policy	-	10,990	10,990
Balance at 1 July 2012 (Restated)	275,566	127,328	402,894
Profit for the year	-	72,413	72,413
Other comprehensive income	-	10,477	10,477
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,890</b>	<b>82,890</b>
<b>Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity</b>			
Share-based payment transactions	374	-	374
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2013</b>	<b>275,940</b>	<b>210,218</b>	<b>486,158</b>

The above Statements of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

VERO INSURANCE NEW ZEALAND LIMITED

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	Note	Consolidated		Company	
		For the year ended	For the year ended	For the year ended	For the year ended
		30 June 2014	30 June 2013	30 June 2014	30 June 2013
		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Premiums received		1,236,785	1,137,878	899,173	833,596
Reinsurance and other recoveries received		1,249,898	1,185,493	1,202,457	1,140,693
Interest received		44,153	35,512	34,951	26,440
Dividends received		2,859	2,569	34,813	31,810
Claims paid		(1,731,322)	(1,620,646)	(1,507,827)	(1,423,785)
Outwards reinsurance premiums paid		(238,376)	(302,729)	(199,876)	(262,909)
Acquisition costs paid		(234,659)	(226,224)	(195,154)	(185,869)
Income tax (paid)/refunded*		(7,619)	(4,895)	5,139	10,306
Finance costs paid		(291)	-	(291)	-
Underwriting and other operating expenses paid		(70,756)	(68,255)	(35,405)	(36,627)
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	26	<b>250,672</b>	<b>138,703</b>	<b>237,980</b>	<b>133,655</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>					
Payments for purchase of investment securities		(813,654)	(707,487)	(608,674)	(496,235)
Proceeds from sale of investment securities		721,138	578,450	521,819	365,009
Net proceeds on disposal of subsidiary		-	2,849	-	2,707
Payments for purchase of plant & equipment and capitalised software costs		(5,198)	(5,897)	(4,726)	(5,150)
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment		568	526	505	427
<b>Net cash outflow from investing activities</b>		<b>(97,146)</b>	<b>(131,559)</b>	<b>(91,076)</b>	<b>(133,242)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>					
Dividends paid		(149,466)	(6,735)	(143,066)	-
<b>Net cash outflow from financing activities</b>		<b>(149,466)</b>	<b>(6,735)</b>	<b>(143,066)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>4,060</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>3,838</b>	<b>413</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		9,964	9,555	6,438	6,025
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<b>14,024</b>	<b>9,964</b>	<b>10,276</b>	<b>6,438</b>

\* Income tax paid includes cash flows from tax loss offsets with New Zealand group companies.

The above Statements of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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**1. Reporting Entity**

Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited ("the Company") is a company incorporated in New Zealand. The Company operates in New Zealand with its head office in Auckland, New Zealand and its registered office at 48 Shortland Street, Auckland.

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Suncorp Group Holdings (NZ) Limited, with the ultimate parent being Suncorp Group Limited, an Australian public company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange.

The consolidated financial statements of the Company comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the "Group").

The Group is in the business of underwriting general insurance and the investment and administration of insurance funds.

**2. Basis of Preparation**

**(a) Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with New Zealand Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in New Zealand (NZ GAAP). They comply with the New Zealand equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (NZ IFRS), and other applicable Financial Reporting Standards as appropriate for profit oriented entities. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 1993, the Financial Reporting Act 1993 and the Insurance (Prudential Supervision) Act 2010. They also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The Company is classified as an issuer for the purpose of the Financial Reporting Act 1993.

The financial statements were approved for issue by the Directors on

1 AUG 2014

**(b) Basis of measurement**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis with the principal exception being the measurement of financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss and the measurement of outstanding claims liabilities, reinsurance recoveries and defined benefit schemes as set out below.

**(c) Functional currency**

Items included in the financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Group operates ("the functional currency"). The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars, which is the Group's functional and presentation currency.

**(d) Rounding**

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

**(e) Reporting period**

The reporting period is from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014.

**(f) Comparatives**

Certain comparatives have been restated to comply with current year presentation.

**(g) New or amended standards adopted during the period**

*NZ IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement:* Sets out improvements to the definition of fair value and also sets out a single framework for measuring fair value and requires new disclosures. This standard became effective from 1 July 2013 and did not have a material impact on the Group's financial statements.

*NZ IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements:* introduces a new control model that focuses on whether an entity has power over an investee, exposure or rights to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and ability to use its power to affect those returns. This standard became effective from 1 July 2013 and did not have a material impact on the Group's financial statements.

The Group has adopted the revised NZ IAS 19 *Employee Benefits* which amends the measurement and disclosures on defined benefit superannuation plans.

The adoption of the amended standard resulted in the Group replacing a net of investment tax discount rate with a gross of investment tax discount rate. Additionally, net interest costs on the net defined benefit liability has replaced interest costs on defined benefit obligation and expected return on fund assets.



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The amendments to NZ IAS 19 have been applied retrospectively. The following table illustrates the effect of adoption on the statements of comprehensive income, for year ended 30 June 2013.

	Consolidated			Company		
	Year ended 30 June 2013			Year ended 30 June 2013		
	Previously Reported \$000	Change \$000	Currently Reported \$000	Previously Reported \$000	Change \$000	Currently Reported \$000
Service charges on defined benefit funds	2,106	(2,467)	(361)	2,067	(2,427)	(360)
<b>Net profit before income tax</b>	<b>103,121</b>	<b>(2,467)</b>	<b>100,654</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>(2,427)</b>	<b>87,573</b>
Income tax expense	(26,951)	694	(26,257)	(15,840)	680	(15,160)
<b>Net profit after income tax</b>	<b>76,170</b>	<b>(1,773)</b>	<b>74,397</b>	<b>74,160</b>	<b>(1,747)</b>	<b>72,413</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>						
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>						
Actuarial losses on defined benefit plans	9,332	5,839	15,171	8,184	6,368	14,552
Income tax credit on other comprehensive income	(2,613)	(1,636)	(4,249)	(2,292)	(1,783)	(4,075)
<b>Other comprehensive income after income tax</b>	<b>6,719</b>	<b>4,203</b>	<b>10,922</b>	<b>5,892</b>	<b>4,585</b>	<b>10,477</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income after income tax</b>	<b>82,889</b>	<b>2,430</b>	<b>85,319</b>	<b>80,052</b>	<b>2,838</b>	<b>82,890</b>
<b>Net profit attributable to:</b>						
Parent	69,255	(1,765)	67,490	74,160	(1,747)	72,413
Non-controlling interests	6,915	(8)	6,907	-	-	-
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>76,170</b>	<b>(1,773)</b>	<b>74,397</b>	<b>74,160</b>	<b>(1,747)</b>	<b>72,413</b>
Parent	75,710	2,560	78,270	80,052	2,838	82,890
Non-controlling interest	7,179	(130)	7,049	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>82,889</b>	<b>2,430</b>	<b>85,319</b>	<b>80,052</b>	<b>2,838</b>	<b>82,890</b>

The following table illustrates the effect on adoption on the statements of financial position, for the comparative reporting date.

	Consolidated			Company		
	As at 30 June 2013			As at 30 June 2013		
	Previously Reported \$000	Change \$000	Currently Reported \$000	Previously Reported \$000	Change \$000	Currently Reported \$000
<b>Assets</b>						
Net deferred tax asset	-	-	-	704	(704)	-
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Net deferred tax liability	3,710	5,378	9,088	-	4,673	4,673
Superannuation commitments	33,313	(19,214)	14,099	33,867	(19,205)	14,662
<b>Equity</b>						
Retained earnings	264,381	13,833	278,214	196,390	13,828	210,218
Non-controlling interests	31,839	3	31,842	-	-	-

Other new reporting standards, amendments to standards and interpretations that became effective in the current financial year were not applicable to the Group or had no impact on these financial statements.

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**(h) Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

The Group makes estimates and judgements that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial period. Estimates are continually evaluated and based on historical experience and other factors, including expectation of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The key areas of significant estimates and judgements and the methodologies used to determine key assumptions are set out below.

*Outstanding claims liability*

The Group takes all reasonable steps to ensure that it has appropriate information regarding its claims exposures. Given the uncertainty in establishing claims provisions, it is likely that the final outcome will prove to be different from the original liability established.

Claims reported to the Group at balance date are estimated with due regard to the claim circumstance as reported by the insured, legal representative, assessor, loss adjuster and/or other third party and then combined, where appropriate, with historical evidence on the cost of settling similar claims. Estimates of the cost of claims reported are reviewed regularly and are updated as and when new information arises.

The estimation of claims incurred but not reported ("IBNR") and claims incurred but not enough reported ("IBNER") are generally subject to a greater degree of uncertainty than the estimation of the cost of settling claims already notified to the Group, where more information about the claim event is generally available. IBNR and IBNER claims may often not be adequately reported until many years after the events giving rise to the claims have happened. Long-tail classes of business will typically display greater variations between initial estimates and final outcomes because there is a greater degree of difficulty in estimating IBNR and IBNER reserves. Short tail claims are typically reported soon after the claim event, and hence, estimates are more certain.

In calculating the estimated cost of unpaid claims, the Group uses a variety of estimation techniques, generally based upon statistical analysis of historical and industry experience that assumes that the development pattern of the current claims will be consistent with past experience and/or general industry benchmarks as appropriate.

Allowance is made, however, for changes or uncertainties that may create distortions in the underlying statistics or which might cause the cost of unsettled claims to increase or reduce when compared with the cost of previously settled claims. The ultimate net outstanding claims provision also includes an additional risk margin to allow for the uncertainty within the estimation process.

Details regarding actuarial estimates and judgements are detailed in Notes 5, 9, 13, and 23. In particular details of the uncertainties that exist in measuring gross incurred claims arising from the Canterbury earthquakes are explained in Note 23.

*Assets arising from reinsurance contracts and other recoveries*

Estimates of reinsurance and other recoveries are also computed using the above methods. In addition, the recoverability of these assets is assessed on a periodic basis to ensure that the balance is reflective of the amounts that will ultimately be received, taking into consideration factors such as counterparty and credit risk.

Details of the uncertainties that exist in measuring reinsurance recoveries arising from the Canterbury earthquakes are explained in Note 23.

*Impairment of goodwill*

The Group assesses whether goodwill is impaired at least annually. The assessment involves estimations of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating units to which the goodwill is allocated. Refer to Note 19.

**3. Significant Accounting Policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the general purpose financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all periods presented unless otherwise stated.

The accompanying Statements of Financial Position has been prepared using the liquidity format of presentation.

**(a) Principles of consolidation**

The Group's consolidated financial statements are financial statements of the Company and all its subsidiaries presented as those of a single economic entity. Intra-group transactions and balances are eliminated on consolidation.

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*(i) Subsidiaries*

Subsidiaries are entities that are controlled by the Group. The Group controls an entity when it is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date when control commences until the date on which control ceases.

Investments in subsidiaries held by the Company are accounted for at cost in the separate financial statements of the Company less any impairment charges.

*(ii) Loss of Control*

On the loss of control, the Group derecognises the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary, any non-controlling interests and the other components of equity related to the subsidiary. Any surplus or deficit arising on the loss of control is recognised in profit or loss. If the Group retains any interest in the previous subsidiary, then such interest is measured at fair value at the date that control is lost. Subsequently it is accounted for as an equity-accounted investee or as an available-for-sale financial asset depending on the level of influence retained.

*(iii) Non-controlling Interests*

Non-controlling interests occur when the Group does not hold 100% of the shares or units in a subsidiary. They represent the external equity or liability interests in non-wholly owned subsidiaries. Non-controlling interests are recognised as equity. Related items of income and expense are recognised in the profit and loss at their gross amounts, with the offsetting amount attributable to non-controlling interests disclosed separately in the profit and loss.

*(iv) Associates*

Associates are those entities in which the Group has significant influence, but not control, over the financial and operating policies, generally accompanying a shareholding of between 20 per cent to 50 per cent of the voting rights. The consolidated financial statements include the Group's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income of equity accounted investees. Applying the equity accounted basis, the Group's interest in the entity is initially recorded at cost and is adjusted thereafter for changes in the Group's share of the net assets of the entity. Investments in associates are accounted for by the parent entity using the cost method. If the Group's share of losses exceeds its interest in an associate, the Group's carrying amount is reduced to nil and recognition of further losses is discontinued except to the extent that the Group has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of an associate. Investments in associates are assessed for impairment at each reporting date and are carried at the lower of the equity accounted amount and recoverable amount.

**(b) Business combinations**

The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for business combinations by the Group. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the fair value of the assets transferred, liabilities incurred, and equity instruments issued by the Group at the acquisition date. Acquisition-related costs are expensed in the period in which they are incurred. Where equity instruments are issued in an acquisition, their value is the published market price at the acquisition date. Transaction costs arising on the issue of equity instruments are recognised directly in equity.

The acquiree's identifiable assets acquired, liabilities assumed, contingent liabilities, and any non-controlling interests are measured at their fair values at the acquisition date. If the consideration transferred and any non-controlling interest in the acquiree is greater than the fair value of the net amounts of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed, the excess is recorded as goodwill; otherwise, the difference is recognised immediately in the profit and loss after a reassessment of the identification and measurement of the net assets acquired.

**(c) Transactions eliminated on consolidation**

Intra-group balances and transactions, and any unrealised income and expenses arising from intra-group transactions, are eliminated in preparing the consolidated financial statements. Unrealised gains arising from transactions with equity associated investees are eliminated against the investment to the extent of the Group's interest in the investee. Unrealised losses are eliminated in the same way as unrealised gains, but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment.

**(d) Foreign currency**

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are initially translated to New Zealand dollars at the spot exchange rates ruling at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities at the end of the reporting period are translated to New Zealand dollars at the spot rates of exchange current on that date. The resulting differences on monetary items are recognised in the profit and loss as exchange gains and losses in the financial year in which the exchange rates change. Foreign currency non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency non-monetary assets and liabilities that are stated at fair value are translated to New Zealand dollars at foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates the fair value was determined.

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**(e) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less from the acquisition date, deposits at call which are readily convertible to cash on hand and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

For the purposes of the Statements of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents consists of cash and cash equivalents as defined above, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within financial liabilities in the Statements of Financial Position unless there exists a right of offset.

**(f) Trade and other receivables**

Amounts due from policyholders, intermediaries and other receivables are initially recognised at fair value, being the amounts receivable. They are subsequently measured at fair value, being the initial recognised amount and reducing it for impairment as appropriate. Any impairment charge is recognised in the profit and loss. A provision for impairment of receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect all amounts receivable according to the original terms of the receivables. The amount of the provision is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows. Non-current receivables are discounted using interest rates on government guaranteed securities with terms to maturity that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash inflows.

**(g) Payables**

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Group prior to the end of the period, which are unpaid.

**(h) Financial assets**

A financial asset is recognised in the Statements of Financial Position when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Initial recognition is at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss which exclude transaction costs.

All purchases and sales of financial assets that require delivery of the asset within the time frame established by regulation or market convention are recognised at trade date, being the date on which the Group commits to buy or sell the asset. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive future cash flows from the assets have expired, or have been transferred, and the Group has transferred substantially all risk and rewards of ownership.

Financial assets are classified into one of the following categories upon initial recognition:

- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss; or
- Loans and receivables.

At each reporting date measurement depends upon the chosen classification.

**(i) Financial Assets at fair value through profit or loss**

A financial asset at fair value through profit or loss is a financial asset that meets either of the following conditions:

- It is classified as held for trading; or
- Upon initial recognition it is designated by the Group as at fair value through profit or loss.

The assets are valued at fair value at each reporting date based on the current quoted market price where available. Where a quoted price is not available one of the following valuation techniques are used to value the assets at reporting date: recent arms length transactions, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models or other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants.

Movements in the fair value are taken immediately to the profit and loss.

**(ii) Loans and receivables**

Loans and receivables are measured at each reporting date at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. This method allocates the estimated net future cash receipts over the expected life of the financial instrument.

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*(iii) General Insurance Activities*

*Financial assets backing general insurance liabilities*

The Group has designated financial assets held in portfolios that match the average duration of a corresponding insurance liability as assets backing general insurance liabilities. Financial assets which back general insurance liabilities are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss. These financial assets have been designated at fair value through profit or loss as they are managed and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis for internal and external reporting in accordance with the investment strategy. These financial assets include investment securities and investment related receivables.

Receivables are valued at fair value which is approximated by taking the initially recognised amount and reducing it for credit risk as appropriate. Short duration receivables with no stated interest rate are normally measured at original invoice amount.

*Financial assets not backing general insurance liabilities*

Financial assets that do not back general insurance liabilities include investments and loans and receivables. Investments have been designated at fair value through profit or loss as they are managed and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis for internal and external reporting in accordance with the investment strategy. Loans and receivables related to investments are measured at each reporting date at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

*(i) Lease transactions*

A distinction is made between finance leases (which effectively transfer substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to ownership of leased assets from the lessor to the lessee) and operating leases under which the lessor effectively retains substantially all such risks and benefits.

*(i) Finance Leases*

When an asset is acquired by means of a finance lease, it is recognised at fair value or if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments discounted at the interest rate implicit in the lease. The discounted amount is established as an asset at the beginning of the lease term and depreciated on a straight line basis over its expected life. A corresponding liability is also established and each lease payment is allocated between the principal component and the interest expense.

*(ii) Operating Leases*

Payments made under operating leases are expensed on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease, except where an alternative basis is more representative of the pattern of benefits to be derived from the leased property. When an operating lease is terminated before the lease period has expired, any payment required to be made to the lessor by way of penalty is recognised as an expense in the period in which termination takes place.

*(j) Property, Plant and Equipment*

*(i) Recognition and initial measurement*

An item of property, plant and equipment is recognised (capitalised) as an asset if it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

Property, plant and equipment is initially measured at cost, which comprises:

- purchase price, including import duties and non-refundable purchase taxes, after deducting trade discounts and rebates; and
- any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management; and
- the initial estimate of the costs of removal and site restoration, if any.

*(ii) Subsequent measurement*

Subsequent additional costs are only capitalised when it is probable that future economic benefits in excess of the originally assessed performance of the asset will flow to the Group in future years. Where these costs represent separate components, they are accounted for as separate assets and are separately depreciated over their useful lives. Costs that do not meet the criteria for subsequent capitalisation are expensed as incurred.

