

Effective Altruism Australia Ltd

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Directors' Report

Your board of directors submit the financial report of Effective Altruism Australia Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Board of Directors

The names and particulars of the directors of the company during and since the end of the financial year are:

Luke Freeman (moved from chair to board member: 21/2/22)

Luke Freeman is a Board Member of Effective Altruism Australia. He is also the executive director of Giving What We Can, a senior committee member of Effective Altruism Sydney, and has twice been the lead organiser of the EAGxAustralia conference. He has a strong background in technology and marketing having been the co-founder of Positly and on the team that built Sendle.

Max Dalton (appointed: 15/10/2019, resigned 12/07/20)

Max is Executive Director at the Centre for Effective Altruism, an organisation which supports the global EA community. Before serving as Executive Director, Max worked in online content and research. He helped to set up the new EA Forum and the EA Grants program.

Catherine Low

Catherine manages the Effective Altruism Hub Resources team, providing resources to aspiring effective altruists and effective altruism groups worldwide. She is a community manager for Effective Altruism Australia New Zealand, is a co-founder of the Effective Altruism NZ Charitable Trust and is a community builder for Effective Altruism New Zealand. She holds a PhD in physics from the University of Melbourne and has worked as a Science, Physics and Ethics teacher, and as the manager of Students for High-Impact Charity.

Anthony Obeyesekere

Anthony is an economist engaged in the provision of economic policy advice and capacity development in developing countries. He has experience in the Australian, New Zealand and Sri Lankan governments, and at the World Bank. He holds an MA in International and Development Economics, is a Fellow of the Institute of Community Directors Australia, and has been part of the EAA team since 2015.

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Directors' Report (continued)

Gregory Sadler

Greg Sadler is the Secretary and a Director of Effective Altruism Australia. Greg has over 10 years' experience in the Australian Public Service, including working for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of Home Affairs and the Attorney-General's Department. Greg has led teams performing a range of legal advice, policy development and risk assessment functions. His subject matter expertise includes telecommunications, cyber security and critical infrastructure security. Greg holds a BA/LLB(Hons) from ANU and majored in philosophy.

Szun Tay (appointed: 31/10/19, resigned: 7/8/20)

Szun is a member of Giving What We Can. She is interested in extreme poverty, animal welfare, and aged care. She works at University of NSW, researching Cancer, Immunology & Gene Therapy and holds a PhD from Imperial College London.

Michael Noetel (appointed: 19/02/21)

Michael Noetel is the Chairperson and a Director of Effective Altruism Australia. He is a researcher and psychologist, working on evidence-informed decision-making and scaling up effective behavioural interventions. He co-founded READI Research, an Australian research team using behavioural science to work on some of the world's most pressing problems. Michael holds a Science degree (Hons, Advanced; USyd), a PhD (ACU) and a Masters in Psychology (UQ).

Martin Gould (appointed: 19/02/21)

Martin works in philanthropy in Australia, with a focus on how evidence generation and use can be used to address disadvantage. He has worked for the Australian government on aid policy and economic development in the Pacific, and has led evaluations with not-for-profits in southeast Asia and southern Africa. Martin holds a BA (Honours) and Bachelor of Public Policy and Management (Honours) from University of Melbourne.

The above named directors held office during the whole of the financial period under review and since the end of the financial year unless otherwise stated.

Directors' Meetings

The following table sets out the number of directors' meetings held during the financial year and the number of meetings attended by each director (while they were a member of the board).

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Directors' Report (continued)

Director	Meetings Eligible	Attended
Luke Freeman	10	10
Max Dalton	-	-
Martin Gould	3	3
Michael Noetel	3	3
Catherine Low	10	10
Anthony Obeyesekere	10	9
Gregory Sadler	10	10
Szun Tay	1	-

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the company during the financial year were fundraising and making grants with the purpose of most effectively alleviating poverty, distress and suffering.

Significant Changes in Operations during the period

There has been no significant change in the nature of these activities during the year.

