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Dear Sir/Madam

METCASH LIMITED – 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 4.7.1, please find attached a copy of the Metcash Limited 2025 Annual Report.

Copies of the Annual Report are being despatched today to those members who have requested a copy.

An electronic copy will also be made available today on the company's website, https://www.metcash.com/investor-centre/annual-reports/

This document was authorised to be given to ASX by the Board of Directors of Metcash Limited.

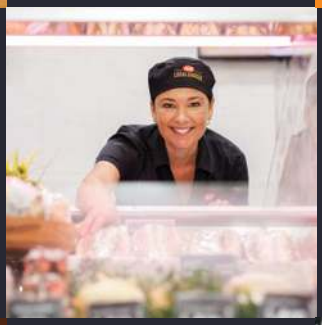
Yours faithfully

Johanna O'Shea
Company Secretary

Metcash

Championing Successful Independents

Annual Report
2025



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Acknowledgement of Country

Metcash acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we live and operate, and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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About Metcash

We are Australia's leading wholesaler and service provider to independent businesses nation-wide. In addition to being an integrated wholesaler and scaled logistics operator, we are a retail banner owner, a large and growing retailer, a franchisor and most recently a retail media operator.

Our purpose

Championing Successful Independents in support of thriving local communities to create sustainable shareholder value.

Our vision

To support independents to be the best store in their town; and their communities to thrive. We aim to be the business partner of choice and help create a sustainable future together. For our team members we aim to provide an environment where they can do work they are proud of.

Our values

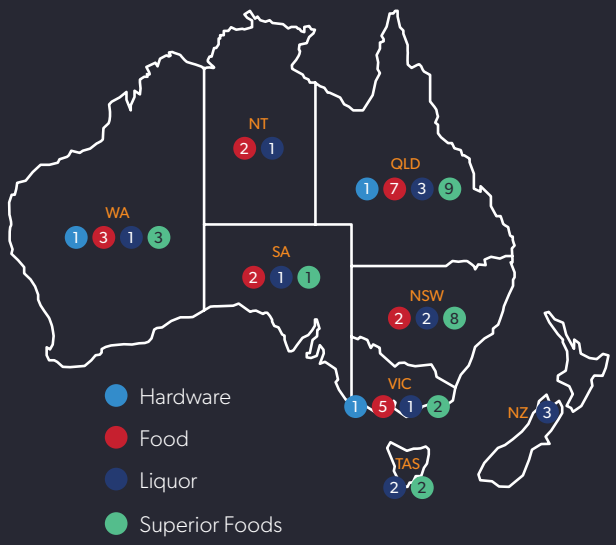
We believe: Independence is worth fighting for; in treating our people, retailers and suppliers the way we like to be treated; and in giving back to the communities where we live and work.

~6,500
Bannered retail stores across food, hardware and liquor

~105,000
Non-bannered stores

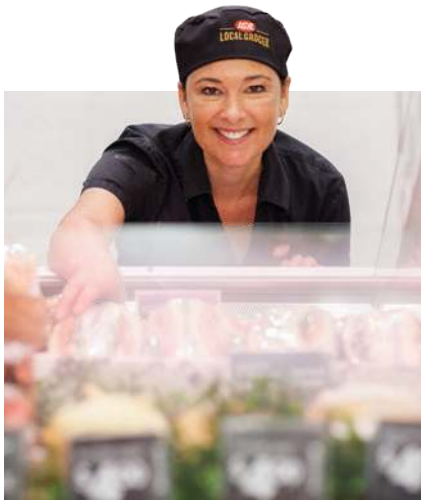
~95%
of Australians reached

Our distribution network



Our business pillars

A portfolio of diversified and strong businesses provides our platform for growth



Hardware

We are a leading supplier to small and medium sized builders across the country and home to the Mitre 10 and Home Hardware brands. We are also a key player in the DIY segment, supporting Australians in their home improvement projects, and the franchisor to Total Tools, the nation's largest network of professional tools retailers.

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Our brands:

Food

With the recent acquisition of Superior Foods, a scaled national wholesale foodservice business, Metcash Food is now the largest supplier to independent food businesses in Australia. We supply and support supermarkets operating under the well-known IGA and Foodland banners, which are always family-founded, often family-owned, run by locals for locals. Through our pricing and promotional programs, we ensure these supermarkets are competitive and are able to offer their shoppers real value.

Read more on page 14 >

Our brands:

Liquor

Australian Liquor Marketers (ALM) supplies ~85% of independent liquor retailers nation-wide, making it the second-largest participant, and in recent years the leading partner for growth in the Australian liquor market.