The Group has elected to use the cost model (as opposed to the revaluation model) to measure property, plant and equipment after recognition. The carrying amount is the initial cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impaired losses.

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*(iii) Depreciation*

The depreciable amount of each item of plant and equipment is depreciated over its estimated useful life to the Group. The straight-line method of depreciation is adopted for all assets. Assets are depreciated from the date they become available for use. Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of property, plant and equipment. Useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed at each annual reporting period. Residual values, if significant, are reassessed annually.

The following depreciation rates have been used:

- Computer Hardware 33%
- Furniture and Fittings 20%
- Office Equipment 10%-33%
- Leasehold Alterations 20%
- Motor Vehicles 14%-26%

*(iv) Retirement*

The carrying amount of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or where no future economic benefits are expected from its use. The gain or loss arising from the derecognition is recognised in the profit and loss when the item is derecognised and calculated as the difference between the carrying amount of the asset at the time of derecognition and the net proceeds of derecognition.

***(k) Intangibles***

*(i) Initial recognition and measurement*

Intangible assets, other than goodwill, are stated at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Cost comprises all directly attributable costs necessary to purchase, create, produce, and prepare the asset to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Where an intangible asset is acquired in a business combination, the cost of that asset is its fair value at the acquisition date.

Expenditure on internally generated goodwill and brands is recognised in the profit and loss as an expense as incurred.

Intangibles comprise computer software and goodwill.

*(ii) Subsequent expenditure*

Subsequent expenditure on intangible assets (not acquired in a business combination) is capitalised only when it increases the originally assessed future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates. All other expenditure is expensed as incurred.

*(iii) Amortisation*

Amortisation is charged to the profit and loss in a manner that reflects the pattern in which the asset's future economic benefits are expected to be consumed over the estimated useful lives of intangible assets, unless such lives are indefinite. An intangible asset is regarded as having an indefinite useful life when, based on all of the relevant factors, there is no foreseeable limit to the period over which the asset is expected to generate net cash inflows for the Group. Where the asset is deemed to have an indefinite life, it is not amortised but tested for impairment at least on an annual basis.

Where applicable, intangible assets are amortised from the date they are available for use and the amortisation period and method are reviewed on an annual basis.

The useful life of software has been assessed as 3 to 5 years and it is amortised on a straight line basis over this period.

*(iv) Goodwill*

Goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries is included in intangible assets. Goodwill on acquisitions of associates is included in investment in associates. Goodwill is stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units and is tested annually for impairment.

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**(l) Deferred insurance activities**

**(i) Deferred acquisition costs**

Acquisition costs include commissions and other selling and underwriting costs incurred in obtaining general insurance premiums.

Deferred acquisition costs are amortised systematically in accordance with the expected pattern of the incidence of risk under the general insurance contracts to which they relate. This pattern of amortisation corresponds to the earning pattern of the corresponding premium revenue.

Other underwriting expenses are all expenses other than acquisition costs or claims expenses that are incurred in the course of ordinary activities of the general insurance business.

**(ii) Recoverability**

Deferred acquisition costs are recognised as assets to the extent that the related unearned premiums exceed the sum of the deferred acquisition costs and the present value of both future expected claims and settlement costs, including an appropriate risk margin. Where there is a shortfall, the deferred acquisition cost asset is written down and if insufficient, an unexpired risk liability is recognised. Refer to Note 3 (r).

**(iii) Deferred reinsurance premiums**

Deferred reinsurance premiums are recognised as assets in the Statements of Financial Position. The amortisation of deferred reinsurance premiums is in accordance with the pattern of reinsurance service received. The amount deferred represents the future economic benefit to be received from reinsurance contracts.

**(m) Impairment**

Assets of the Group are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting date. Indicators include both internal and external factors. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

Goodwill acquired in a business combination, assets that have an indefinite useful life and intangible assets not yet available for use have their recoverable amount estimated annually.

An impairment loss is recognised whenever the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in the profit and loss unless the asset has previously been revalued. In that case the impairment loss is recognised as a reversal to the extent of that previous revaluation with any excess recognised through Other Comprehensive Income. After the recognition of an impairment loss, the depreciation (amortisation) charge for the asset is adjusted in future periods to allocate the asset's revised carrying amount, less its residual value (if any), on a systematic basis over its remaining useful life. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units) – this may be an individual asset or a group of assets.

For the purpose of assessing impairment of goodwill, goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units representing the Group's investment in each of its business lines, which are its primary reporting segments. Impairment losses, if any, recognised in respect of cash-generating units are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to cash-generating units and then, to reduce the carrying amount of the other assets in the unit on a pro rata basis.

**(i) Calculation of recoverable amount**

The recoverable amount of the Group's loans and receivables carried at amortised cost is calculated as the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate computed at initial recognition of these financial assets. Receivables with a short duration are not discounted. The recoverable amount of other assets is the greater of their fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

The unwinding of the discount from initial recognition of impairment through to recovery of the written down amount is recognised through interest income.

**(ii) Reversal of impairment**

An impairment loss for an asset other than goodwill is reversed in following periods if there are indications that the impairment loss previously recognised no longer exists or has decreased. The impairment loss is reversed, in the profit and loss, only to the extent that it increases the asset back to its original carrying amount before any impairment was recorded. An impairment loss recognised for goodwill is not reversed.

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**(n) Financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the issue of the financial liability, except for financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss which exclude transaction costs. A financial liability is derecognised when it is extinguished, that is, when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged or cancelled or expires.

Financial liabilities are classified into one of the following categories upon initial recognition. At each reporting date measurement depends upon the chosen classification.

**(i) Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss**

A financial liability at fair value through profit or loss is a financial liability that meets either of the following conditions:

- it is classified as held for trading; or
- upon initial recognition it is designated by the Group as at fair value through profit or loss.

**(ii) Financial liabilities at amortised cost**

Financial liabilities, other than financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**(o) Employee benefits**

**(i) Wages, salaries and annual leave**

Liabilities for unpaid wages, salaries and annual leave due within 12 months are recognised in the Statements of Financial Position. The liability is measured at undiscounted amounts using pay rates expected to be effective when the liability is to be paid in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date. Related on-costs such as payroll tax are also included in the liability.

**Sick leave**

Sick leave entitlements are non-vesting and are paid only upon valid claims for sick leave by employees. No liability for sick leave has been recognised as experience indicates that on average, sick leave taken each financial year is less than the entitlement accruing in that period. This experience is expected to recur in future financial years.

**Short term bonus plans**

A liability is recognised for short term bonus plans when the benefit calculations are formally documented and determined before signing the financial statements and past practice supports the calculation.

**Other leave and non-monetary benefits**

The cost associated with parental leave as well as non-monetary benefits such as car-parking, payments of professional memberships and discounts is recognised in the period in which the employee takes the benefits. A liability is not recognised for any non-accumulating benefits employees have not taken during the period.

**(ii) Post-employment benefits (superannuation)**

The Group contributes to both defined contribution and defined benefit superannuation funds. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss as the obligation to pay is incurred. Contributions outstanding at reporting date are treated as liabilities and prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments are available.

For defined contribution funds, the Group pays contributions to publicly or privately administered pension insurance funds on a mandatory, contractual or voluntary basis. The Group's legal or constructive obligation is limited to these contributions. The defined benefit funds provide defined pension annuities and lump sum benefits based on years of service and final average salary.

The Group's net obligation in respect of defined benefit funds is calculated separately for each fund by estimating the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in the current and prior periods, discounting that amount and deducting the fair value of any fund assets.

The calculation of defined benefit obligations is performed annually by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method. When the calculation results in a potential asset for the Group, the recognised asset is limited to the preset value of the economic benefits available in the form of any future refunds from the fund or reductions in the future contributions to the fund. To calculate the present value of economic benefits, consideration is given to any applicable minimum funding requirements.



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Remeasurements of the net defined benefit liability, which comprise actuarial gains and losses, the return on fund assets (excluding interest) and the effect of the asset ceiling (if any, excluding interest), are recognised immediately in other comprehensive income. The Group determines the net interest expense to measure the defined benefit obligation at the beginning of the annual period to the then net defined benefit liability/(asset), taking into account any changes in the net defined benefit liability/(asset) during the period as a result of contributions and benefit payments. Net interest expense and other expenses related to the defined benefit funds are recognised in profit and loss.

When the benefits of a fund are changed or when a fund is curtailed, the resulting change in benefit that relates to past service or the gain or loss on curtailment is recognised immediately in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

*(iii) Other long term employee benefits*

*Long service leave*

A liability for long service leave is recognised in the Statements of Financial Position. The liability is measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using Government bond rates with terms to maturity that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows. Related on-costs such as payroll tax are also included in the liability.

*Annual Leave*

A liability for annual leave which will not be settled within 12 months after the reporting date is recognised in the Statements of Financial Position. The liability is measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

*(iv) Termination benefits*

Termination benefits are payable when employment is terminated before the normal retirement date, or whenever an employee accepts voluntary redundancy in exchange for these benefits. The Group recognises termination benefits when it is demonstrably committed to either terminating the employment of current employees according to a detailed formal plan without possibility of withdrawal; or providing termination benefits as a result of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy.

*(v) Share-based payments*

The Group participates in two equity-settled, share-based compensation plans, being the Exempt Employee Share Plan ("EESP") and Executive Performance Share Plan ("EPSP").

*Immediately vesting compensation*

Shares granted under the EESP vest immediately at grant date. Although the value paid to each employee is determined by a cash amount, the payment is made in shares (with no cash alternative) and is therefore treated as a share-based payment transaction. Each employee who receives an offer with respect to the shares pays consideration of \$1NZD. The total expected cost is recognised in the profit and loss during the financial year the services are rendered. The total expected cost is determined by considering the expected amount per person (the fair value) and non-market factors such as eligibility requirements and staff attrition rates.

*Future vesting compensation*

Shares granted under the EPSP vest over a pre-determined period from grant date which is generally three years. The value of these long term incentives is recognised as an expense in the profit and loss on a straight line basis over the vesting period. The value is calculated as: fair value at grant date x expected number of shares to be granted. Where shares do not eventually vest, the treatment of the previously recognised expense depends upon the reason the shares did not vest:

- If a non-market condition is not satisfied (e.g. an unfulfilled service period) the expense is reversed in the profit and loss in the period when the condition was not satisfied;
- If a market condition is not satisfied (e.g. Total Shareholder Return not being achieved) the expense is not reversed.

**Fair value:** The fair value of the shares is the market price of the shares adjusted for the terms and conditions upon which the shares were granted. This is measured using a Monte-Carlo simulation. Once determined, fair value does not change throughout the vesting period unless the terms and conditions of the grant are modified.

**Number of shares:** The number of shares reflects the best estimate of shares expected to vest at the end of the vesting period and this estimate is revised if indicated by subsequent information. Non-market conditions (e.g. fulfilment of service period) are taken into account when determining this best estimate, whilst market conditions are not. If shares do eventually vest, any unamortised balance is expensed at the end of the vesting period. Contributions of capital to subsidiaries in the form of equity settled share based payments are recognised as an increase in equity of the fair value of instruments provided at grant date.

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**(p) Provisions**

A provision is a liability of uncertain timing or amount which is recognised in the Statements of Financial Position when:

- the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event;
- it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation; and
- the amount can be reliably estimated.

If the effect is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, when appropriate, the risks specific to the liability.

Provisions are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate.

**(q) Outstanding claims liabilities**

The expected future payments include those in relation to claims reported but not yet paid, claims incurred but not reported ("IBNR"), claims incurred but not enough reported ("IBNER") and the direct and indirect costs of settling those claims.

The liability for outstanding claims is measured as the central estimate of the present value of expected future payments against claims incurred at the reporting date under general insurance contracts issued by the Group. If all the possible values of the outstanding claims liability are expressed as a statistical distribution, the central estimate is the mean of that distribution.

Standard actuarial methods are applied to all classes of business to assess the net central estimate of outstanding claims liabilities. Features and trends of claims experience including claim frequencies, average claim sizes and individual claim estimates are analysed and assumptions about the future are selected. Projected future payments include an allowance for inflation and superimposed inflation and are discounted to present values by applying risk free discount rates.

Also included is an allowance for future claims handling costs, reinsurance and third party recoveries and an additional risk margin to allow for the inherent uncertainty in the central estimate of the outstanding claims liability. The details of risk margins and the process for determining the risk margins are set out in Note 5.

**(r) Unexpired risk liabilities**

Provision is made for unexpired risks arising from general insurance business where, the expected value of claims and expenses, attributed to the unexpired periods of policies in force at the reporting date, exceeds the unearned premium liability in relation to such policies, after the deduction of any related intangible assets and deferred acquisition costs ("Liability Adequacy Test"). The provision for unexpired risk is calculated separately for each group of contracts subject to broadly similar risks and managed together as a single portfolio. Any unexpired risk liability arising after writing off related intangible assets and deferred acquisition costs is recognised immediately in the profit and loss.

The Liability Adequacy Test assesses whether the net unearned premium liability less any related deferred acquisition costs is sufficient to cover future claims costs for in-force policies. Future claims costs are calculated as the present value of the expected cash flows relating to future claims, and includes a risk margin to reflect inherent uncertainty in the central estimate.

**(s) Contributed capital**

**(i) Ordinary shares**

Ordinary shares are recognised as equity.

**(ii) Transaction Costs**

Transaction costs of an equity transaction are accounted for as a deduction from equity, net of any related income tax benefit. Transaction costs in excess of the proceeds of the equity instruments issued, or where no proceeds are raised, are recognised as an expense.

**(iii) Capital Contributions to Subsidiaries**

Contributions of capital to subsidiaries in the form of equity settled share based payments, are recognised as an increase in equity of the fair value of instruments provided at grant date.

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*(iv) Dividends*

Provision is made for the amount of any dividend declared, determined or publicly recommended by the Directors on or before the end of the financial year but not distributed at reporting date.

Where a dividend is declared post reporting date but prior to the date of the issue of the financial reports, disclosure of the declaration is made in the financial statements but no provision is made.

**(t) Contingent liabilities and contingent assets**

Contingent liabilities are not recognised in the Statements of Financial Position but are disclosed in the financial statements, unless the possibility of settlement is remote, in which case no disclosure is made. If settlement becomes probable and the amount can be reliably estimated, a provision is recognised.

Contingent assets are not recognised in the Statements of Financial Position but are disclosed in the financial statements when inflows are probable. If inflows become virtually certain, an asset is recognised.

The amount disclosed as a contingent liability or contingent asset is the best estimate of the settlement or inflow.

**(u) Revenue**

*(i) General Insurance Premium Revenue*

Premium revenue comprises amounts charged to policyholders (direct premiums) or other insurers (inwards reinsurance premiums) for insurance policies. Premium excludes applicable levies and charges such as fire service levies collected on behalf of third parties, and is recognised net of goods and services tax. Premium revenue is recognised in the profit and loss when it has been earned, that is, from the date of attachment of the risk, over the period of the insurance policy, which is usually one year. Over this policy period the premium collected is earned in accordance with the pattern of the underlying exposure to risk expected under the insurance contract. In most cases the exposure to risk is assumed to be even over the policy period. Where this is not the case, the pattern of exposure to risk is determined by other methods such as previous claims experience. For reinsurance, business premium is recognised from the date of attachment of the risk over the period of indemnity. At reporting date any proportion of premium revenue received and receivable but not earned in the profit and loss is recognised in the Statements of Financial Position as an unearned premium liability. The unearned premium liability represents premium revenue which will be earned in subsequent reporting periods. Unclosed business is that which has not yet been entered in the policy administration systems but the date of attachment of risk is prior to reporting date. Premiums on unclosed business are brought to account by reference to the prior years' experience and information that has become available between the reporting date and the date of completing the financial statements.

*(ii) Reinsurance commission revenue*

Commission received from reinsurers is recognised as revenue systematically in accordance with the expected pattern of the incidence of risk under the general insurance contracts to which it relates. This pattern of amortisation corresponds to the earning pattern of the corresponding premium revenue.

*(iii) Reinsurance and other recoveries*

Reinsurance and other recoveries receivable on paid claims, reported claims not yet paid, IBNR and IBNER are recognised as revenue. Recoveries receivable are measured as the present value of the expected future receipts, calculated on the same basis as the liability for outstanding claims.

*(iv) Investment Revenue*

*Interest Income*

Interest income is recognised on an effective yield basis.

*Dividends*

Dividends from listed companies are recognised as income on the date the shares are quoted ex-dividend. Dividends from subsidiaries and associated entities are recognised when they are declared in the financial reports of the subsidiaries and associated entities. Dividend revenue is recognised net of any imputation credits. Distributions from listed and unlisted unit trusts are recognised on the date the unit value is quoted ex-distribution.

**(v) Claims expense**

Claims expense represents payments for claims and the movement in outstanding claims liabilities. Claims represent the benefits paid or payable to the policyholder on the occurrence of an event giving rise to a loss or accident according to the terms of the policy. Claims expenses are recognised in the profit and loss as losses are incurred, which is usually the point in time when the event giving rise to the claim occurs.

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**(w) Outward reinsurance**

Premium ceded to reinsurers is recognised by the Group as outwards reinsurance premium expense in the profit and loss from the attachment date over the period of indemnity of the reinsurance contract in accordance with the expected pattern of the incidence of risk. A portion of outwards reinsurance premium is recognised as a deferred reinsurance asset and presented as deferred reinsurance premiums on the Statements of Financial Position at reporting date.

**(x) Income tax**

Income tax payable on profits, based on New Zealand applicable tax law, is recognised as an expense in the period in which profits arise.

Deferred income tax is provided in full and is recognised on temporary differences arising between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the reporting date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

The principal temporary differences arise from depreciation of property, plant and equipment, revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities, including derivative contracts, provision for employee entitlements, deferred acquisition costs, tax losses carried forward and in relation to acquisitions, on the difference between the fair values of the net assets acquired and their tax base. The rates enacted or substantially enacted at the reporting date are used to determine deferred income tax.

Deferred tax assets are recognised where it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

The tax effect of income tax losses available for carry forward are recognised as an asset when it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which these losses can be utilised.

Where an item, which gives rise to a temporary difference, is recognised in or against equity, the deferred tax is also recognised in or against equity.

**(y) Goods and service tax**

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

Net earned premium is net of the GST component of premium. Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST where applicable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority is included as an asset or liability in the Statements of Financial Position.