Operating Result

The operating deficit for the year amounted to \$9,606 (2020: surplus \$12,413).

Events Subsequent to the End of the Reporting Period

The company's operations have been affected by the recent and ongoing outbreak of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) which was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organisation in March 2020. Since the declaration of COVID-19 as a global pandemic, numerous cautions have been taken and restrictions implemented in Australia in both commercial and private settings.

The duration of any company disruption and related financial impact cannot be reasonably estimated at this time but may materially affect our ability to operate our company. The extent to which the coronavirus pandemic may impact our operating results, financial condition, and cash flows will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted, including new information that may emerge concerning the severity of the coronavirus and steps taken to contain the coronavirus or treat its impact, among others.

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



Michael Noetel, Director

Date: 25 March 2022

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
TO THE DIRECTORS OF EFFECTIVE ALTRUISM AUSTRALIA LIMITED**

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, as lead auditor for the audit of Effective Altruism Australia for the year ended 30 June 2021, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- b) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Terrence Vail
Director

Dated: 25 March 2022

**Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
 For the year ended 30 June 2021**

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
Donations revenue	3	4,257,673	2,828,968
Other income	3	13,398	25,753
Program costs		(4,220,034)	(2,786,131)
Employment and related expenses		(40,825)	(39,633)
Professional fees		(3,275)	(1,650)
Other expenses	4	(16,543)	(4,894)
Surplus/(deficit) before income tax		(9,606)	22,413
Income tax expense	2(a)	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		(9,606)	22,413
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		(9,606)	22,413

This statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

**Statement of Financial Position
 As at 30 June 2021**

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
ASSETS			
Current			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	2,209,012	1,618,041
Prepayments		2,868	-
Other amounts receivable		-	10,000
Current assets		2,211,880	1,628,041
Total assets		2,211,880	1,628,041
LIABILITIES			
Current			
Trade and other payables	6	2,175,383	1,583,093
Current liabilities		2,175,383	1,583,093
Total liabilities		2,175,383	1,583,093
Net assets		36,497	44,948
Equity			
Accumulated surpluses		36,497	44,948
Total Equity		36,497	44,948

This statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

**Statement of Changes in Equity
For the year ended 30 June 2021**

	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
Balance as at 1 July 2019	22,535	22,535
Surplus for the year	22,413	22,413
Balance at 30 June 2020	44,948	44,948
Balance as at 1 July 2020	44,948	44,948
Changes in accounting policy	1,155	1,155
Surplus for the year	(9,606)	(9,606)
Balance at 30 June 2021	36,497	36,497

This statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 30 June 2021

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from operations		4,280,823	2,844,274
Payments to grant recipients and others		(3,691,255)	(2,392,545)
Interest and other costs of finance		248	447
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	7(b)	589,816	452,176
Cash Flows From Investing Activities			
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		-	-
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		-	-
Net change in cash and cash equivalents held		589,816	452,176
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		1,618,041	1,165,865
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year		2,207,857	1,618,041

This statement should be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Basis of preparation

The financial report is a special purpose report that has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, applicable Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

The financial report covers Effective Altruism Australia Ltd as an individual entity. The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the company in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the economic entity in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

a) Tax

The company is endorsed as an income tax exempt charity, therefore there is no liability to pay income tax on any profits of the company.

b) Revenue

Revenue is recognised upon receipt. Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

c) Cash & Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

d) Trade and other receivables

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from customers for goods sold in the ordinary course of business. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

e) Comparative figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

Where the company retrospectively applies an accounting policy, makes a retrospective restatement or reclassifies items in its financial statements, a third statement of financial position as at the beginning of the preceding period is presented in addition to the minimum comparative financial statements.

f) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the company during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

g) Goods and services tax (GST)

The company is not registered for GST with all balances recorded inclusive of GST.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Note 3: Revenue