Independent Brands Australia (IBA) is home to strong retail brands including Cellarbrations, The Bottle-O, Porters Liquor and IGA Liquor.

Read more on page 16 >

Our brands:

Retail media

In FY25 we launched LocalEyes, a national cross-format and in-store digital media network that connects suppliers to independent retailers and their local shoppers. The rollout of the national digital screen network is progressing to plan with 133 screens live, targeting 750 by the end of FY26. Food retail media is already delivering positive results with revenue up ~30% year-on-year.

FY25 Group highlights

Financial

Group Revenue[1]

$19.5bn

▲**7.2%** on FY24

Underlying Group EBIT[2]

$507.8m

▲**2.3%** on FY24

Reported Profit After Tax

$283.3m

▲**10.1%** on FY24
(Underlying ▼**2.4%**)

Operating Cash Flow

$539m

▲**11.7%** on FY24
CRR[3] 3-year average 95%
Target range lifted

Underlying Earnings Per Share[4]

25.1cps

Reported ▲**0.4%** on FY24

Total Dividend

18.0cps

~72% UPAT

1. Includes charge-through sales, which represent direct sales from suppliers to retailers, invoiced through Metcash.
2. Underlying EBIT excludes significant items (gain of of $0.4m) and includes restructuring and associated costs of $7.7m.
3. Cash realisation ratio (CRR) = cash flow from operations/underlying NPATDA (depreciation and amortisation not tax affected).
4. Includes impact of dividend reinvestment plan (DRP) on weighted average shares outstanding (WASO).

ESG

Dow Jones Best-in-class Indices

90th percentile

▲**From 89th in FY24**

Emissions Reduction[1]

3.3%

On track to achieve 2030 target

Greening Australia

105,000

trees funded

Renewable Energy

22%

increase in on-site renewable energy generated

Battery Recycling

~520 tonnes recycled

since 2021

Installed solar capacity

8,289 kWp

▲**163%** on FY24

1. On the prior corresponding period and excluding Superior Foods.

Operations

Wholesale agreement with Lion in South Australia

Lion has partnered with Metcash for wholesale distribution in South Australia. The agreement represents approximately $100m of annual sales and commenced in February this year.

Chobani distribution partnership

Australia's most popular yoghurt brand Chobani has transitioned its product into the Metcash mega DCs, from its prior direct-to-store model.

Ampol Foodary partnership

A long-term strategic partnership was established with Ampol to supply over 1,000 core products to more than 600 Foodary stores nationwide. This milestone solidifies our position as a supplier to all major petrol and convenience operators across Australia.

New world-class mega distribution centre (DC) in Victoria

Metcash celebrated a significant milestone in FY25 with the opening of its new mega DC in Truganina, Victoria. Designed to meet Metcash's growing wholesale volume needs in the region, the new and more efficient facility provides the independent retail network with a wider range of products for customers across both its Food and Liquor pillars.

The ~$300m mega DC is the largest single-level DC in Australia at 115,000 square metres, equivalent in size to approximately six MCGs or 12 soccer fields. Designed to service over 4,000 independent stores, premises, and wholesale customers in Victoria; and house products from over 1,900 suppliers.

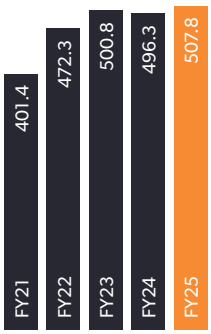
Financial Overview

Five year review	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Financial Performance					
Reported sales revenue ($m)	17,323.0	15,912.4	15,803.4	15,164.8	14,315.3
Sales revenue (including charge-through sales) ($m)	19,489.3	18,179.1	18,052.4	17,405.7	16,361.1
EBITDA ($m)	747.8	688.3	675.8	648.2	565.1
Underlying EBIT ($m)	507.8	496.3	500.8	472.3	401.4
EBIT margin[1] (%)	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.4
Net finance costs ($m)	(122.4)	(92.6)	(64.7)	(48.5)	(42.6)
Underlying profit after tax ($m)	275.5	282.3	307.5	299.6	252.7
Reported profit/(loss) after tax ($m)	283.3	257.2	259.0	245.4	239.0
Operating cash flows ($m)	539.0	482.6	372.7	432.3	475.5
3yr rolling average cash realisation ratio[2] (%)	95	90	93		
Financial Position					
Shareholders' equity ($m)	1,636.6	1,528.4	1,085.1	1,090.4	1,291.1
Net cash/(debt) ($m)	(577.4)	(251.9)	(349.6)	(189.0)	124.6
Debt leverage ratio[3]	0.96x	0.45x	0.62x	0.36x	(0.27x)
Return on funds employed[4] (%)	22.6	25.9	29.6	31.0	28.7
Share Statistics					
Fully paid ordinary shares (m)	1,098.6	1,091.6	965.5	965.5	1,022.4
Weighted average ordinary shares (m)	1,095.9	997.1	965.5	982.8	1,021.9
Underlying earnings per share (cents)	25.1	28.3	31.8	30.5	24.7
Reported earnings/(loss) per share (cents)	25.9	25.8	26.8	25.0	23.4
Dividends declared per share (cents)	18.0	19.5	22.5	21.5	17.5
Dividend payout ratio (%)	72	71	70	70	71
Other Statistics					
Number of employees	11,649	10,045	9,174	8,702	8,327