**(z) Changes in accounting estimates and errors**

**(i) Changes in Accounting Estimates**

If a change in an accounting estimate gives rise to a change in an asset or liability, or relates to equity, it is recognised by adjusting the carrying amount of the related asset, liability or equity item in the period of the change. Otherwise, it is recognised prospectively by including it in the profit and loss in the period of the change and future periods, as applicable.

**(ii) Errors**

Material prior period errors are corrected retrospectively (to the earliest date practicable) in the next issued financial statements by:

- restating the comparative amounts for the prior period(s) presented in which the error occurred; or
- if the error occurred before the earliest prior period presented, restating the opening balances of assets, liability and equity for the earliest prior period presented.

For retrospective application comparative information presented for a particular prior period need not be restated if restating the information is impracticable. When comparative information for a particular prior period is not restated, the opening balance of retained earnings for the next period is restated for the cumulative effect of the error before the beginning of that period.

#### **4. New Accounting Standards and Interpretations Not Yet Adopted**

The following standards, amendments to standards and interpretations applicable to the Group have been issued but are not yet effective:

- *NZ IAS 32 Financial Instruments - Presentation*: Amendment clarifies the meaning of "currently has a legally enforceable right to set-off" and also clarifies the application of the NZ IAS 32 offsetting criteria to settlement systems (such as central clearing house systems) which apply to gross settlement mechanisms that are not simultaneous. The amendment is effective for financial periods beginning from 1 January 2014 and it is not expected that this amendment will have any impact on the Group's financial statements. A detailed analysis of the impact is yet to be performed.
- *NZ IFRS 9 Financial Instruments (2009) and (2010)*: introduces new requirements for the classification and measurement of financial assets. Under IFRS 9 (2009), financial assets are classified and measured based on the business model in which they are held and the characteristics of their contractual cash flows. IFRS 9 (2010) introduces additional changes relating to financial liabilities. The IASB currently has an active project to make limited amendments to the classification and measurement requirements of IFRS 9 and add new requirements to address the impairment of financial assets and hedge accounting. The amendment is effective for financial periods beginning from 1 January 2017. A detailed analysis of the impact is yet to be performed.
- *Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2010-2013 Cycle*: The International Accounting Standards Board has published a number of non-urgent but necessary amendments to IFRS. The amendments are effective from 1 July 2014. A detailed analysis of the amendments is yet to be performed.

#### **5. Actuarial Assumptions and Methods**

##### **(i) Assumptions**

The following assumptions have been applied in determining the net outstanding claims liabilities of the Group including claims arising from the Canterbury earthquakes:

	<b>Consolidated</b>		<b>Company</b>	
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Weighted average term to settlement	1.22 years	1.96 years	1.17 years	2.1 years
Inflation rate	2.1%	2.1%	1.9%	1.9%
Superimposed inflation rate	1.0%	1.2%	0.1%	0.3%
Discount rate	3.7%	3.4%	3.7%	3.4%
Claim handling expense ratio	7.8%	6.3%	7.7%	5.2%
Risk margin	14.3%	18.6%	14.0%	19.5%

##### **(ii) Processes used to determine assumptions**

The valuations included in the reported results are made using assumptions including:

##### **(1) Weighted average term to settlement**

The average weighted term to settlement is calculated separately by class of business and is based on historic settlement patterns.

##### **(2) Inflation and superimposed inflation**

The inflation assumptions for the outstanding claim liabilities can be considered the sum of economic inflation and superimposed inflation. Economic inflation would be typically based on consumer price inflation and/or increases in average weekly earnings. Superimposed inflation reflects the past tendency for some costs, such as court awards, to increase at a faster rate.

Inflation assumptions are set at a class of business level and reflect past experience and future expectations.

In some cases, no explicit assumption for inflation has been made. Instead, there is an implicit assumption that future inflation will be in line with past inflation. In these situations, the inflation assumption has been estimated after considering current information on a number of suitable indices.

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(3) Discount rate

The outstanding claims liability is discounted at a rate equivalent to that inherent in a portfolio of riskless fixed interest securities with coupon and redemption cash flows exactly matching the projected inflation claim cash flows.

(4) Claim handling expense allowance

An estimate of outstanding claim liability will typically incorporate an allowance for the future cost of administering the claims. This allowance is determined after analysing claims related expenses incurred by the portfolio in question, adjusted for the expected pattern of payment of claim handling expenses during the life of a claim.

(5) Risk margin

The overall risk margin is determined allowing for diversification between business classes and the relative uncertainty of the outstanding claims estimate for each class.

The assumptions regarding uncertainty for each class are applied to the net central estimates, and the results aggregated, allowing for diversification in order to arrive at an overall provision, which is intended to have a 90% (2013: 90%) probability of sufficiency ("POS").

A risk margin at an approximate 90% POS (2013: 90%) has been applied to the net outstanding claims provision in respect of the 2010 and 2011 Canterbury earthquakes. The risk margin takes into account the retention and limits of the Suncorp Group catastrophe programme that applied in 2010 and 2011, and the timing of cash flows and currency exchange rates that are likely.

**(iii) Impact of changes in assumptions**

The table below illustrates how changes in key assumptions would impact on reported profit, outstanding claims liabilities and equity of the Group and Company for the year.

		Consolidated		Company	
		Movements in variables	2014 \$000	2013 \$000	2014 \$000
Weighted average term to settlement – years	+0.5	(1,276)	(182)	(2,342)	(1,538)
	-0.5	1,280	182	2,361	1,547
Inflation rates	+1%	4,242	5,801	3,119	4,635
	-1%	(4,236)	(5,757)	(3,116)	(4,594)
Discount rate	+1%	(4,168)	(5,696)	(3,037)	(4,494)
	-1%	4,255	5,852	3,099	4,622
Claims handling expense ratio	+1%	3,557	3,134	2,700	2,341
	-1%	(3,557)	(3,134)	(2,700)	(2,341)
Risk Margin %	+1%	3,355	2,808	2,550	2,061
	-1%	(3,355)	(2,808)	(2,550)	(2,061)

**(iv) Liability adequacy test**

The liability adequacy test which was performed as at 30 June 2014 identified a surplus for the Group and Company (30 June 2013: surplus).

**(v) Actuarial information**

Richard Beauchamp is the Appointed Actuary for the Company. He is a Fellow of the New Zealand Society of Actuaries and a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries (London). The Appointed Actuary receives a proportion of remuneration based on the financial results of the Group. Karl Marshall, of The Quantum Group Pty Limited, is the Appointed Actuary for Vero Liability Insurance Limited and AA Insurance Limited. Mr Marshall is a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia. Mr Marshall has no financial interest in the Group.

According to section 77(1) of the Insurance (Prudential Supervision) Act 2010 the Appointed Actuaries must review the actuarial information in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

The outstanding claims reserves disclosed for the Company have been calculated in accordance with the New Zealand Society of Actuaries Professional Standard No.4.1 "Valuation of General Insurance Claims". The effective date of the Appointed Actuary's advice is 31 March 2014, updated to 30 June 2014.

The outstanding claims reserves disclosed for Vero Liability Insurance Limited and AA Insurance Limited have been calculated in accordance with the New Zealand Society of Actuaries Professional Standard No.4.1 "Valuation of General Insurance Claims". The effective date of Mr Marshall's advice is 31 March 2014, updated to 30 June 2014.

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The Appointed Actuaries are satisfied that they have obtained all of the information and explanations required. They are satisfied that the actuarial information has been used appropriately in the preparation of the financial statements and included appropriately in the financial statements.

In particular, the Appointed Actuaries are satisfied as to the nature, sufficiency and accuracy of the data used to determine the outstanding claims liabilities. There were no qualifications contained in their respective actuarial advice. The key assumptions used in the compilations of the reserves as at 30 June 2014 have been outlined above.

In addition, the Company's BARC receives a Financial Condition Report ("FCR") annually from the Appointed Actuary of the Company in accordance with the Act. The purpose of the FCR is to provide the Appointed Actuary's objective assessment of the Company's overall financial condition. It considers, among other things, the material risks facing the Company that, in the Appointed Actuary's opinion, pose a threat to its ability to remain financially solvent now and in the future. The Appointed Actuary for the Company's licensed insurance subsidiaries, VLIL and AAIL, also provides an FCR to his respective BARCs.

## **6. Risk Management**

The Group's financial condition and operating activities are affected by the following key risks - Strategic, Insurance, Counterparty, Liquidity, Market, Reputation, Operational and Compliance. The Group has implemented a comprehensive risk management programme to mitigate those risks in accordance with the Suncorp Group Enterprise Risk Management Framework.

### **a) Group risk management roles and responsibilities**

The Company's Board Audit & Risk Committee ("BARC") is responsible for oversight of the effectiveness of risk management strategies and internal controls across the Company. The Company's subsidiaries Vero Liability Insurance Limited ("VLIL") and AA Insurance Limited ("AAIL") have their own respective BARCs which also perform this role.

The Company has a Chief Risk Officer ("CRO") who has the management responsibility for risk, compliance and related issues. This person indirectly reports to the Group Chief Risk Officer employed by the ultimate parent company. This person also acts as the CRO for VLIL but not for AAIL which has its own CRO.

### **b) General risk management framework**

The Group's financial condition and operating activities are affected by a number of key risks. The Group has implemented risk and compliance management frameworks to mitigate those risks.

The Group's risk management recognises the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on its financial performance.

The Group has a structured risk management framework in place. One of the key objectives of the framework is to ensure sufficient liquidity is maintained at all times to meet the Group's obligations, including its settlement of insurance liabilities, while looking to optimise investment returns.

The BARCs have delegated authority from their respective Boards to approve and oversee the processes used to identify, evaluate and manage risk and recommends the risk appetite to their Boards. Management has the primary responsibility and accountability for embedding the risk management framework within the business operations of the Group. Management approves, implements and oversees the principles, policies, limits, frameworks and processes used by the Group to identify, assess, monitor and control/mitigate risk.

The Group has in place a structured approach to risk profiling. Each business unit completes a risk profile covering risks within that business line. Recognising that risk profiles change over time, management is required to monitor and manage these on an ongoing basis.

The key risks addressed by the risk management framework include:

- Counterparty risk - the risk that a borrower or counterparty will not meet its obligations in accordance with agreed terms. Credit risk arises as a result of receivables due from policyholders and intermediaries, the placement of reinsurance programs with counterparties and investment in financial instruments.
- Liquidity risk - the risk that the Group will be unable to meet its cash flow obligations today or in the future. Liquidity risk arises from the requirement to make claims payments and other financial obligations in a timely manner while looking to maximise returns from invested funds.
- Market risk - Market risk arises from the risk of adverse movements in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity prices, credit spreads' commodity prices and market volatilities.
- Operational Risk – the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events.

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- Compliance Risk – the risk of legal or regulatory breaches or sanctions, financial loss, or loss to reputation which the Group may suffer as a result of its failure to comply with all applicable legislation, regulations, industry codes and company policies.

**c) Insurance risk - general insurance activities**

The Group's insurance activities primarily involve the underwriting of risks and claim management. The Group's business units employ a disciplined approach to underwriting and risk management that emphasises return and shareholder value rather than a premium volume or market share oriented approach. A company license issued by the Board to the CEO with delegations to executives cascading down to individuals delegated underwriting and claims authorities underpins this disciplined approach.

**(i) Risk management objectives and policies for mitigating insurance risk**

The risk management activities include prudent underwriting, pricing, acceptance and management of risk processes, together with claims management, reserving and investment. The objective of these disciplines is to enhance the financial performance of the Group's overall insurance operations.

To do this, the insurance risk exposures of strategy development; product design, pricing, underwriting accumulation/reinsurance management, claims management and reserving and performance measurement are subject to ongoing review and challenge as part of the risk management framework. This approach yields substantial benefits because each business unit has expertise in, and a detailed understanding of, its market segment, and this expertise and knowledge enable the business units to customise their own underwriting and risk management disciplines to assess and price risk more effectively.

The key controls in place to mitigate risks arising from writing insurance contracts include the following:

- The maintenance and use of management information systems that provide up-to-date and reliable data on the risks to which the business is exposed including ongoing enhancement to the understanding of geographic concentrations;
- The use of actuarial models based on historical data to calculate premiums and monitor claims patterns;
- The setting and adherence to underwriting guidelines that determine policies and procedures for acceptance of risk;
- The use of business licenses to control risk classes, aggregate limits and underwriting authorities to manage individual behaviour;
- The monitoring of natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, storms and other catastrophes that can have a significant effect on the results of the Group. Exposure to such risks is monitored using catastrophe models;
- The use of reinsurance to limit the Group's exposure to large single claims and the accumulation of claims that arise from the same event;
- The monitoring of a reinsurer to credit risk policy to control exposure to reinsurance counterparty default;
- The mix of assets in which the Group invests is driven by the nature and term of the insurance liabilities. The management of assets and liabilities is closely monitored to attempt to match the expected pattern of claim payments with the maturity dates of assets; and
- The reduction in variability in loss experience through diversification over classes of insurance business, better geographical segmentation and large numbers of uncorrelated individual risks.

**(ii) Terms and conditions of insurance business**

The terms and conditions attaching to insurance contracts affect the level of insurance risk accepted by the Group. There are no special terms and conditions in any non-standard contracts that have a material impact on the financial statements.

**(iii) Concentration of insurance risk**

The Group's exposure is predominantly within the New Zealand market. Specific processes for monitoring identified concentrations are set out below:

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Source of concentration</b>	<b>Risk management measures</b>
An accumulation of risks arising from a natural peril	Insured property concentrations, for example, Wellington	Accumulation risk modelling, reinsurance protection
A large property loss	Fire or collapse affecting one building or a group of adjacent buildings	Maximum acceptance limits, property risk grading, facultative reinsurance, risk accumulation processes including survey data base
Inclusion of multiple classes of casualty business in the one event	Response by a multitude of the Group's policies to the one event, for example a construction liability and professional indemnity policy	Purchase of reinsurance clash protection and one retention per occurrence with reinsurance stacking vertically



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(iv) *Reinsurance programme principles*

Reinsurance is purchased to make the Group's results more predictable by reducing the effect that individual large claims, and catastrophic events that lead to multiple claims, have on results. The majority of reinsurance arranged uses a combination of facultative, quota share and excess of loss treaty arrangements.

**d) Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument or contract will cause financial loss to the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Group's credit risk arises predominantly from investment activities, reinsurance activities and dealings with policyholders and intermediaries. The maximum exposure to credit risk is the fair value of individual financial assets.

The Group participates in reinsurance arrangements to preserve capital and manage earnings volatility from large individual or catastrophic claims. The credit risk associated with these arrangements is monitored and managed internally and by specialised reinsurance brokers operating within the international reinsurance markets.

Concentration of credit risk arises when a number of financial instruments or contracts are entered into with the same counterparty or where a number of counterparties are engaged in similar business activities that would cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic or other conditions. Concentration of credit risk is managed by individual counterparty, by credit rating. The Company and Group do not expect any counterparties to fail to meet their obligations given their credit ratings and therefore does not require collateral or other security to support credit risk exposures. Over-concentration of credit risk is avoided by placement of cover with a number of reinsurers as well as setting participation limits and minimum security requirements on the reinsurance programme. Reinsurance is placed only with companies with Standard & Poor's credit ratings (or equivalent if a Standard & Poor's rating is unavailable) of "A minus" or better in accordance with policy.

Investments in financial instruments in the investment portfolios are held in accordance with the investment mandates. Credit limits have been established within these guidelines to ensure counterparties have appropriate credit ratings.

There has been no material change in the credit risk faced by the Group or the policies and processes for managing the risk during the period.

The following tables provide information regarding the aggregate credit risk exposure at the balance date in respect of the major classes of financial assets. The analysis classifies the assets according to Standard & Poor's counterparty credit ratings. AAA is the highest possible rating. Rated assets falling outside the range of AAA to BBB are classified as non-investment grade.

Consolidated	Credit Rating (\$'000)						
	AAA	AA	A	BBB	Non investment grade	Not Rated	Total
<b>2014</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents	-	14,024	-	-	-	-	14,024
Financial assets	968	728,604	190,575	24,889	-	307	945,343
Reinsurance and other recoveries	-	517,246	552,856	-	-	30,364	1,100,466
Derivative financial instruments	-	(495)	-	-	-	-	(495)
Investment revenue receivable	-	-	-	-	-	6,563	6,563
Premiums due	-	-	-	-	-	411,780	411,780
Amounts due from related parties	-	-	1,901	-	-	-	1,901
Amounts due from reinsurers	-	6,195	63,752	-	-	9	69,956
	<b>968</b>	<b>1,265,574</b>	<b>809,084</b>	<b>24,889</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>449,023</b>	<b>2,549,538</b>

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Consolidated	Credit Rating (\$000)						Total
	AAA	AA	A	BBB	Non investment grade	Not Rated	
<b>2013</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents	-	9,964	-	-	-	-	9,964
Financial assets	285	694,765	150,408	16,129	-	281	861,868
Reinsurance and other recoveries	-	871,098	947,372	33,556	-	31,355	1,883,381
Derivative financial instruments	-	(146)	-	-	-	-	(146)
Investment revenue receivable	-	-	-	-	-	8,749	8,749
Premiums due	-	-	-	-	-	387,456	387,456
GST receivable	-	27,523	-	-	-	-	27,523
Amounts due from related parties	-	-	1,745	-	-	-	1,745
Amounts due from reinsurers	-	9,129	92,983	752	-	272	103,136
	<b>285</b>	<b>1,612,333</b>	<b>1,192,508</b>	<b>50,437</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>428,113</b>	<b>3,283,676</b>

Company	Credit Rating (\$000)						Total
	AAA	AA	A	BBB	Non investment grade	Not Rated	
<b>2014</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents		10,276	-	-	-	-	10,276
Financial assets	968	500,877	132,291	20,704	-	307	655,147
Reinsurance and other recoveries	-	505,532	547,361	-	-	16,930	1,069,823
Derivative financial instruments	-	(495)	-	-	-	-	(495)
Investment revenue receivable	-	-	-	-	-	4,917	4,917
Premiums due	-	-	-	-	-	294,740	294,740
GST receivable	-	2,157	-	-	-	-	2,157
Amounts due from related parties	-	-	1,915	-	-	-	1,915
Amounts due from reinsurers	-	5,206	67,249	-	-	9	72,464
	<b>968</b>	<b>1,023,553</b>	<b>748,816</b>	<b>20,704</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>316,903</b>	<b>2,110,944</b>

Company	Credit Rating (\$000)						Total
	AAA	AA	A	BBB	Non investment grade	Not Rated	
<b>2013</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents	-	6,438	-	-	-	-	6,438
Financial assets	142	460,052	106,814	14,853	-	282	582,143
Reinsurance and other recoveries	-	867,732	942,606	33,590	-	18,132	1,862,060
Derivative financial instruments	-	(146)	-	-	-	-	(146)
Investment revenue receivable	-	-	-	-	-	6,986	6,986
Premiums due	-	-	-	-	-	283,013	283,013
GST receivable	-	30,123	-	-	-	-	30,123
Amounts due from related parties	-	-	3,130	-	-	-	3,130
Amounts due from reinsurers	-	8,802	96,929	793	-	287	106,811
	<b>142</b>	<b>1,373,001</b>	<b>1,149,479</b>	<b>49,236</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>308,700</b>	<b>2,880,558</b>

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The majority of the not rated balance is outstanding premiums on policies which are paid on a monthly instalment basis. Late payment of these amounts allows the Group to cancel the related insurance contract eliminating both the credit risk and insurance risk for the unpaid amounts.