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Operating Activities		
Donations Received - Restricted	4,219,946	2,786,670
Donations Received - Unrestricted	37,727	42,298
	4,257,673	2,828,968
Non Operating Activities		
Interest Received	268	447
Sundry Income	13,130	25,306
	13,398	25,753
	4,271,071	2,854,721

Note 4: Surplus for the year

Surplus for the year includes the following items of expenditure:

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Expenses		
Auditor's Remuneration - financial audit	1,500	1,500
Auditor's Remuneration - other compilation services	1,500	-
	3,000	1,500

Note 5: Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and Cash Equivalents consist of the following:

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Cash at Bank	2,209,012	1,618,041
	2,209,012	1,618,041

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Note 6: Trade and other payables

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Accounts Payable	2,170,529	1,578,867
Trade payables and accrued expenses	4,854	3,541
PAYG payable	-	685
Total trade and other payables	2,175,383	1,583,093

Note 7: Cash flow information

(a) Reconciliation of cash

	2021	2020
Notes	\$	\$

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks.

Cash at the end of the year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:

Cash at bank	2,209,012	1,618,041
Cash at the end of the year	5	2,209,012

(b) Reconciliation of Cash Flows from Operations with Surplus for the reporting period

Operating surplus/(deficit) after tax	(9,606)	22,413
Non-cash adjustments	1,155	-
<i>Net changes in working capital</i>		
• Changes in other receivables	10,000	(10,000)
• Changes in prepayments	(2,868)	-
• Changes in other creditors	592,290	439,763
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	590,971	452,176

Note 8: Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

The company has no contingent assets or contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2021 (2020: nil).

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Note 9: Events after the reporting period

The company's operations have been affected by the ongoing outbreak of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) which was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organisation in March 2020. Since the declaration of COVID-19 as a global pandemic, numerous cautions have been taken and restrictions implemented in Australia in both commercial and private settings.

The duration of any company disruption and related financial impact cannot be reasonably estimated at this time but may materially affect the ability to operate the company. The extent to which the coronavirus pandemic may impact the operating results, financial condition, and cash flows will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted, including new information that may emerge concerning the severity of the coronavirus and steps taken to contain the coronavirus or treat its impact, among others.

Note 10: Related parties

Donation income totalling \$21,227 was received from associates of multiple directors during the period ended 30 June 2021. The donations were made and received on terms equivalent to those applying to third party transactions.

Note 11: Members' guarantee

The company is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* and is a company limited by guarantee. If it is wound up, the Constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$20 each towards meeting any outstandings and obligations of the company. At 30 June 2021 the number of members was 6.

Note 13: Company details

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Level 2, 66 Victor Crescent
NARRE WARREN VIC 3805

Directors' Declaration

In the opinion of the Directors of Effective Altruism Australia Ltd:

1. The financial statements and notes of Effective Altruism Ltd are in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for Profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- a) Giving a true and fair view of its financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- b) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards including the Australian Accounting Interpretations and the *Australian Charities and Non-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*; and

2. In the Directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Effective Altruism Ltd will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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



Michael Noetel

Director

Date: 25 March 2022

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE DIRECTORS OF EFFECTIVE ALTRUISM AUSTRALIA LIMITED**

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Effective Altruism Australia (“the Company”) which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the director’s declaration.

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

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Company’s financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board’s APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (“the Code”) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the director as at the time of this auditor’s report.

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

Emphasis of Matter – Subsequent event: The impact of the uncertainty of COVID-19

We draw attention to the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic referred to in note 9 of the financial report. The pandemic is ongoing with the possible effects of the future implications of COVID-19 on the Company's future financial position and performance not disclosed in the financial report. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the director's financial reporting responsibilities under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's financial report for the year ended 30 June 2021 but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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

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

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The directors' responsibilities also include such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is included in Appendix A of this auditor's report. This description, which is located directly after the audit report, forms part of our auditor's report.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TVail', with a horizontal line underneath.

Terrence Vail CPA
Director
Registered Company Auditor - 305706

Dated: 25 March 2022

Appendix A: Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.