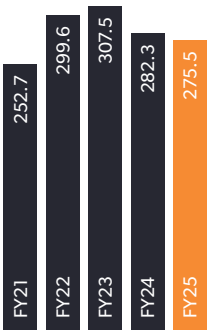
1. EBIT margin = EBIT/Total revenue (including charge-through sales).
2. Cash flows from operations/Underlying NPAT + Depreciation and Amortisation (depreciation and amortisation not tax affected).
3. Net Debt/(Underlying EBITDA less depreciation of right-of-use-assets) (rolling 12 months basis).
4. Underlying EBIT (rolling 12 months basis)/Average of opening and closing funds employed.

Sales
($m)

EBIT (Underlying)
($m)



PAT (Underlying)
($m)

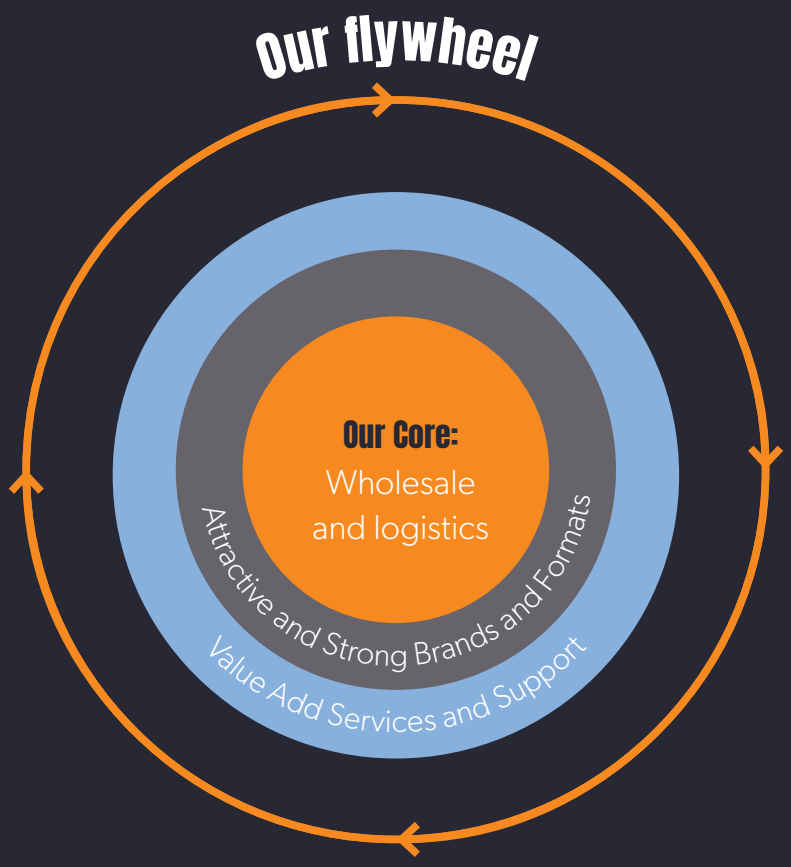


EPS (Underlying)
(cents)

Operating cash flow
($m)

Our Strategic Focus

Our flywheel provides the platform to support and win with independents



It is how we create value for independent customers, suppliers and shareholders

Our growth strategy takes us closer to the customer, by extending through the value chain, and growing revenue streams including:

- Wholesale
- Out of Home Food and Liquor
- Franchisor
- Retailer
- Retail Media

This delivers

- Margin growth opportunity
- Larger addressable markets
- Value creation beyond wholesale
- Strength through vertical integration

Founded on a reliable wholesale revenue stream that delivers strong and predictable cash earnings

Chairman's Report

Welcome to Metcash's Annual Report for FY25, a year in which the business again performed well, supported by the successful execution of our strategy and disciplined operational performance.