The carrying amount of the relevant asset classes in the Statements of Financial Position represents the maximum amount of credit exposures.

The following table provides information regarding the carrying value of the Group and Company's financial assets that have been impaired and the ageing of those that are past due but not impaired at the reporting date. An amount is considered to be past due when a contractual payment falls overdue by one or more days. When an amount is classified as past due, the entire balance is disclosed in the past due analysis.

**Consolidated**

	Neither past due nor impaired	Past due but not impaired (\$000)					Total
		0-3 mths	3-6 mths	6-12 mths	>12 mths	Impaired	
<b>2014</b>							
Premium due	394,037	15,461	1,324	950	-	8	411,780
Investment revenue receivable	6,563	-	-	-	-	-	6,563
Amounts due from related parties	1,901	-	-	-	-	-	1,901
Amounts due from reinsurers	69,956	-	-	-	-	-	69,956
Other receivables	2,854	-	-	-	-	-	2,854
	<b>475,311</b>	<b>15,461</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>493,054</b>

**Consolidated**

	Neither past due nor impaired	Past due but not impaired (\$000)					Total
		0-3 mths	3-6 mths	6-12 mths	>12 mths	Impaired	
<b>2013</b>							
Premium due	362,890	21,721	1,050	1,763	-	32	387,456
Investment revenue receivable	8,749	-	-	-	-	-	8,749
Amounts due from related parties	1,745	-	-	-	-	-	1,745
Amounts due from reinsurers	103,136	-	-	-	-	-	103,136
GST receivable	27,523	-	-	-	-	-	27,523
Other receivables	2,188	-	-	-	-	-	2,188
	<b>506,231</b>	<b>21,721</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>530,797</b>

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	Neither past due nor impaired	Past due but not impaired (\$000)					Total
		0-3 mths	3-6 mths	6-12 mths	>12 mths	Impaired	
<b>2014</b>							
Premium due	277,884	14,532	1,236	1,088	-	-	294,740
Investment revenue receivable	4,917	-	-	-	-	-	4,917
Amounts due from related parties	1,915	-	-	-	-	-	1,915
Amounts due from reinsurers	72,464	-	-	-	-	-	72,464
GST receivable	2,157	-	-	-	-	-	2,157
Other receivables	2,853	-	-	-	-	-	2,853
	<b>362,190</b>	<b>14,532</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>379,046</b>

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Company	Neither past due nor impaired	Past due but not impaired (\$000)				Impaired	Total
		0-3 mths	3-6 mths	6-12 mths	>12 mths		
<b>2013</b>							
Premium due	259,275	20,894	1,025	1,793	-	26	283,013
Investment revenue receivable	6,986	-	-	-	-	-	6,986
Amounts due from related parties	3,130	-	-	-	-	-	3,130
Amounts due from reinsurers	106,811	-	-	-	-	-	106,811
GST receivable	30,123	-	-	-	-	-	30,123
Other receivables	2,115	-	-	-	-	-	2,115
	<b>408,440</b>	<b>20,894</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>1,793</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>432,178</b>

**e) Market risk**

The main source of market risk comes from the investment portfolios. The Group's business has distinct investment portfolios, each with their own investment mandate. The investment mandates specify investment restrictions including but not limited to asset class limits, authorised investments, duration limits, derivative restrictions, minimum credit ratings and counterparty credit limits.

The Group and Company's investment portfolio is split into Technical Reserves and Shareholder Funds.

The Technical reserves investment portfolios support the outstanding claims liabilities of the business. The portfolios are managed over benchmarks set in a manner consistent with the expected duration of claims payments ensuring any variations from a matched position is constrained. Assets held are fixed interest securities.

The Shareholder funds are held for the investment of funds in support of share capital and retained profits. To provide better expected returns on capital, the investment mandate for this portfolio has a more diverse investment strategy predominantly including fixed interest and cash. The investment mandates balance expected investment returns, volatility of expected investment returns and the impact of volatility on both the capital adequacy and profitability of the business.

Investment securities are measured at fair value and changes in fair value are recognised in the profit and loss.

There has been no material change in the market risk faced by the Group or the policies and processes for managing the risk during the period.

*(i) Interest rate risk*

Interest rate risk arises from the investments in interest bearing securities. Interest rates have an impact on both the value of assets and liabilities and the main sources of loss are adverse changes in the valuation of investments in interest-bearing securities and outstanding claims liabilities.

A change in the market value of investments in interest-bearing securities is immediately recognised in the profit and loss. The insurance funds hold significant interest-bearing securities in support of corresponding insurance provisions and are invested in a manner consistent with the expected duration of claims payments.

The valuation of the outstanding claims liabilities includes the discounting to present value at balance date of expected future claim payments. Any assessment of the impact of changes in interest rates on investment income must include the offsetting adjustment to claims expense for changes in discount rates adopted in outstanding claims valuations.

This risk is managed by establishing investment portfolio mandates on the basis of the appropriate matching principles so as to ensure the impact on the operating result of changes in the general level of market interest rates is minimised.

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The sensitivity of profit and loss after tax and equity reserves to movements in interest rates in relation to interest-bearing financial assets held at the balance date is shown in the table below. It is assumed that all residual exposures for the shareholder after tax are included in the sensitivity analysis, that the percentage point change occurs at the reporting date and there are concurrent movements in interest rates and parallel shifts in the yield curves. The risks faced for deriving sensitivity information did not change from the previous period. Given the volatility experienced in the market during the last year, a movement of 100 basis points (2013: 100 basis points) is considered reasonably possible and has been applied to the sensitivity analysis.

Consolidated	2014				2013			
	Exposure	Movement in variable	Profit / (Loss) after tax	Equity	Exposure	Movement in variable	Profit / (Loss) after tax	Equity
	\$000	%	\$000	\$000	\$000	%	\$000	\$000
Interest bearing investment securities	839,618	+1 -1	(6,923) 7,339	(6,923) 7,339	758,799	+1 -1	(9,251) 9,596	(9,251) 9,596
Derivative financial instruments	(495)	+1 -1	- -	- -	(146)	+1 -1	- -	- -
Subordinated notes	1,443	+1 -1	- -	- -	3,252	+1 -1	- -	- -
	<b>840,566</b>				<b>761,905</b>			

Company	2014				2013			
	Exposure	Movement in variable	Profit / (Loss) after tax	Equity	Exposure	Movement in variable	Profit / (Loss) after tax	Equity
	\$000	%	\$000	\$000	\$000	%	\$000	\$000
Interest bearing investment securities	654,841	+1 -1	(5,620) 6,029	(5,620) 6,029	581,861	+1 -1	(7,238) 7,581	(7,238) 7,581
Derivative financial instruments	(495)	+1 -1	- -	- -	(146)	+1 -1	- -	- -
	<b>654,346</b>				<b>581,715</b>			

At the reporting date measurement of the cash and cash equivalents is not sensitive to movements in the interest rates and so a change in interest rates as at reporting date would have had no impact on either profit or equity from the measurement of cash and cash equivalents for the current financial year.

Interest-bearing investment securities are recognised on the Statements of Financial Position at fair value. Movements in market interest rates impact the price of the securities (and hence their fair value measurement) and so would impact either profit or equity.

(ii) *Foreign exchange risk*

Prior to the 30 June 2013 financial year, upper limits within the Suncorp Group's catastrophe reinsurance treaty were denominated in Australian dollars. Incurred costs in respect of the February 2011 Canterbury Earthquake are estimated to exceed the AU\$2.5b limit of the treaty and movements in the AUD:NZD exchange rate affects the reinsurance recovery percentage. This results in foreign exchange risk for the Group and Company until such time that total claims paid for the February 2011 event exceed AU\$2.5b. Allowance is made for this foreign exchange risk through actuarial estimates of the net outstanding claim liability. With effect from the 30 June 2013 financial year the Suncorp Group catastrophe reinsurance treaty includes a fixed AUD:NZD exchange rate to eliminate this foreign exchange risk on subsequent events.

In addition, the Group and Company are exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from the minimum deposit premiums associated with the Suncorp Group's catastrophe reinsurance treaty. The Group and Company hedges the minimum deposit premiums for the upcoming year to address the foreign exchange risk.

With the exception of the above, the Group and Company is not exposed to material foreign exchange risk.

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(iii) *Other market risks*

Other market risks are the risk of a loss of current and future earnings from adverse movements in the changes in market prices due to factors other than interest rates and foreign exchange. Those factors may be specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors that affect all similar financial instruments traded in the market. The main "other market risks" that the Group's investment portfolios are exposed to is credit spread risk. The Group is not exposed to material equity price risk.

Credit spread risk is the risk of loss in current and future earnings from adverse moves in credit spreads. Credit spread risk is determined by capital market sentiment or factors affecting all issuers in the market and not necessarily due to factors specific to an individual issuer. The main source of loss is adverse changes in the valuation of investments in interest-bearing securities. A change in the market value of investments in interest-bearing securities is immediately recognised in the profit and loss. The investment portfolios hold significant interest-bearing securities in support of corresponding insurance provisions. The portfolio is heavily weighted towards investments with a high quality investment grade.

This risk is managed by incorporating a diverse holding of investments in the Company and Group's investment portfolios, establishing maximum exposure limits for counterparties. Investments are also subject to minimum credit rating criteria. The table provided under the heading of 'Credit risk' provides information in relation to aggregate credit exposure of the Company and Group's investment portfolio by credit rating at balance date.

Sensitivity of the Group and Company's credit exposure to a +/- 100 basis point (2013: 100 basis points) change in yield is as follows:

Consolidated	2014			2013		
	Exposure	Movement in variable	Profit / (Loss) after tax	Exposure	Movement in variable	Profit / (Loss) after tax
	\$000	%	\$000	\$000	%	\$000
Discounted securities and corporate bonds	620,964	+1 -1	(4,383) 4,640	560,979	+1 -1	(5,751) 5,948
Government and local government securities	219,602	+1 -1	(2,540) 2,699	200,926	+1 -1	(3,500) 3,648
	<b>840,566</b>			<b>761,905</b>		

Company	2014			2013		
	Exposure	Movement in variable	Profit / (Loss) after tax	Exposure	Movement in variable	Profit / (Loss) after tax
	\$000	%	\$000	\$000	%	\$000
Discounted securities and corporate bonds	478,692	+1 -1	(3,458) 3,709	420,079	+1 -1	(4,286) 4,482
Government and local government securities	175,654	+1 -1	(2,162) 2,320	161,636	+1 -1	(2,952) 3,099
	<b>654,346</b>			<b>581,715</b>		

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(iv) *Equity/commodity price risks*

The Group holds unit trust investments that expose the Group to equity price risk. The profit and loss impact on equity price movement is determined by multiplying market value by the variable of +/- 200 basis points (2013: 200 basis points):

Consolidated	2014			2013		
	Exposure	Movement in variable	Profit / (Loss) after tax	Exposure	Movement in variable	Profit / (Loss) after tax
	\$000	%	\$000	\$000	%	\$000
Domestic equities / unit trusts	71,688	+2 -2	1,032 (1,032)	70,209	+2 -2	1,011 (1,011)
International equities / unit trusts	32,528	+2 -2	468 (468)	29,536	+2 -2	425 (425)
	<b>104,216</b>			<b>99,745</b>		

The Company does not hold any securities that expose the Company to material equity or commodity price risk.

**f) Liquidity risk**

The ability to make claims payments in a timely manner is critical to the Group's business. The investment portfolio mandates provide sufficient cash deposits to meet day-to-day obligations. In addition, cash deposits are set aside within the technical reserves investment portfolios to accommodate significant claims payment obligations. Under the terms of the Group's reinsurance arrangements, prompt access to cash is available in the event of a major catastrophe.

There has been no material change in the liquidity risk faced by the Group or the policies and processes for managing the risk during the period.

The table below summarises the maturity profile of certain financial liabilities based on the remaining undiscounted contractual obligations. It also includes the maturity profile for outstanding claims liabilities determined on the discounted estimated timing of net cash outflows.

2014	Consolidated				
	Carrying amount	1 year or less	1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Total Cash Flows
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Amounts due to reinsurers	171,227	171,227	-	-	171,227
Trade creditors and accrued expenses	61,918	61,918	-	-	61,918
Outstanding claims liabilities	1,483,979	814,037	589,214	80,728	1,483,979
Amounts due to related parties	10,882	10,882	-	-	10,882
Employee benefits payable	22,905	22,905	-	-	22,905
	<b>1,750,911</b>	<b>1,080,969</b>	<b>589,214</b>	<b>80,728</b>	<b>1,750,911</b>

2013	Consolidated				
	Carrying amount	1 year or less	1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Total Cash Flows
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Amounts due to reinsurers	242,093	195,426	46,667	-	242,093
Trade creditors and accrued expenses	68,526	68,526	-	-	68,526
Outstanding claims liabilities	2,216,493	930,356	1,088,662	197,475	2,216,493
Amounts due to related parties	1,588	1,588	-	-	1,588
Employee benefits payable	23,611	23,611	-	-	23,611
	<b>2,552,311</b>	<b>1,219,507</b>	<b>1,135,329</b>	<b>197,475</b>	<b>2,552,311</b>

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2014	Company				Total Cash Flows
	Carrying amount	1 year or less	1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	
Amounts due to reinsurers	145,359	145,359	-	-	145,359
Trade creditors and accrued expenses	55,832	55,832	-	-	55,832
Outstanding claims liabilities	1,360,518	740,558	543,771	76,189	1,360,518
Amounts due to related parties	13,576	13,576	-	-	13,576
Employee benefits payable	15,398	15,398	-	-	15,398
	<b>1,590,683</b>	<b>970,723</b>	<b>543,771</b>	<b>76,189</b>	<b>1,590,683</b>

2013	Company				Total Cash Flows
	Carrying amount	1 year or less	1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	
Amounts due to reinsurers	214,533	170,713	43,820	-	214,533
Trade creditors and accrued expenses	58,212	58,212	-	-	58,212
Outstanding claims liabilities	2,108,393	868,533	1,046,956	192,904	2,108,393
Amounts due to related parties	6,450	6,450	-	-	6,450
Employee benefits payable	16,384	16,384	-	-	16,384
	<b>2,403,972</b>	<b>1,120,292</b>	<b>1,090,776</b>	<b>192,904</b>	<b>2,403,972</b>

**g) Capital management**

The Group and Company's capital management policies and objectives together with details of the amount of equity retained for the purpose of financial soundness is described in Note 35 to these financial statements.

**h) Accounting classification and fair values**

The fair values of financial assets and liabilities, together with the carrying amount shown in the statement of financial position, are as follows:

2014	Consolidated				Fair Value
	Designated at Fair Value	Loans and Receivables	Other Financial Liabilities	Carrying amount	
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	
Cash and cash equivalents	-	14,024	-	14,024	14,024
Trade receivables	-	483,903	-	483,903	483,903
Other current assets	-	9,417	-	9,417	9,417
Financial assets	944,782	66	-	944,848	944,848
	<b>944,782</b>	<b>507,410</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,452,192</b>	<b>1,452,192</b>
Payables	-	-	(266,932)	(266,932)	(266,932)



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**2013**

	<b>Consolidated</b>				
	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Loans and</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Carrying</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
	<b>at Fair Value</b>	<b>Receivables</b>	<b>Financial</b>	<b>amount</b>	
	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	-	9,964	-	9,964	9,964
Trade receivables	-	521,181	-	521,181	521,181
Other current assets	-	10,937	-	10,937	10,937
Financial assets	861,650	72	-	861,722	861,722
	<b>861,650</b>	<b>542,154</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,403,804</b>	<b>1,403,804</b>
Payables	-	-	(335,818)	(335,818)	(335,818)

**2014**

	<b>Company</b>				
	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Loans and</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Carrying</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
	<b>at Fair Value</b>	<b>Receivables</b>	<b>Financial</b>	<b>amount</b>	
	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	-	10,276	-	10,276	10,276
Trade receivables	-	371,480	-	371,480	371,480
Other current assets	-	7,770	-	7,770	7,770
Financial assets	654,586	66	-	654,652	654,652
	<b>654,586</b>	<b>389,592</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,044,178</b>	<b>1,044,178</b>
Payables	-	-	(230,165)	(230,165)	(230,165)

**2013**

	<b>Company</b>				
	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Loans and</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Carrying</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
	<b>at Fair Value</b>	<b>Receivables</b>	<b>Financial</b>	<b>amount</b>	
	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	-	6,438	-	6,438	6,438
Trade receivables	-	424,316	-	424,316	424,316
Other current assets	-	9,101	-	9,101	9,101
Financial assets	581,925	72	-	581,997	581,997
	<b>581,925</b>	<b>439,927</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,021,852</b>	<b>1,021,852</b>
Payables	-	-	(295,579)	(295,579)	(295,579)

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**7. Revenue**

	<b>Consolidated</b>		<b>Company</b>	
	<b>30 June 2014 \$000</b>	<b>30 June 2013 \$000</b>	<b>30 June 2014 \$000</b>	<b>30 June 2013 \$000</b>
Gross earned premium (Note 8)	1,218,914	1,122,314	889,722	820,433
Reinsurance and other recoveries revenue (Note 9)	434,469	307,011	376,611	267,023
Reinsurance commission revenue	6,839	6,619	4,877	4,778
<b>Total insurance revenue</b>	<b>1,660,222</b>	<b>1,435,944</b>	<b>1,271,210</b>	<b>1,092,234</b>
Investment revenue:				
-Interest income	41,967	37,368	32,882	28,255
-Dividend income :				
-Other entities	2,859	2,569	13	10
-Related parties	-	-	34,800	31,800
- Net (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(9,390)	2,238	(14,200)	(4,017)
Investment management expenses	(1,936)	(1,877)	(1,272)	(1,117)
<b>Total net investment revenue</b>	<b>33,500</b>	<b>40,298</b>	<b>52,223</b>	<b>54,931</b>
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>1,693,722</b>	<b>1,476,242</b>	<b>1,323,433</b>	<b>1,147,165</b>

**8. Net Premium Revenue**

	<b>Consolidated</b>		<b>Company</b>	
	<b>30 June 2014 \$000</b>	<b>30 June 2013 \$000</b>	<b>30 June 2014 \$000</b>	<b>30 June 2013 \$000</b>
Gross written premium	1,261,133	1,176,825	910,926	864,073
Movement in unearned premium	(42,219)	(54,511)	(21,204)	(43,640)
<b>Gross earned premium revenue</b>	<b>1,218,914</b>	<b>1,122,314</b>	<b>889,722</b>	<b>820,433</b>
Outward reinsurance premium expense	(241,234)	(279,292)	(199,747)	(240,998)
<b>Total net premium revenue</b>	<b>977,680</b>	<b>843,022</b>	<b>689,975</b>	<b>579,435</b>

**9. Net Incurred Claims**

Current year claims relate to risks borne in the current financial year. Prior year claims relate to a reassessment of the risks borne in all previous financial years.

<b>Consolidated</b>	<b>30 June 2014</b>			<b>30 June 2013</b>		
	<b>Prior \$000</b>	<b>Current \$000</b>	<b>Total \$000</b>	<b>Prior \$000</b>	<b>Current \$000</b>	<b>Total \$000</b>
<b>Gross incurred claims</b>						
Undiscounted	329,575	614,676	944,251	232,131	553,097	785,228
Discount	61,883	(7,326)	54,557	11,228	(8,031)	3,197
	<b>391,458</b>	<b>607,350</b>	<b>998,808</b>	<b>243,359</b>	<b>545,066</b>	<b>788,425</b>
<b>Reinsurance and other recoveries</b>						
Undiscounted	(323,261)	(69,559)	(392,820)	(231,714)	(67,538)	(299,252)
Discount	(42,710)	1,061	(41,649)	(8,510)	751	(7,759)
	<b>(365,971)</b>	<b>(68,498)</b>	<b>(434,469)</b>	<b>(240,224)</b>	<b>(66,787)</b>	<b>(307,011)</b>
<b>Net incurred claims</b>	<b>25,487</b>	<b>538,852</b>	<b>564,339</b>	<b>3,135</b>	<b>478,279</b>	<b>481,414</b>

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Company	30 June 2014			30 June 2013		
	Prior	Current	Total	Prior	Current	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
<b>Gross incurred claims</b>						
Undiscounted	313,778	395,330	709,108	243,321	348,141	591,462
Discount	53,510	(3,023)	50,487	(3,517)	(2,266)	(5,783)
	<b>367,288</b>	<b>392,307</b>	<b>759,595</b>	<b>239,804</b>	<b>345,875</b>	<b>585,679</b>
<b>Reinsurance and other recoveries</b>						
Undiscounted	(306,709)	(25,777)	(332,486)	(238,741)	(29,057)	(267,798)
Discount	(44,622)	497	(44,125)	411	364	775
	<b>(351,331)</b>	<b>(25,280)</b>	<b>(376,611)</b>	<b>(238,330)</b>	<b>(28,693)</b>	<b>(267,023)</b>
<b>Net incurred claims</b>	<b>15,957</b>	<b>367,027</b>	<b>382,984</b>	<b>1,474</b>	<b>317,182</b>	<b>318,656</b>

Details of the uncertainties that exist in measuring gross incurred claims and reinsurance recoveries arising from the Canterbury earthquakes are explained in Note 23.

**10. Net Profit Before Income Tax**

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
	2014	2013	2014	2013
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Profit before income tax is arrived at after charging/(crediting) the following specific items:				
Bad and doubtful debt (recovery)/expense (Note 12)	(16)	94	(18)	123
Depreciation on plant and equipment (Note 17)	4,474	4,741	3,383	3,587
Donations	29	24	21	1
Employee benefits	160,739	156,983	114,823	110,710
Finance costs (Note 31)	244	-	244	-
(Gain)/loss on disposal of plant and equipment	(1)	(57)	15	(71)
Operating lease rental expenses	9,493	8,694	6,251	5,591
Software amortisation cost (Note 19)	2,078	2,785	2,063	2,460

Finance costs relate to the establishment fee and line fees payable in respect of the revolving loan facility entered into with Suncorp-Metway Limited, a related party, refer to Note 21.

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11. Income Tax

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014	30 June 2013 Restated*	30 June 2014	30 June 2013 Restated*
<b>a) Income tax expense</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
Current tax expense/(credit)	25,361	2,280	11,844	(10,467)
Deferred tax expense	7,312	23,970	7,374	25,627
(Over)/under provided in prior years – current	(330)	(335)	(21)	30
– deferred	384	342	47	(30)
<b>Income tax expense</b>	<b>32,727</b>	<b>26,257</b>	<b>19,244</b>	<b>15,160</b>
<b>b) Numerical reconciliation of income tax expense of prima facie tax payable</b>				
Net profit before tax	119,551	100,654	102,296	87,573
Prima facie income tax @ 28% (2013: 28%)	33,474	28,183	28,643	24,521
Tax effect of amounts which are not deductible/(taxable) in calculating taxable income:				
Non-deductible expenditure	441	350	323	259
Non-assessable dividend income	-	-	(5,936)	(5,096)
Imputation credits	(335)	(276)	(3,812)	(3,811)
Adjustment for prior years	54	7	26	-
Tax exempt revenue	(879)	(1,311)	-	-
Other	(28)	(696)	-	(713)
<b>Income tax expense</b>	<b>32,727</b>	<b>26,257</b>	<b>19,244</b>	<b>15,160</b>
<b>c) Deferred tax expense recognised in other comprehensive income</b>				
Actuarial gains on defined benefit funds	826	4,249	826	4,075

\*Refer to note 2(g)

**d) Imputation credit balances**

SGHNZL ICA Group	90,044	84,776
Subsidiaries outside SGHNZL ICA Group	4,711	5,847
<b>Imputation credits available at the end of the year</b>	<b>94,755</b>	<b>90,623</b>

The Company together with its subsidiary Vero Liability Insurance Limited ("the Vero Tax Group") became members of the Suncorp Group Holdings (NZ) Limited (SGHNZL) consolidated imputation group with effect from 1 April 2010. The Vero Tax Group, along with the other members of the SGHNZL ICA Group have access to the accumulated imputation credits contained within that ICA Group.

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014	30 June 2013	30 June 2014	30 June 2013
<b>e) Current tax</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
Balance at the beginning of the year	(1,590)	(4,506)	5,852	5,721
Income tax paid/(refunded)	5,841	3,317	31	(359)
Current year tax on operating profit	(25,361)	(2,280)	(11,844)	10,467
Adjustment for prior years	330	335	21	(30)
Balance transferred on sale of subsidiary	-	(32)	-	-
Transfers between Group companies	1,777	1,576	(5,169)	(9,947)
<b>Current tax (liability)/asset at the end of the year</b>	<b>(19,003)</b>	<b>(1,590)</b>	<b>(11,109)</b>	<b>5,852</b>

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**f) Deferred Tax**

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income taxes relate to the same fiscal authority. The net deferred tax asset/ (liability) is detailed below:

	<b>Consolidated</b>		<b>Company</b>	
	<b>30 June 2014</b>	<b>30 June 2013 Restated*</b>	<b>30 June 2014</b>	<b>30 June 2013 Restated*</b>
	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
<b>Deferred tax assets are attributable to</b>				
Depreciable assets	4,674	5,062	3,809	3,734
Employee benefits	9,279	10,463	7,950	9,296
Trade creditors and other payables	2,077	3,149	1,638	2,400
Carried forward tax loss	-	4,900	-	4,900
Transferred on sale of subsidiary	-	(51)	-	-
<b>Deferred tax asset</b>	<b>16,030</b>	<b>23,523</b>	<b>13,397</b>	<b>20,330</b>
<b>Deferred tax liabilities are attributable to</b>				
Investments	(11)	(3)	(11)	(3)
Deferred acquisition costs	(31,694)	(30,554)	(26,307)	(25,000)
Risk Margins	(1,934)	(2,054)	-	-
<b>Deferred tax liability</b>	<b>(33,639)</b>	<b>(32,611)</b>	<b>(26,318)</b>	<b>(25,003)</b>
<b>Net deferred tax liability</b>	<b>(17,609)</b>	<b>(9,088)</b>	<b>(12,921)</b>	<b>(4,673)</b>
<b>Movements</b>				
<b>Deferred tax assets</b>				
Balance at the beginning of the year	23,523	51,338	20,330	48,156
Charged to profit or loss	(6,667)	(23,515)	(6,107)	(23,751)
Recognised in other comprehensive income	(826)	(4,249)	(826)	(4,075)
Transferred on sale of subsidiary	-	(51)	-	-
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>16,030</b>	<b>23,523</b>	<b>13,397</b>	<b>20,330</b>
<b>Deferred tax liability</b>				
Balance at the beginning of the year	(32,611)	(31,814)	(25,003)	(23,157)
Charged to profit or loss	(1,028)	(797)	(1,315)	(1,846)
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>(33,639)</b>	<b>(32,611)</b>	<b>(26,318)</b>	<b>(25,003)</b>

\*Refer to note 2(g)

**Tax losses carried forward**

Deferred income tax assets are recognised for tax losses carried forward to the extent that the realisation of the related tax benefit through future taxable profits is probable. At 30 June 2014 the Group and Company had nil tax losses available to be carried forward and offset against future taxable income (2013: \$17,500,000).

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12. Receivables

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014	30 June 2013	30 June 2014	30 June 2013
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
<b>Trade receivables</b>				
Premium due from policyholders and intermediaries	411,780	387,456	294,740	283,013
Amounts due from related parties (Note 31)	1,901	1,745	1,915	3,130
Prepaid expenses	274	1,353	204	1,265
Amounts due from reinsurers	69,956	103,136	72,464	106,811
GST Receivable	-	27,523	2,157	30,123
Provision for bad and doubtful debts	(8)	(32)	-	(26)
<b>Total trade receivables</b>	<b>483,903</b>	<b>521,181</b>	<b>371,480</b>	<b>424,316</b>
<b>Other current assets</b>				
Accrued income	6,563	8,749	4,917	6,986
Other assets	2,854	2,188	2,853	2,115
<b>Total other current assets</b>	<b>9,417</b>	<b>10,937</b>	<b>7,770</b>	<b>9,101</b>
<b>Total receivables</b>	<b>493,320</b>	<b>532,118</b>	<b>379,250</b>	<b>433,417</b>
Current	493,320	532,118	379,250	433,417
Non-current	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>493,320</b>	<b>532,118</b>	<b>379,250</b>	<b>433,417</b>
<b>Movements in for provision for bad and doubtful debts</b>				
Balance at the beginning of the year	32	61	26	26
Provision (released)/recognised during the year	(16)	94	(18)	123
Receivables written off during the year	(8)	(123)	(8)	(123)
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26</b>

13. Reinsurance and Other Recoveries

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014	30 June 2013	30 June 2014	30 June 2013
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Expected undiscounted outstanding reinsurance and other recoveries	1,192,078	2,015,639	1,158,744	1,995,114
Discount to present value	(91,612)	(132,258)	(88,921)	(133,054)
<b>Reinsurance and other recoveries receivable</b>	<b>1,100,466</b>	<b>1,883,381</b>	<b>1,069,823</b>	<b>1,862,060</b>
Current	564,871	740,357	549,142	691,259
Non-current	535,595	1,143,024	520,681	1,170,801
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,100,466</b>	<b>1,883,381</b>	<b>1,069,823</b>	<b>1,862,060</b>

Details of the uncertainties that exist in measuring reinsurance recoveries arising from the Canterbury earthquakes are explained in Note 23.

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**14. Deferred Reinsurance Premiums**

	<b>Consolidated</b>		<b>Company</b>	
	<b>30 June 2014</b>	<b>30 June 2013</b>	<b>30 June 2014</b>	<b>30 June 2013</b>
	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
Deferred reinsurance premiums at the beginning of the year	250,349	338,996	217,545	300,259
Reinsurance premium liability incurred	167,510	190,645	129,232	158,284
Reinsurance premium expensed during the year	(241,234)	(279,292)	(199,747)	(240,998)
<b>Deferred reinsurance premiums at the end of the year</b>	<b>176,625</b>	<b>250,349</b>	<b>147,030</b>	<b>217,545</b>

**15. Deferred Acquisition Costs**

	<b>Consolidated</b>		<b>Company</b>	
	<b>30 June 2014</b>	<b>30 June 2013</b>	<b>30 June 2014</b>	<b>30 June 2013</b>
	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
Deferred acquisition costs at the beginning of the year	109,119	104,267	89,286	82,705
Acquisition costs deferred	234,659	226,224	195,154	185,869
Amortisation charged to the profit and loss	(237,425)	(227,991)	(195,365)	(184,066)
Reinsurance commission recognised in the profit and loss	6,839	6,619	4,877	4,778
<b>Deferred acquisition costs at the end of the year</b>	<b>113,192</b>	<b>109,119</b>	<b>93,952</b>	<b>89,286</b>

**16. Financial Assets**

	<b>Consolidated</b>		<b>Company</b>	
	<b>30 June 2014</b>	<b>30 June 2013</b>	<b>30 June 2014</b>	<b>30 June 2013</b>
	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
<b>a) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>				
Discounted securities	333,943	247,393	254,668	186,585
Other fixed interest – corporate bonds	287,021	313,586	224,024	233,495
Government and local government securities	219,602	200,926	175,654	161,635
Unit trusts	103,976	99,535	-	-
Equities	240	210	240	210
<b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>944,782</b>	<b>861,650</b>	<b>654,586</b>	<b>581,925</b>
<b>b) Loans and receivables</b>				
Staff mortgages	66	72	66	72
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>944,848</b>	<b>861,722</b>	<b>654,652</b>	<b>581,997</b>

**(c) Fair Values**

All investments are initially recorded at fair value and are subsequently remeasured to fair value at each reporting date.

Investments traded in an active market are valued with reference to the closing quoted market price.

The significant majority of other investments are valued using independently sourced valuations that do not involve the exercise of judgement by management.

The Group classifies fair values of financial instruments using the following fair value hierarchy in order to reflect the significance of inputs used in their estimation:

- Level 1 – inputs that are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical financial instruments.
- Level 2 - inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the financial instruments, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 - inputs for the financial instruments that are not based on observable market data.

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<b>Consolidated</b>	<b>Carrying value</b>	<b>Fair value analysis</b>			<b>Total fair value</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>\$000</b>
Investment securities	945,343	321,227	624,116	-	945,343
Derivative financial liabilities	(495)	-	(495)	-	(495)
<b>Total</b>	<b>944,848</b>	<b>321,227</b>	<b>623,621</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>944,848</b>

<b>Consolidated</b>	<b>Carrying value</b>	<b>Fair value analysis</b>			<b>Total fair value</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>\$000</b>
Investment securities*	861,868	238,413	623,455	-	861,868
Derivative financial liabilities	(146)	-	(146)	-	(146)
<b>Total</b>	<b>861,722</b>	<b>238,413</b>	<b>623,309</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>861,722</b>

\* The fair value hierarchy of unit trust investments has been reclassified from Level 1 to Level 2 due to the investments not being traded in an active market.

<b>Company</b>	<b>Carrying value</b>	<b>Fair value analysis</b>			<b>Total fair value</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>\$000</b>
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Investment securities	655,147	252,825	402,322	-	655,147
Derivative financial liabilities	(495)	-	(495)	-	(495)
<b>Total</b>	<b>654,652</b>	<b>252,825</b>	<b>401,827</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>654,652</b>

<b>Company</b>	<b>Carrying value</b>	<b>Fair value analysis</b>			<b>Total fair value</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>\$000</b>
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Investment securities	582,143	186,520	395,623	-	582,143
Derivative financial liabilities	(146)	-	(146)	-	(146)
<b>Total</b>	<b>581,997</b>	<b>186,520</b>	<b>395,477</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>581,997</b>

The level 2 securities held by the Group represent investment securities and derivative assets/liabilities valued using a market comparison technique. For investment securities the fair value is calculated using observable inputs from a non active market for an identical security with the valuation reflecting the exit price for the security. For derivatives the fair value is based on broker quotes. Similar contracts are traded in an active market and the quotes reflect the actual transactions in similar instruments.

There have been no significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during the year ended 30 June 2014 or 30 June 2013 for the Group or the Company.

	<b>Consolidated</b>		<b>Company</b>	
	<b>30 June 2014</b>	<b>30 June 2013</b>	<b>30 June 2014</b>	<b>30 June 2013</b>
	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
<b>Level 3 movements</b>				
Balance at the beginning of the year	-	2,562	-	2,562
Settlements (units redeemed)	-	(2,562)	-	(2,562)
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

In the previous financial year the Company disposed of its investment in a parcel of mortgage backed bonds in one New Zealand residential mortgage structure. This bond was a private placement for which there was no active market pricing and was deemed to be level 3 for fair value disclosure purposes in the Financial Statements.