Importantly, we made further progress towards our purpose of championing successful independents in support of thriving local communities. The independent networks we serve and operate alongside continue to be healthy, competitive and confident.

The increased diversification and strength of the Group was a driver of sales and earnings growth in the face of challenging conditions in all pillars, particularly in Hardware where trade activity remained subdued.

Operational highlights include the resilience of the Food pillar, where our Supermarkets and Campbells & Convenience business again delivered earnings growth despite continuation of the material decline in tobacco sales. In Liquor, the business outperformed the market and built on the market share gains of recent years.

Another highlight was the very strong cash performance which is a reflection of the quality of earnings generated by our businesses and the focus on working capital management across the Group. While it was another challenging year for Hardware due to the weak macro environment, there were some signs of improvement in the fourth quarter.

Group financials

Group revenue increased 7.2% to $19.5bn including charge-through sales, with revenue up 8.9% to $17.3bn excluding charge-through sales. Group EBITDA increased 8.6% to $747.8m, and Group EBIT increased 2.3% to $507.8m with growth in the Food pillar being partly offset by decreases in the Liquor and Hardware pillars, and increased depreciation and amortisation.

Reported profit after tax increased 10.1% to $283.3m, while underlying profit after tax declined 2.4% to $275.5m reflecting lower earnings in the Hardware and Liquor pillars, increased finance costs and higher depreciation and amortisation. Operating cash flow for the year increased 11.7% to $539.0m; with the three-year rolling cash realisation ratio being approximately 95%, above the Company's guidance of 75%-85%. This guidance has now been increased to 80%-90%.

Total dividends for the year were 18.0 cents per share, fully franked, and slightly above the Company's target payout ratio of 70% of underlying profit after tax. Doug Jones will discuss the financial results and operating performance in more detail in the Group CEO's Report.

Strategy

Our focus on further improving the competitiveness of our independent retail networks together with ensuring we have a diversified and resilient platform of businesses continues to be at the heart of our strategy.

There were a number of organisational changes across the Group to provide further strength and resilience, while also enhancing our position for capturing growth opportunities. Among these changes was the merger of Superior Foods with our Campbells & Convenience business to form Foodservice and Convenience. We also announced the merger of our Independent Hardware Group with Total Tools Holdings to form the Total Tools and Hardware Group in June 2025.

While wholesale and logistics accounts for the largest proportion of Metcash's revenue and earnings, our growth strategy includes extending through the value chain and winning with our independents. This has already been delivering significant growth for us and provides a very large and exciting opportunity going forward. Doug Jones will discuss this in a little more detail in his Report.

Leadership changes

In November we were very pleased to announce that Scott Marshall was rejoining Metcash as CEO of the Independent Hardware Group. Scott joined us from The Reece Group where he was CEO of Australia and New Zealand. Prior to that he spent more than 30 years with Metcash holding several executive positions include CEO of the Food pillar and CEO of the Liquor pillar.

I would like to thank Geoff Harris for serving as interim CEO of the Independent Hardware Group while we were finalising the search process. His professionalism and leadership were vital during this period and deserving of recognition.

In June we announced the merger of the Independent Hardware Group and Total Tools Holdings and that Scott had been appointed as CEO of the Total Tools and Hardware Group. This appointment recognises his proven track record in developing quality teams, cultures and relationships, particularly with the independent sector to support their growth and success.

As a result of the merger, Richard Murray, Total Tools' CEO, left Metcash to pursue other opportunities. I would like to sincerely thank Richard for his commitment and efforts to further strengthen the business since joining us early last year.

Board changes

We have continued to renew the membership of the Board to ensure we have the right mix of skills and experience. This is important for both strong corporate governance, as well as valuable and constructive contributions to the development of strategy and oversight of performance.

Christine Holman left the Board last September after deciding not to stand for re-election at the 2024 Annual General Meeting. Christine was the inaugural Chair of our Safety and Sustainability Committee and helped guide the strong progress made by the Company in these areas. She also served as a member of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee. I would like to sincerely thank Christine for her service to Metcash.

In November we announced the appointment of David Whittle as a Non-Executive Director. David is an experienced ASX-listed board director and has a distinguished background in brand, data technology, omni-channel retail and digital transformation.

We also announced in December that Marina Go would be joining us in February as a Non-Executive Director. Marina is also an experienced director of ASX-listed companies and brings a strong customer focus and understanding of independent retailing, as well as a background in digital strategy. Both David and Marina are already proving to be great additions to the Board.

Remuneration

This year the Short-Term Incentive (STI) deferral percentage increased from 40% to 50% for the Group CEO, and from 33% to 40% for the Group CFO. The deferral percentage for the Group CFO increases to 50% in FY26.