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**(c) Master netting or similar arrangements**

The Company is party to certain interest rate swap agreements with New Zealand based financial institutions which are settled on a net basis. The financial asset and liability positions under these contracts are offset within the Statements of Financial Position. The table below shows the impact of this offsetting:

2014	Consolidated and Company		
	Gross amounts	Offsetting applied	Net amount presented in the
	\$000	\$000	Statement of Financial Position \$000
<b>Financial Assets</b>			
Derivatives	4,045	(4,045)	-
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>			
Derivatives	4,540	(4,045)	495
2013	Consolidated and Company		
	Gross amounts	Offsetting applied	Net amount presented in the
	\$000	\$000	Statement of Financial Position \$000
<b>Financial Assets</b>			
Derivatives	2,869	(2,869)	-
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>			
Derivatives	3,015	(2,869)	146

**17. Property, Plant and Equipment**

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
	2014	2013	2014	2013
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
<b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b>				
At 1 July				
Cost	59,000	64,530	52,285	57,999
Accumulated depreciation	(47,104)	(51,665)	(43,246)	(48,589)
<b>Carrying amount at the beginning of the year</b>	<b>11,896</b>	<b>12,865</b>	<b>9,039</b>	<b>9,410</b>
Additions	3,032	4,319	2,560	3,572
Disposals	(3,321)	(9,700)	(3,081)	(9,293)
Transfers	-	-	-	7
Transferred on sale of subsidiary	-	(149)	-	-
Add back accumulated depreciation on assets sold/transferred	2,754	9,302	2,561	8,930
Depreciation expense	(4,474)	(4,741)	(3,383)	(3,587)
<b>Carrying amount at the end of the year</b>	<b>9,887</b>	<b>11,896</b>	<b>7,696</b>	<b>9,039</b>
At 30 June				
Cost	58,711	59,000	51,764	52,285
Accumulated depreciation	(48,824)	(47,104)	(44,068)	(43,246)
<b>Carrying amount at the end of the year</b>	<b>9,887</b>	<b>11,896</b>	<b>7,696</b>	<b>9,039</b>

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	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014 \$000	30 June 2013 \$000	30 June 2014 \$000	30 June 2013 \$000
<b>Computer Hardware</b>				
At 1 July				
Cost	19,787	23,953	18,443	22,537
Accumulated depreciation	(17,111)	(20,850)	(16,180)	(20,105)
<b>Carrying amount at the beginning of the year</b>	<b>2,676</b>	<b>3,103</b>	<b>2,263</b>	<b>2,432</b>
Additions	1,187	1,639	1,077	1,462
Disposals	(83)	(5,735)	(75)	(5,563)
Transfers	-	-	-	7
Transferred on sale of subsidiary	-	(70)	-	-
Add back accumulated depreciation on assets sold/transferred	83	5,673	71	5,496
Depreciation expense	(2,042)	(1,934)	(1,728)	(1,571)
<b>Carrying amount at the end of the year</b>	<b>1,821</b>	<b>2,676</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>2,263</b>
At 30 June				
Cost	20,891	19,787	19,445	18,443
Accumulated depreciation	(19,070)	(17,111)	(17,837)	(16,180)
<b>Carrying amount at the end of the year</b>	<b>1,821</b>	<b>2,676</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>2,263</b>

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014 \$000	30 June 2013 \$000	30 June 2014 \$000	30 June 2013 \$000
<b>Furniture, Fittings and Office Equipment</b>				
At 1 July				
Cost	15,416	17,451	13,331	15,322
Accumulated depreciation	(13,313)	(14,940)	(12,022)	(13,847)
<b>Carrying amount at the beginning of the year</b>	<b>2,103</b>	<b>2,511</b>	<b>1,309</b>	<b>1,475</b>
Additions	160	675	140	575
Disposals	(323)	(2,710)	(327)	(2,566)
Add back accumulated depreciation on assets sold	319	2,704	315	2,561
Depreciation expense	(714)	(1,077)	(404)	(736)
<b>Carrying amount at the end of the year</b>	<b>1,545</b>	<b>2,103</b>	<b>1,033</b>	<b>1,309</b>
At 30 June				
Cost	15,253	15,416	13,144	13,331
Accumulated depreciation	(13,708)	(13,313)	(12,111)	(12,022)
<b>Carrying amount at the end of the year</b>	<b>1,545</b>	<b>2,103</b>	<b>1,033</b>	<b>1,309</b>

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	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
<b>Leasehold Alterations</b>				
At 1 July				
Cost	16,340	16,144	14,412	14,523
Accumulated depreciation	(14,000)	(13,596)	(12,860)	(12,713)
<b>Carrying amount at the beginning of the year</b>	<b>2,340</b>	<b>2,548</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>1,810</b>
Additions	461	470	314	163
Disposals	(1,433)	(274)	(1,412)	(274)
Add back accumulated depreciation on assets sold	1,430	274	1,412	274
Depreciation expense	(641)	(678)	(367)	(421)
<b>Carrying amount at the end of the year</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>2,340</b>	<b>1,499</b>	<b>1,552</b>
At 30 June				
Cost	15,368	16,340	13,314	14,412
Accumulated depreciation	(13,211)	(14,000)	(11,815)	(12,860)
<b>Carrying amount at the end of the year</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>2,340</b>	<b>1,499</b>	<b>1,552</b>

	<b>Consolidated</b>		<b>Company</b>	
	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
<b>Motor Vehicles</b>				
At 1 July				
Cost	7,457	6,982	6,099	5,617
Accumulated depreciation	(2,680)	(2,279)	(2,184)	(1,924)
<b>Carrying amount at the beginning of the year</b>	<b>4,777</b>	<b>4,703</b>	<b>3,915</b>	<b>3,693</b>
Additions	1,224	1,535	1,029	1,372
Disposals	(1,482)	(981)	(1,267)	(890)
Transferred on sale of subsidiary	-	(79)	-	-
Add back accumulated depreciation on assets sold/transferred	922	651	763	599
Depreciation expense	(1,077)	(1,052)	(884)	(859)
<b>Carrying amount at the end of the year</b>	<b>4,364</b>	<b>4,777</b>	<b>3,556</b>	<b>3,915</b>
At 30 June				
Cost	7,199	7,457	5,861	6,099
Accumulated depreciation	(2,835)	(2,680)	(2,305)	(2,184)
<b>Carrying amount at the end of the year</b>	<b>4,364</b>	<b>4,777</b>	<b>3,556</b>	<b>3,915</b>

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18. Investment in Subsidiary Companies

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014 \$000	30 June 2013 \$000	30 June 2014 \$000	30 June 2013 \$000
Shares in subsidiary companies	-	-	37,586	37,586

The Company's investments in subsidiaries comprise shares held at cost. All entities are incorporated in New Zealand and have a balance date of 30 June.

		Consolidated		Company	
		2014 %	2013 %	2014 %	2013 %
<b>Trading subsidiaries</b>	<b>Principal Activity</b>				
AA Insurance Limited	General Insurance	68	68	68	68
Vero Liability Insurance Limited	General Insurance	100	100	100	100

In the prior year the Company sold its 72% shareholding in its subsidiary company Comprehensive Travel Insurance 2004 Limited which provided insurance agency services in respect of travel insurance underwritten by the Company.

As part of the sale agreement the Company ceased to underwrite new travel insurance business from 1 June 2013, subject to certain specified exceptions.

19. Intangible Assets

Intangible assets consist of two main components, goodwill and computer software. The value of the goodwill has been reviewed for impairment in accordance with NZ IAS 36 Impairment of Assets. Goodwill is deemed to have an indefinite useful life and has therefore not been amortised. Computer Software is deemed to have a finite life and is amortised at a rate of 20%-33% per annum on a straight line basis.

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014 \$000	30 June 2013 \$000	30 June 2014 \$000	30 June 2013 \$000
Goodwill	81,608	81,608	82,147	82,147
Computer software	3,414	3,326	3,414	3,311
<b>Total intangibles</b>	<b>85,022</b>	<b>84,934</b>	<b>85,561</b>	<b>85,458</b>

a) Goodwill

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014 \$000	30 June 2013 \$000	30 June 2014 \$000	30 June 2013 \$000
At 1 July				
Cost	94,869	97,077	95,345	95,345
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(13,261)	(13,308)	(13,198)	(13,198)
<b>Carrying amount at the beginning of the year</b>	<b>81,608</b>	<b>83,769</b>	<b>82,147</b>	<b>82,147</b>
Transferred on sale of subsidiary	-	(2,208)	-	-
Addback accumulated amortisation and impairment on sale of subsidiary	-	47	-	-
<b>Carrying amount at the end of the year</b>	<b>81,608</b>	<b>81,608</b>	<b>82,147</b>	<b>82,147</b>
At 30 June				
Cost	94,869	94,869	95,345	95,345
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(13,261)	(13,261)	(13,198)	(13,198)
<b>Carrying amount at the end of the year</b>	<b>81,608</b>	<b>81,608</b>	<b>82,147</b>	<b>82,147</b>

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**b) Impairment testing for cash-generating units containing goodwill**

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to significant cash generating units ("CGU") as outlined in the table below.

	<b>Consolidated</b>		<b>Company</b>	
	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
AA Insurance	13,235	13,235	13,410	13,410
AMP General	8,667	8,667	9,031	9,031
Autosure	59,706	59,706	59,706	59,706
<b>Carrying amount of goodwill</b>	<b>81,608</b>	<b>81,608</b>	<b>82,147</b>	<b>82,147</b>

The carrying amount of goodwill allocated to each CGU is compared to its recoverable amount determined based on a value-in-use basis and if the recoverable amount is lower, the asset is written down. For the year ended 30 June 2014, no impairment loss has been recognised (2013: nil).

Value in use was determined by discounting the future cash flows generated from the continuing use of these units and was based on the following key assumptions, for which the values have been obtained on the basis of past experience:

- Cash flows being projected from the financial forecasts prepared by the business units covering a three year period. Cash flows beyond the next three years are extrapolated using a constant growth rate of 1.5%-2.5% (2013: 1.5%-2.5%), which does not exceed the long-term average growth rate for the industry.
- Discount rate of 11.5% (2013: 10.6%).
- Investment income rates of 3.56%-5.35% for technical reserves and 3.84%-5.61% for shareholder funds (2013: 4.0%-5.25% for technical reserves and 5.0%-6.20% for shareholder funds).

At 30 June 2014, the recoverable amount of each CGU is in excess of its carrying amount and, as a result, no impairment loss has been recognised in the consolidated profit and loss. Based on information available and market conditions at 30 June 2014, a reasonably possible change to any of the key assumptions made in this assessment would not cause the CGU's recoverable amount to be less than its carrying amount.

**c) Capitalised Software Costs**

	<b>Consolidated</b>		<b>Company</b>	
	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
At 1 July				
Cost	31,825	30,247	30,167	28,589
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(28,499)	(25,714)	(26,856)	(24,396)
<b>Carrying amount at the beginning of the year</b>	<b>3,326</b>	<b>4,533</b>	<b>3,311</b>	<b>4,193</b>
Additions – internally developed	2,166	1,578	2,166	1,578
Amortisation charge	(2,078)	(2,785)	(2,063)	(2,460)
<b>Carrying amount at the end of the year</b>	<b>3,414</b>	<b>3,326</b>	<b>3,414</b>	<b>3,311</b>
At 30 June				
Cost	33,991	31,825	32,333	30,167
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(30,577)	(28,499)	(28,919)	(26,856)
<b>Carrying amount at the end of the year</b>	<b>3,414</b>	<b>3,326</b>	<b>3,414</b>	<b>3,311</b>

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**20. Payables**

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014	30 June 2013	30 June 2014	30 June 2013
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Trade creditors and accruals	61,918	68,526	55,832	58,212
Amounts due to reinsurers	171,227	242,093	145,359	214,533
Employee entitlements	22,905	23,611	15,398	16,384
Amounts due to related parties (Note 31)	10,882	1,588	13,576	6,450
<b>Total Payables</b>	<b>266,932</b>	<b>335,818</b>	<b>230,165</b>	<b>295,579</b>
Current	266,932	289,151	230,165	251,759
Non-current	-	46,667	-	43,820
<b>Total</b>	<b>266,932</b>	<b>335,818</b>	<b>230,165</b>	<b>295,579</b>

**21. Other Financial Liabilities**

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014	30 June 2013	30 June 2014	30 June 2013
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Revolving loan facility	-	-	-	-

The revolving loan facility relates to a \$100 million Australian dollar denominated loan facility provided by Suncorp-Metway Limited, a related party which was entered into during the current financial year. The facility was established to support large earthquake claims by providing a source of liquidity pending the receipt of the related reinsurance recoveries.

The facility has an initial term of 364 days with a maturity date on 10 February 2015. The Company has complied with all covenants under the facility during the year.

As at 30 June 2014, no amounts had been drawn down on the facility.

**22. Unearned Premium Liabilities**

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014	30 June 2013	30 June 2014	30 June 2013
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Unearned premium liabilities as at the beginning of the year	580,399	528,238	419,213	377,923
Deferral of premium on contracts written during the year	1,261,133	1,176,825	910,926	864,073
Earning of premiums deferred	(1,218,914)	(1,122,314)	(889,722)	(820,433)
Transfer to related entity	-	(2,350)	-	(2,350)
<b>Unearned premium liabilities as at the end of the year</b>	<b>622,618</b>	<b>580,399</b>	<b>440,417</b>	<b>419,213</b>

On 10 May 2013 the Company transferred a portfolio of policies to a related entity, Asteron Life Limited. These policies were deemed to be life policies under the Insurance (Prudential Supervision) Act 2010. The Company has no further liabilities that would be deemed to be life insurance.

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**23. Outstanding Claims Liabilities**

**a) Gross outstanding claims liabilities**

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014	30 June 2013	30 June 2014	30 June 2013
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Central estimate of outstanding claims liabilities	1,477,628	2,216,820	1,366,397	2,123,617
Discount to present value	(102,372)	(143,757)	(96,143)	(140,085)
Claim handling expenses	60,770	91,170	54,619	84,675
Risk margin	47,953	52,260	35,645	40,186
<b>Gross outstanding claims liabilities</b>	<b>1,483,979</b>	<b>2,216,493</b>	<b>1,360,518</b>	<b>2,108,393</b>
Current	814,037	930,356	740,558	868,533
Non-current	669,942	1,286,137	619,960	1,239,860
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,483,979</b>	<b>2,216,493</b>	<b>1,360,518</b>	<b>2,108,393</b>

There remains considerable uncertainty surrounding the measurement of gross claims liabilities and the related reinsurance recoveries for the Canterbury earthquakes. The uncertainty arises from a number of factors including; a lack of historical data; longer than normal claims development periods; the presence and frequency of aftershocks; the allocation of claim costs between events; inflation; complexities associated with determining key actuarial assumptions including the selection of a risk margin, discount rates and inflationary assumptions; clarification regarding EQC recoveries; and uncertainty surrounding applicable building standards.

At balance date gross outstanding claims liabilities for the Group and Company include \$1.16 billion and \$1.15 billion respectively (30 June 2013: \$1.92 billion Group and Company) which is the central estimate of outstanding claims liabilities arising from the Canterbury earthquakes, plus the net risk margin. The central estimate represents actuarial projections as at 30 June 2014 of what the Group and Company ultimately expects to pay, prior to receiving any reinsurance recoveries, in relation to these claims. The net risk margin represents additional provisions required to meet expected claim payments with a 90% probability of sufficiency. The actuarial projections are based on the known facts and circumstances and assumptions regarding future events and key variables as detailed in Note 5.

Given the nature and number of uncertainties associated with the Canterbury earthquakes, the actual claims experience may deviate, perhaps substantially, from the gross outstanding claims liabilities recorded as at 30 June 2014. Any changes to estimates will be recorded in the accounting period when they become known.

**b) Claims development tables**

The following tables show the development of undiscounted outstanding claims relative to the ultimate expected claims for the nine most recent accident years.

	Consolidated										
	Accident Year										
	Prior	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
<b>Estimate of ultimate claims cost</b>											
At end of accident year	109,801	28,755	28,432	27,665	28,685	24,487	173,474	44,976	27,182	27,867	27,867
One year later	107,181	24,879	22,660	28,695	27,109	19,450	201,947	46,117	26,550		26,550
Two years later	96,068	20,929	21,960	28,386	24,478	20,006	232,390	43,331			43,331
Three years later	94,331	18,793	21,118	27,373	24,553	21,530	279,700				279,700
Four years later	95,413	17,690	24,872	27,474	24,971	21,654					21,654
Five years later	97,489	19,976	23,807	28,840	24,760						24,760
Six years later	126,646	19,984	22,893	29,008							29,008
Seven years later	138,739	19,666	22,253								22,253
Eight years later	131,057	19,764									19,764
Nine years later	126,688										126,688
<b>Current estimate of ultimate claims costs</b>	<b>116,715</b>	<b>19,764</b>	<b>22,253</b>	<b>29,008</b>	<b>24,760</b>	<b>21,654</b>	<b>279,700</b>	<b>43,331</b>	<b>26,550</b>	<b>27,867</b>	<b>611,602</b>
<b>Cumulative payments</b>	<b>106,849</b>	<b>19,715</b>	<b>21,507</b>	<b>27,601</b>	<b>23,133</b>	<b>18,666</b>	<b>177,496</b>	<b>26,880</b>	<b>12,992</b>	<b>5,899</b>	<b>440,738</b>
<b>Outstanding claims liabilities - undiscounted</b>	<b>9,866</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>1,407</b>	<b>1,627</b>	<b>2,988</b>	<b>102,204</b>	<b>16,451</b>	<b>13,558</b>	<b>21,968</b>	<b>170,864</b>
Discount	(561)	(2)	(31)	(109)	(102)	(169)	(7,418)	(1,021)	(861)	(1,468)	(11,742)
<b>Outstanding claims - long-tail</b>	<b>9,305</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>1,298</b>	<b>1,525</b>	<b>2,819</b>	<b>94,786</b>	<b>15,430</b>	<b>12,697</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>159,122</b>
Outstanding claims - short-tail											152,113
Claims handling expense											24,325
Risk margin											47,953
<b>Total net outstanding claims liability</b>											<b>383,513</b>
Reinsurance recoveries on outstanding claims liability and other recoveries											1,100,466
<b>Total gross outstanding claims liability</b>											<b>1,483,979</b>

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	Company										
	Accident Year										Total
	Prior \$000	2006 \$000	2007 \$000	2008 \$000	2009 \$000	2010 \$000	2011 \$000	2012 \$000	2013 \$000	2014 \$000	\$000
<b>Estimate of ultimate claims cost</b>											
At end of accident year	66,595	8,553	4,740	9,585	7,554	6,022	146,243	23,465	7,821	8,929	8,929
One year later	66,595	8,056	5,694	11,040	6,556	5,185	174,381	23,827	5,972		5,972
Two years later	66,605	7,686	7,180	10,287	6,035	5,344	201,918	19,327			19,327
Three years later	69,183	7,670	7,628	10,097	5,818	5,232	242,341				242,341
Four years later	71,064	7,539	10,950	9,835	5,831	5,115					5,115
Five years later	73,456	7,584	10,427	9,929	5,999						5,999
Six years later	103,157	7,911	9,557	10,056							10,056
Seven years later	114,649	7,912	9,262								9,262
Eight years later	107,210	7,912									7,912
Nine years later	102,578										102,578
<b>Current estimate of ultimate claims costs</b>	92,291	7,912	9,262	10,056	5,999	5,115	242,341	19,327	5,972	8,929	<b>407,204</b>
Cumulative payments	82,471	7,912	9,014	10,028	5,964	4,962	152,903	11,710	3,409	2,712	291,085
<b>Outstanding claims liabilities - undiscounted</b>	9,820	-	248	28	35	153	89,438	7,617	2,563	6,217	<b>116,119</b>
Discount	(559)	-	(7)	(1)	(1)	(4)	(6,548)	(441)	(71)	(239)	(7,871)
<b>Outstanding claims - long-tail</b>	9,261	-	241	27	34	149	82,890	7,176	2,492	5,978	<b>108,248</b>
Outstanding claims - short-tail											128,629
Claims handling expense											18,173
Risk margin											35,645
<b>Total net outstanding claims liability</b>											<b>290,695</b>
Reinsurance recoveries on outstanding claims liability and other recoveries											1,069,823
<b>Total gross outstanding claims liability</b>											<b>1,360,518</b>

The claims development tables discloses amounts net of reinsurance and third party recoveries to give the most meaningful insight into the impact on profit or loss. Short-tail claims are disclosed separately as they are generally subject to less uncertainty since they are normally reported soon after the incident and are generally settled within 12 months following the reported incident.

**c) Reconciliation of movement in net discounted outstanding claims liabilities**

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014 \$000	30 June 2013 \$000	30 June 2014 \$000	30 June 2013 \$000
<b>Balance as at the beginning of the year</b>	<b>333,112</b>	<b>298,451</b>	<b>246,333</b>	<b>217,573</b>
<b>Prior Years</b>				
Payments net of reinsurance recoveries	(162,824)	(127,722)	(116,172)	(87,563)
Movement in discounting	9,423	7,994	6,966	6,003
Margin release on prior years	(23,274)	(23,768)	(16,241)	(17,071)
Incurred claims due to changes in assumptions and experience	43,353	22,851	28,133	15,811
Change in discount rate	(3,864)	(2,714)	(2,749)	(2,204)
Change in claims handling expense rate	(151)	595	(151)	507
Movement in risk margins	-	(1,822)	-	(1,572)
<b>Current Year</b>				
Net ultimate incurred costs	538,852	478,278	367,026	317,182
Payments net of reinsurance recoveries	(351,114)	(319,031)	(222,450)	(202,333)
<b>Balance as at the end of the year</b>	<b>383,513</b>	<b>333,112</b>	<b>290,695</b>	<b>246,333</b>
<b>Outstanding reinsurance and other recoveries (Note 13)</b>	<b>1,100,466</b>	<b>1,883,381</b>	<b>1,069,823</b>	<b>1,862,060</b>
<b>Gross outstanding claims liabilities</b>	<b>1,483,979</b>	<b>2,216,493</b>	<b>1,360,518</b>	<b>2,108,393</b>



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**24. Superannuation Commitments**

The Group participates in three defined benefit superannuation funds which provide benefits to members on retirement, disability or death. All defined benefit funds are now closed to new members, with new employees now being given membership of a defined contribution fund.

(a) *Deficit position*

The following tables summarises the deficit position for each defined benefit fund.

Consolidated	30 June 2014			30 June 2013		
	Surplus	Deficit	Net	Surplus	Restated* Deficit	Net
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Vero & Asteron New Zealand Staff Pension Scheme	-	(7,979)	(7,979)	-	(10,197)	(10,197)
RIG Superannuation Fund	-	(1,923)	(1,923)	-	(2,902)	(2,902)
Commercial Union General Insurance Staff Pension Scheme	-	(646)	(646)	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(10,548)</b>	<b>(10,548)</b>	-	<b>(14,099)</b>	<b>(14,099)</b>

Company	30 June 2014			30 June 2013		
	Surplus	Deficit	Net	Surplus	Restated* Deficit	Net
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Vero & Asteron New Zealand Staff Pension Scheme	-	(8,567)	(8,567)	-	(10,760)	(10,760)
RIG Superannuation Fund	-	(1,923)	(1,923)	-	(2,902)	(2,902)
Commercial Union General Insurance Staff Pension Scheme	-	(646)	(646)	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>(11,136)</b>	<b>(11,136)</b>	-	<b>(14,662)</b>	<b>(14,662)</b>

\* Refer Note 2(g)

The characteristics of the defined benefit funds and their associated risks are summarised as follows:

- Members receive regular pension payments or deferred pension payments. The amount of pension payable upon retirement of active members is determined based on final pensionable salary and pensionable service. Partial or full commutation of the pension may be allowed.
- The Superannuation Schemes Act 1989 governs the superannuation industry and provides the framework within which superannuation schemes operate. The Act requires an actuarial valuation to be performed for each defined benefit superannuation scheme at least every three years.
- The Trustees of each scheme are responsible for the governance of the scheme. The Trustees have a legal obligation to act solely in the best interests of fund beneficiaries. The Trustees have the following roles:
  - Administration of the fund and payment to the beneficiaries from scheme assets when required in accordance with the scheme rules;
  - Management and investment of the scheme assets; and
  - Compliance with superannuation law and other applicable regulations.
- The Financial Markets Authority licenses and supervises regulated superannuation schemes.
- There are a number of risks to which each scheme exposes the Group. The more significant risks relating to the defined benefits are:
  - Investment risk – The risk that investment returns will be lower than assumed and the Group will need to increase contributions to offset this shortfall.
  - Mortality risk – The risk that the members of the scheme will live longer than assumed, increasing the number of pension payments and thereby requiring additional company contributions.
  - Legislative risk – The risk is that legislative changes could be made which increase the cost of providing the defined benefits.
- Other Suncorp Group entities participate in the funds, the amounts included in these financial statements relate to the Group's share in relation to the members that are attributable to the Group. The Group is not liable for any deficits or contributions attributable to other Suncorp Group entities.
- There were no fund amendments or curtailments during the year. The Commercial Union General Insurance Staff Pension Scheme made a cash offer to pensioners during the year with payments under the offer being treated as a settlement.

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(b) *Present value of defined benefit fund*

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014 \$000	30 June 2013 \$000	30 June 2014 \$000	30 June 2013 \$000
Fair value of fund assets at the end of the year	63,045	62,326	61,698	61,054
Defined benefit obligations at the end of the year	(70,112)	(71,772)	(69,159)	(70,877)
Adjustment for contributions tax	(3,481)	(4,653)	(3,675)	(4,839)
<b>Net liability recognised in the Statements of Financial Position</b>	<b>(10,548)</b>	<b>(14,099)</b>	<b>(11,136)</b>	<b>(14,662)</b>

The value of assets and liabilities shown above are the combined values of the three funds.

(c) *Reconciliation of movements*

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014 \$000	30 June 2013 \$000	30 June 2014 \$000	30 June 2013 \$000
<b>Changes in the fair value of plan assets</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
Balance at the beginning of the year	62,326	60,292	61,054	58,608
Interest Income	2,683	1,999	2,623	1,941
Actual return on plan assets less interest income	2,117	4,076	2,140	4,232
Contributions by Group companies	1,552	1,599	1,477	1,530
Contributions by plan participants	15	23	15	23
Benefits paid	(4,363)	(5,354)	(4,337)	(4,982)
Settlements	(1,017)	-	(1,017)	-
Premiums and expenses paid	(268)	(309)	(257)	(298)
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>63,045</b>	<b>62,326</b>	<b>61,698</b>	<b>61,054</b>

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014 \$000	30 June 2013 \$000	30 June 2014 \$000	30 June 2013 \$000
<b>Changes in the present value of defined benefit fund obligations</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
Balance at the beginning of the year	(71,772)	(79,661)	(70,877)	(77,940)
Current service cost	(881)	(1,208)	(854)	(1,138)
Interest expense	(3,079)	(2,631)	(3,038)	(2,573)
Contributions by plan participants	(15)	(23)	(15)	(23)
Actuarial gains arising from changes in demographic assumptions	-	(4,838)	-	(4,770)
Actuarial (gains)/losses arising from changes in financial position	(163)	11,113	(153)	10,881
Actuarial gains arising from liability experience	(28)	(187)	(11)	(594)
Benefits paid	4,363	5,354	4,337	4,982
Settlements	1,195	-	1,195	-
Premiums and expenses paid	268	309	257	298
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>(70,112)</b>	<b>(71,772)</b>	<b>(69,159)</b>	<b>(70,877)</b>

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(d) *Categories of plan assets*

Major categories of plan assets as a percentage of total fund assets	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014	30 June 2013	30 June 2014	30 June 2013
	%	%	%	%
Equity	33.9	40.7	34.0	40.7
Fixed Income	36.3	40.7	36.3	40.7
Other	16.9	12.7	16.8	12.6
Cash	12.9	5.9	12.9	6.0
	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

The table above reflects the aggregate assets of the three defined benefit plans the Group participates in.

A review of the strategic asset allocation is undertaken every two years with the last review being completed in 2013. The strategic asset allocation is implemented via investment mandates with external fund managers which sets a target weighting across asset classes as well as benchmark return objectives.

(e) *Principal actuarial assumptions*

The principal actuarial assumptions used in the valuation of the defined benefit funds are as follows:

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014	30 June 2013	30 June 2014	30 June 2013
	%	%	%	%
Discount rate	4.30-4.65	4.26-4.70	4.30-4.65	4.26-4.70
Future salary increases	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5

Mortality assumptions are based on the New Zealand Life Tables 2010-2012 with a one year age setback and an age related future mortality improvement scale, starting from 2011 (the mid-point of the period on which the base Life Table was produced). A one year offset is used to reflect the lower mortality expected of pensioners relative to the overall New Zealand population.

The weighted average duration (in years) of each of the defined benefit funds obligation is:

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014	30 June 2013	30 June 2014	30 June 2013
Vero & Asteron New Zealand Staff Pensions Scheme	13	15	13	15
RIG Superannuation Fund	9	10	9	10
Commercial Union General Insurance Staff Pension Scheme	8	10	8	10

(f) *Sensitivity Analysis*

Reasonably possible changes at the reporting date to one of the relevant actuarial assumptions, holding all other assumptions constant, would have affected the aggregate defined benefit obligation by the amounts shown below:

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014	30 June 2014	30 June 2014	30 June 2014
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Discount rate movement (100 basis points)	(7,208)	9,338	(7,068)	9,132
Future salary increases (100 basis points)	1,603	(1,478)	1,539	(1,422)
One year movement in life expectancy	1,816	(1,890)	1,799	(1,869)

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(g) Funding

The objective of funding is to ensure that the benefit entitlements of members and other beneficiaries are fully funded by the time they become payable. The funding requirements are based on an actuarial valuation performed for each defined benefit superannuation fund at least once every three years. The actuarial valuations for funding purposes prepared under applicable actuarial standards are different to the actuarial valuations prepared in accordance with accounting standards. Assumptions used in actuarial valuations for funding purposes may also be different to those described in note 24(e) above.

For the Vero & Asteron New Zealand Staff Pension Scheme other Suncorp Group entities participate in the plan. The Group's share of the \$950,000 lump sum is apportioned based on the members in the scheme attributable to Group.

Actuarial recommendation of the employer contribution rates are:

Vero & Asteron New Zealand Staff Pension Scheme	20% of pensionable salaries plus attributable share of \$950,000
RIG Superannuation Fund	\$350,000
Commercial Union General Insurance Staff Pension Scheme	nil

The Group intends to contribute \$2,006,000 to the defined benefit funds in the financial year ending 30 June 2015 in line with the actuaries' latest recommendations.

**25. Share Capital**

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014	30 June 2014	30 June 2013	30 June 2013
	Shares No. (000)	Shares \$000	Shares No. (000)	Shares \$000
Issued and fully paid ordinary shares	184,688	270,509	184,688	270,509
Shareholder contribution under employee share plans	-	5,656	-	5,431
<b>Total share capital</b>	<b>184,688</b>	<b>276,165</b>	<b>184,688</b>	<b>275,940</b>

The Company does not have authorised capital or par value in respect of its issued shares. All shares are fully paid.

As at 30 June 2014, the Company had 184,687,954 ordinary shares with no par value issued to Suncorp Group Holdings (NZ) Limited (2013: 184,687,954). All shares rank equally with one vote attached to each fully paid ordinary share.

	30 June 2014	30 June 2014	30 June 2013	30 June 2013
	Shares No. (000)	Shares \$000	Shares No. (000)	Shares \$000
<b>Movements in shareholder contributions under employee share plans</b>				
Balance at the beginning of the year	184,688	5,431	184,688	5,057
Contributions under Executive Performance Share Plan	-	225	-	374
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>184,688</b>	<b>5,656</b>	<b>184,688</b>	<b>5,431</b>

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**26. Reconciliation of Net Profit for the Year to the Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities**

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014	30 June 2013 Restated*	30 June 2014	30 June 2013 Restated*
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Net profit after income tax	86,824	74,397	83,052	72,413
Movement in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	9,390	(1,299)	14,200	4,522
Depreciation and amortisation	6,552	7,526	5,446	6,047
(Profit)/loss on disposal of plant and equipment	(1)	(57)	15	(71)
Gain on sale of subsidiary	-	(1,893)	-	(2,545)
Amortisation of share based payments	225	374	225	374
Net movement in defined benefit funds	2,050	10,922	2,125	10,477
Net assets of subsidiary at time of sale	-	1,283	*	-
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities</i>				
Decrease/(increase) in receivables	37,278	(30,618)	52,836	(26,801)
Decrease/(increase) in other current assets	1,520	(3,100)	1,331	(2,573)
Decrease in reinsurance and other recoveries	782,915	866,882	792,237	866,866
Decrease in deferred reinsurance premiums	73,724	88,647	70,515	82,714
Increase in deferred acquisition costs	(4,073)	(4,852)	(4,666)	(6,581)
Decrease/(increase) in taxation receivable	-	-	5,852	(131)
Decreases in net deferred tax assets	-	19,254	-	24,999
Decrease in payables	(68,886)	(100,335)	(65,414)	(89,720)
Adjustment for outstanding dividend payment	(8,934)	-	(8,934)	-
Increase in unearned premium liabilities	42,219	52,161	21,204	41,290
Decrease in outstanding claims liabilities	(732,514)	(832,221)	(747,875)	(838,106)
Decrease in superannuation commitments	(3,551)	(14,810)	(3,526)	(14,192)
Increase in net deferred tax liabilities	8,521	9,088	8,248	4,673
Increase/(decrease) in taxation payable	17,413	(2,916)	11,109	-
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	<b>250,672</b>	<b>138,703</b>	<b>237,980</b>	<b>133,655</b>

\*Refer to note 2(g)

**27. Share Based Payments**

Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Suncorp Group Holdings (NZ) Limited, with the ultimate parent being Suncorp Group Limited ("SGL"). Eligible employees of the Group have the right to participate in the SGL share plans. Shares offered in these share plans are granted by SGL over its own shares to employees of SGL subsidiaries.

The structure of the employee equity plans was redesigned and approved by the SGL Board in August 2013. As a result of the redesign, the following changes were made:

- A new Umbrella Share Plan was established – the Suncorp Group Employee Incentive Plan (**SGEIP**) – which now includes the Long Term Incentive (Performance Rights) (**LTI**). This new LTI replaces the former Executive Performance Share Plan (**EPSP**), however unvested EPSP awards remain unchanged; and
- The former EPSP was amended and renamed the Suncorp Group Limited Employee Share Plan (SGL ESP). The amendments now enable restricted shares (for senior employees below Executive level) and tax exempt shares (formerly awarded under the Exempt Employee Share Plan (**EESP**)) to be granted under this plan.

Shares required for the equity plans are acquired by a special purpose trustee and/or custodial companies in ordinary trading on the Australian Securities Exchange.

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Features of the plans currently in operation which the employees of the Group participate in are set out below:

Equity Plans	SGEIP (from October 2013) and the former EPSP (prior to October 2013)	SGL ESP (restricted shares)	SGL ESP (tax exempt) and the former EESP	Deferred Employee Share Plan (DESP)
Method of settlement	Equity-settled. Cash-settled in limited circumstances as elected by the SGL Board.	Equity-settled	Equity-settled	Equity-settled
Eligible plan participant	Executives	Employees in senior roles below Executive level that satisfy the eligibility criteria.	Employees not eligible for LTI awards.	Employees can elect to participate.
Basis of share grant	Value of shares granted (offered) is determined by the SGL Board based on the executive's level of remuneration and individual performance.	Value of restricted shares granted (offered) is determined by the SGL Board based on the executive's remuneration and individual performance.	Market value of shares up to AUD 1,000 per employee per year may be granted by the SGL Board based on the Suncorp Group's overall performance.	Employees to fund the acquisition of shares to be held under this Plan from their pre-tax remuneration up to a maximum value of \$5,000.
Vesting	Subject to satisfaction of performance criteria over the performance period.	Subject to remaining in employment with the Suncorp Group until the vesting date and not having given notice of intention to resign.	Fully vested, not subject to forfeiture.	As the acquisition of shares is funded through the employee or non-executive director's remuneration, the shares are fully vested at the date of acquisition.
Performance criteria	Refer to the performance criteria for the Executive LTI plans in the table below.	None	None	None
Minimum holding period	None after shares are vested.	None after shares are vested	Earlier of three years or upon cessation of employment.	
Plan maximum limit	Shares can only be granted or issued under the plans if the number to be granted or issued will not exceed 5% of SGL's total shares on issue when aggregated with the number of shares granted or issued during the previous five years for all share plans operated by SGL.			
Dividend entitlements	Vested shares carry full entitlement to dividend from the grant date (less any taxes paid by the Plan Trustee in respect of such dividends).		Full entitlement from when the shares are allocated to the participating employee and held in the Plan.	Full entitlement to dividend from when the shares are acquired and held in the Plan.
Voting rights	Voting rights are held by the Plan Trustee until shares are vested.		Participating employees have the right to vote from when the shares are allocated to them in the Plan.	Participating employees and non-executive directors have the right to vote from when the shares are acquired and held in the Plan.

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**Performance criteria for the Long Term Incentive Plan (Performance Rights) and EPSP ('Executive LTI plans')**

Grant date	EPSP 1 October 2008 – 3 May 2010	EPSP From 1 October 2010 and LTI From 1 October 2013										
Performance criteria	The criteria is based on total shareholder returns (TSR) achieved by the SGL over a performance period relative to the TSR of a comparator group.											
Comparator group	Top 50 Industrial companies in the S&P/ASX 100, excluding listed property trusts.	Top 50 Industrial companies in the S&P/ASX 100, excluding mining companies and listed property trusts.										
Performance results and vesting rules	<p>Shares granted under this plan will vest and allocated based on the SGL's TSR performance results:</p> <table><tr><th>SGL performance (TSR percentile ranking)</th><th>% of shares available for vesting and allocation</th></tr><tr><td>&lt; 50<sup>th</sup> percentile</td><td>Nil</td></tr><tr><td>50<sup>th</sup> percentile</td><td>50%</td></tr><tr><td>&gt; 50<sup>th</sup> but &lt; 75<sup>th</sup> percentile</td><td>an additional 2% of the shares will vest for each 1% increase (on a straight line basis) in the SGL's TSR ranking above the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile</td></tr><tr><td>75<sup>th</sup> percentile or above</td><td>100%</td></tr></table>		SGL performance (TSR percentile ranking)	% of shares available for vesting and allocation	< 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Nil	50 <sup>th</sup> percentile	50%	> 50 <sup>th</sup> but < 75 <sup>th</sup> percentile	an additional 2% of the shares will vest for each 1% increase (on a straight line basis) in the SGL's TSR ranking above the 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile	75 <sup>th</sup> percentile or above	100%
SGL performance (TSR percentile ranking)	% of shares available for vesting and allocation											
< 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile	Nil											
50 <sup>th</sup> percentile	50%											
> 50 <sup>th</sup> but < 75 <sup>th</sup> percentile	an additional 2% of the shares will vest for each 1% increase (on a straight line basis) in the SGL's TSR ranking above the 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile											
75 <sup>th</sup> percentile or above	100%											
Initial performance period	The initial performance period commences on the grant date and ends on the initial vesting date which is generally three years after the grant date.											
At initial vesting date	The executive has the right to elect to receive an allocation of shares, based on the performance result described above, or extend the performance period a further two years. If the executive elects to accept the year three performance result, any shares subject to that same offer that are not allocated are forfeited.	Shares are vested and allocated based on the performance result described above. Any shares offered that are not allocated are forfeited. No extension of performance period is permitted.										
During the extended performance period (Period from the initial vesting date to the end of the extended performance period (generally at the end of year five))	Performance measurements are undertaken during the extended performance period on a six monthly basis. Executives electing to extend the performance period waive their right to make any further election in regard to acceptance of a performance result (and therefore cannot have shares allocated) until the end of year five. The executives' entitlement to an allocation of shares at the end of year five will be based on the highest performance measurement result recorded at any of the prescribed performance measurement points over the extended performance period. Shares not allocated at the end of the extended performance period are forfeited.	Not applicable.										

During the year ended 30 June 2014, there was a \$1,050,740 charge for the Group and a \$1,015,430 charge for the Company in relation to 2014 SGESP/EESP grants (2013: Group \$584,835, Company \$556,260). The amount included in the profit and loss in relation to the deferred ordinary shares allocated under SGL ESP/EPSP for the year ended 30 June 2014 is \$190,193 for the Group and Company (2013: Group \$373,813, Company \$362,027). The amount included in the profit and loss in relation to the deferred ordinary shares allocated under DESP for the year ended 30 June 2014 is \$34,792 for the Group and Company (2013: nil).

Suncorp Group Limited granted to each eligible employee its ordinary shares to the value of AUD 1,000 under the SGL ESP for the year ended 30 June 2014 (2013: AUD 1,000). These shares will be acquired on-market for allocation to employees by the share plan in October 2014.

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**28. Investment in Associate Companies**

	Consolidated and Company			
	Ownership			
	30 June 2014	30 June 2014	30 June 2013	30 June 2013
	%	\$000	%	\$000
AA Warranty Limited	-	-	50	-

During the year, the Company's interest in AA Warranty Limited was sold to the other shareholder, the New Zealand Automobile Association Limited.

**29. Contingent Liabilities**

There were no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2014.

At 30 June 2013 the Suncorp New Zealand Group ("Suncorp NZ Group") had potential exposures in relation to certain historical taxation matters. The Commissioner of Inland Revenue issued a Statement of Position, putting forward two different scenarios which provided for materially different outcomes, in respect of a transaction to which the Suncorp NZ Group was party to in prior years. The quantum proposed by the Commissioner ranged from \$3.9 million to \$17.0 million depending on the scenario, to which the Suncorp NZ Group estimated a further \$3.5m would be added for use of money interest.

The Suncorp NZ Group continued to dispute this matter, and having obtained appropriate, legal and other relevant professional advice replied to the Commissioner of Inland Revenue with its own Statement of Position. While the Commissioner had issued an amended assessment in respect of one of the income years in dispute, this assessment was deferred, subject to consideration of the dispute by the Inland Revenue Disputes Review Unit (previously known as the Inland Revenue Adjudication Unit).

As a consequence of the disputed transactions the Company as representative entity for the Vero Tax Group, a tax consolidated group for income tax purposes consisting of the Company and its subsidiary Vero Liability Insurance Limited, had also been issued an amended assessment in respect of the 2006 income year. This amended assessment in the sum of \$1.9m was deferred by the Commissioner until such time as a decision is received from the Inland Revenue Disputes Review Unit.

The reason for the inclusion of the Vero Tax Group in the Commissioner's proposed amendments was due to the potential inability, if the Commissioner is successful, of the Vero Tax Group to have claimed the full value of subvention payments made to its parent entity, Suncorp Group Holdings (NZ) Limited, during the income years in dispute. A total of \$12.3m in primary tax and \$3.5m of use of money interest was estimated to be the maximum liability that could be imposed.

Suncorp Group Holdings (NZ) Limited had provided an indemnity to the Company in respect of any additional income tax liability, use of money interest or other costs and expenses associated with the disputed transactions as they may effect the Vero Tax Group. It is the intention that upon finalisation of the settlement with the Commissioner the indemnity provided to the Company will be terminated.

The dispute was settled by Suncorp Group Holdings (NZ) Limited in the current financial year on mutually agreeable terms with the Commissioner, there was no financial impact for the Company in respect of this settlement.

**30. Commitments for Expenditure**

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014	30 June 2013	30 June 2014	30 June 2013
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
<b>Lease commitments</b>				
Commitments for minimum lease payments in relation to non-cancellable operating leases are payable as follows:				
Within one year	11,017	11,003	7,462	7,190
Later than one year but not later than 5 years	26,206	34,614	16,523	23,428
Later than 5 years	77	3,043	-	56
<b>Non cancellable operating leases</b>	<b>37,300</b>	<b>48,660</b>	<b>23,985</b>	<b>30,674</b>

The Group leases a number of commercial office premises and car parks throughout New Zealand with varying lease terms of up to 12 years from the date of inception with periodic rent reviews.



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**31. Related Parties**

**a) Controlling entities**

Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Suncorp Group Holdings (NZ) Limited. The ultimate parent entity of the Company is Suncorp Group Limited, a company incorporated in Australia

All members of the Suncorp Group are considered to be related parties of the Group and Company. This includes the subsidiaries of Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited identified in Note 18.

**b) Transactions and balances**

Suncorp Group arranges reinsurance contracts with third parties on behalf of the Company and these transactions and balances have been included within the reinsurance transactions and balances recorded in the normal course of business.

Relationship	Nature of Transaction	Consolidated		Company	
		30 June 2014	30 June 2013	30 June 2014	30 June 2013
		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Parent Company	-Dividend paid	(152,000)	-	(152,000)	-
	-Group tax loss offset	-	(10)	-	-
Subsidiary	-Accounting and administration fees	-	-	9,053	10,055
	-Premiums received	-	-	8,306	3,687
	-Dividend received	-	-	34,800	31,800
	-Group tax loss offset	-	-	5,169	9,942
	-Services rendered	-	-	-	(1,548)
	-Premiums paid	-	-	-	(238)
	-Reinsurance recoveries paid	-	-	(94,673)	(66,729)
	-Profit share paid	-	-	-	(49)
Subsidiary of Ultimate Parent	-Accounting and administration fees	3,296	1,533	3,295	1,543
	-Services rendered	75	75	75	75
	-Premiums received	180	1,573	165	1,573
	-Accounting, administration fees and recharges	(20,834)	(15,308)	(20,490)	(14,587)
	- Premiums paid	(340)	(16,507)	(239)	(16,437)
	-Investment management fees	(377)	(351)	(309)	(282)
	-Establishment and facility fees	(292)	-	(292)	-
	-Group tax loss offset	(1,778)	(1,566)	-	5
	-Reinsurance recoveries received	-	16,507	-	16,507
	-Transfer of policies	-	(2,053)	-	(2,053)
	-Forward foreign exchange contract settlement	(92,949)	-	(92,949)	-
Other Related Parties	-Management fees	(2,316)	(2,013)	(250)	-

Aggregate amounts receivable from or payable to and principal transactions with related parties in the Suncorp Group were as follows:

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014	30 June 2013	30 June 2014	30 June 2013
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
<b>Amounts due from related parties:</b>				
Subsidiary	-	-	-	1,377
Subsidiary of Ultimate Parent	1,901	1,745	1,915	1,753
<b>Total amounts due from related parties (Note 12)</b>	<b>1,901</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>1,915</b>	<b>3,130</b>

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	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014	30 June 2013	30 June 2014	30 June 2013
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
<b>Amounts due to related parties:</b>				
Parent	8,934	-	8,934	-
Subsidiary	-	-	3,834	5,960
Subsidiary of Ultimate Parent	807	488	808	490
Other Related Party	1,141	1,100	-	-
<b>Total amounts due to related parties (Note 20)</b>	<b>10,882</b>	<b>1,588</b>	<b>13,576</b>	<b>6,450</b>

All balances are unsecured, non-interest bearing and repayable on demand in the local currency.

**c) Key management personnel**

Key Management Personnel ("KMP") are those persons who have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, directly and indirectly. KMP include all directors of the Company (executive and non-executive) as well as Senior Executives who report to the CEO. G T Ricketts and P J R Snowball are remunerated directly by Suncorp Group.

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014	30 June 2013	30 June 2014	30 June 2013
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Short-term employee benefits	9,514	8,991	5,239	4,837
Post employment benefits	182	161	182	161
Long-term benefits	826	331	615	326
Termination benefits	1,323	348	1,323	348
Share based payment	422	467	422	467
<b>Total Compensation</b>	<b>12,267</b>	<b>10,298</b>	<b>7,781</b>	<b>6,139</b>

**32. Auditor's Remuneration**

	Consolidated		Company	
	30 June 2014	30 June 2013	30 June 2014	30 June 2013
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
During the year the auditor of the Company was paid for the following services:				
<b>Audit fees</b>				
-Audit of annual accounts of the Company	611	612	611	612
-Audit of annual accounts of the Company's subsidiaries	232	228	-	-
<b>Non-Audit fees</b>				
-Agreed upon procedures work	252	369	136	187
<b>Total auditor's remuneration</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>1,209</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>799</b>

Other fees paid to the auditor include work on the Solvency Returns and other agreed upon procedures engagements.

**33. Segment Reporting**

The Group has a mix of intermediated (through a broker) and direct business within the general insurance industry. The Group operates predominantly throughout New Zealand.

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**34. Credit Rating**

The Company and its general insurance subsidiaries have the following Standard & Poor's ratings which provide an indication of their ability to pay current and future claims.

Company	Credit Rating	
	2014	2013
Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited	A+	A+
Vero Liability Insurance Limited	A+	A+
AA Insurance Limited	A+	A+

**35. Capital Adequacy**

**(a) Capital management policies and objectives**

The capital management strategy of Suncorp Group Limited and its subsidiaries (the "Suncorp Group") is to optimise shareholder value by managing the level, mix and use of capital resources. The main objectives are to support the Suncorp Group's credit rating, ensure sufficient capital resources to maintain the business and operational requirements, retain sufficient capital to exceed externally imposed capital requirements, and ensure the Suncorp Group's ability to continue as a going concern. The Suncorp Group's capital policy is to hold all surplus capital in Suncorp Group Limited as it is the holding company of the Suncorp Group, whilst keeping the subsidiaries well capitalised.

With the implementation of the Insurance (Prudential Supervision) Act 2010 ("the Act") all general insurance entities carrying on insurance business in New Zealand are required to be licensed by the Reserve Bank of New Zealand ("RBNZ"). The Company and its two general insurance subsidiaries Vero Liability Insurance Limited and AA Insurance Limited were granted full licences in the previous financial year. All three companies are now managing their capital in accordance with the requirements of the Act and the Solvency Standard for Non-life Insurance Business ("the solvency standard") issued by the RBNZ.

The Company and its licensed insurance subsidiaries are required to maintain a solvency margin of at least \$0, i.e. actual solvency capital as determined under the solvency standard should be at or above the minimum solvency capital level. The actual amount retained as minimum solvency capital and determined by the Directors of the companies as appropriate to ensure their financial soundness, and the basis for determining the amount are set out below.

The Group and Company satisfied all externally imposed capital requirements which they were subject to during the year ended 30 June 2014.

The Company and its licensed insurance subsidiaries have embedded in their capital management framework the necessary tests to ensure continuous and full compliance with the solvency standard.

The Company and its subsidiaries Board Audit and Risk Committees oversees the capital computations and maintain the optimal capital structure by advising their respective Boards on dividend payments and share issues. In addition, the Group manages its required level of capital through analysis and optimisation of the product and asset mix, reinsurance program, catastrophe exposure and investment strategy.

**(b) Capital composition**

The Group and Company manage their capital by considering both regulatory and economic capital. The primary source of capital used is total equity attributable to owners. Total equity attributable to owners equates to "capital" as defined in the solvency standard and shown below.

**Regulatory capital**

Regulatory capital is made up of two components, actual solvency capital and minimum solvency capital with the difference representing the solvency margin. The calculation of the solvency margin for the Group, being the Company and its two general insurance subsidiaries Vero Liability Insurance Limited and AA Insurance Limited ("Licensed Insurer Group"), and the Company is detailed below:

	Licensed Insurer Group		Company	
	30 June 2014 \$000	30 June 2013 \$000	30 June 2014 \$000	30 June 2013 \$000
Actual solvency capital	406,465	457,381	283,016	323,582
Minimum solvency capital	234,244	247,956	183,768	201,878
<b>Solvency Margin</b>	<b>172,221</b>	<b>209,425</b>	<b>99,248</b>	<b>121,704</b>
<b>Solvency Ratio</b>	<b>1.74</b>	<b>1.84</b>	<b>1.54</b>	<b>1.60</b>

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**36. Events Occurring After Reporting Date**

There were no material events post 30 June 2014 which would require adjustment to the amounts reflected in the 30 June 2014 financial statements or disclosures thereto.



## **Appointed Actuary's Report as at 30 June 2014**

To the Board of Directors of Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited.

### **Background**

This report has been prepared by Richard Beauchamp, FNZSA, Appointed Actuary of Vero Insurance New Zealand Limited ("VINZL").

The purpose of this report is to provide information to VINZL's Board and management regarding the review I have undertaken in relation to the actuarial information contained in, or used in the preparation of, VINZL's financial statements according to section 81(1) of the Insurance (Prudential Supervision) Act 2010. Section 78 of the Act sets out the matters that the appointed actuary's report must address.

This report has been not been prepared with any other purpose in mind. Therefore the results and opinions it contains may not be applicable or appropriate for any other purpose.

### **Directors' responsibility for the financial statements**

VINZL's Directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand and with International Financial Reporting Standards. The Directors are also responsible for such internal controls as they determine necessary to ensure the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Appointed Actuary's responsibility**

My responsibility is to review the actuarial information in, or used in the preparation of, VINZL's financial statements. Actuarial information is defined in section 77 of the Act as:

1. Information relating to premiums, claims, reserves, dividends, premium rates and technical provisions;
2. Information relating to assessments of the probability of uncertain future events, including the financial implications if those events occur; and
3. Information specified in the solvency standard.

For the purposes of the solvency standard, actuarial information means the Premium Liabilities, the Net Outstanding Claims Liability, Reinsurance, Deferred Acquisition Costs, and any other information I deem relevant to profit or solvency reporting.

The scope of my review is to ascertain the completeness of the actuarial information, to evaluate the accuracy and appropriateness of the actuarial information and to provide an opinion on whether VINZL is maintaining an appropriate solvency margin at the balance date.



## Review of the actuarial information in the financial statements

In accordance with Section 78 of the Act I have reviewed the actuarial information contained in, or used in the preparation of, VINZL's financial statements.

The review has been carried out in accordance with the Non-life Insurance Solvency Standard dated October 2011. The scope and limitations of the review are set out above.

I am a full time employee of VINZL. My remuneration is in part dependent on VINZL's financial performance and that of the wider Suncorp Group. I also participate in the Suncorp Group Employee Share Plan (NZ).

I have obtained all information and explanations that I required to complete my review.

In my opinion and from an actuarial perspective:

- The actuarial information contained in the financial statements has been **included** appropriately in those statements; and
- The actuarial information used in the preparation of the financial statements has been **used** appropriately;

Furthermore in my opinion and from an actuarial perspective VINZL is maintaining the solvency margin that applies under a condition imposed under section 21(2)(b) as at 30 June 2014.

*Section 21(2)(b) allows the RBNZ to impose conditions that require a licensed insurer to **maintain a solvency margin** in accordance with an applicable solvency standard (including requiring the insurer to maintain a minimum amount of capital in accordance with the standard). The Solvency Margin must always be a positive amount and a licensed insurer must maintain Actual Solvency Capital in excess of the amount required to maintain this Solvency Margin.*

Finally, no condition applies under Section 21(2)(c) of the Act as at 30 June 2014.

*Section 21(2)(c) allows the RBNZ to impose conditions that require a **life insurer** to maintain solvency margins in respect of the statutory funds of the insurer in accordance with an applicable solvency standard (including requiring the insurer to maintain a minimum amount of capital in accordance with the standard).*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Beauchamp".

Richard Beauchamp

**Appointed Actuary**

23 July 2014