The year also included increasing the Long-Term Incentive (LTI) opportunity of the Group CEO from 90% of fixed remuneration to 105%. This is to better align the reward opportunity with the expectations of our shareholders. Fixed remuneration was unchanged for the executive leadership team, other than for Grant Ramage, CEO of the Food pillar. Grant's fixed remuneration was increased to better reflect performance and his further development in the role.

FY25 STI awards for executives ranged from 0% to 29.5% of maximum. Market challenges in Hardware, together with the stretch targets set in balanced scorecards, resulted in four of the executive leadership team, including the Group CEO and Group CFO, receiving no STI award in FY25. The FY23 Long-Term Incentive (LTI) vested at 50%, with performance against the Average Return on Funds Employed hurdle being at the maximum end of the range, while there was no vesting from the Absolute Total Shareholder Return hurdle.

Following a review of our remuneration framework in the year, the Board determined that a shift in variable reward opportunities from STI to LTI was appropriate to drive long-term performance and better alignment with shareholder performance. This shift will be implemented in FY26.

Fees paid to Non-Executive Directors were unchanged during the year.

Further information on our remuneration framework and FY25 outcomes can be found in the full Remuneration Report commencing on page 38.

Environmental, social and governance (ESG)

It has been another year of progress in ESG with meaningful improvements across our key areas of people, planet and community. Pleasingly, our efforts were reflected in further improvements in assessments by the Dow Jones Best-in-Class Indices, the Carbon Disclosure Project, and for the first time Metcash was included in the Sustainalytics ESG Top Rated Companies list.

Highlights for the year have included further reductions in our Scope 1 and 2 emissions ensuring we remain on track for meeting our aligned science-based targets; advancements in our anti-slavery efforts and the quality of our Modern Slavery Statement; and the strengthening of procedures and focus on diverting waste from landfill.

From a people perspective, we continued to maintain our gender equality target of 40:40:20 at the leadership level. Female representation in the Executive team was 44%, and for Non-Executive Directors it was 43%. We also received a gender-neutral pay gap across the organisation and were recognised for this by the Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA).

We continued to make good progress in our efforts to ensure a safe and supportive working environment for all Metcash employees. This year we saw a further 4% improvement in our key safety measure of Total Reportable Injury Frequency Rate (TRIFR).

Our sustainability reporting continues to evolve and this year our reporting will align with the Global Reporting Index (GRI), progressing from the prior two years where we reported with reference to the GRI. Further information on our ESG efforts can be found on pages 20 and 21 of this Report. The full standalone ESG Report for 2025 will be available on the Company's website from early September.

Going forward

Our organisational changes have further strengthened and reshaped Metcash to support accelerated growth, and our focus on extending through the value chain provides significant opportunity for revenue growth and margin expansion. Importantly, we have a high-quality and energised management team committed to our purpose of Championing Successful Independents and creating value for shareholders. The Company remains well positioned with the plans, platform, capabilities and diverse business portfolio for future growth.

Thanks

On behalf of the Board, I would like to sincerely thank our people, independent retailers, franchisees, suppliers, member partners and shareholders for your support and contributions throughout the year. I would also like to thank my fellow Directors for their ongoing commitment and support in a year that included many pleasing performance highlights.

Peter Birtles
Chairman

Group CEO's Report

I am very proud of the way the business has delivered in another year impacted by macro challenges. Pleasingly, we have achieved growth and transformation through disciplined execution and are now well positioned for accelerated growth.

The Food business is now a materially larger and better-quality business. Its strong performance in the year is evidence of its increased resilience, further strengthened through the acquisition of Superior Foods.

Likewise, Liquor is a high-quality, well managed business and the delivery of material market share gains for the third consecutive year is evidence of this.

It has been a challenging few years in the Hardware sector due to residential construction activity being at subdued levels. However, I am proud of the way our Hardware business and network of member partners have managed, and I am encouraged by some early signs of improvement seen in the final quarter of FY25.

Importantly, our independent network partners in all pillars remain healthy, strong and confident, supported by the competitiveness of their differentiated offers.

While we missed our internal Group earnings target for the year, I am pleased with the growth in profits, and importantly the quality of earnings, as reflected in an exceptional cash outcome for the year.

Strong operational execution and strategic discipline have been key to the solid results. It was another successful year of cost and working capital management, which were both accelerated and broadened across the Group during the year. This, together with other organisational changes, has strengthened and reshaped Metcash's businesses to support further growth.

At the centre of our business model for supporting successful independents, delivering profitable growth for the company and creating value for shareholders is our flywheel. At the heart of this is our logistics capability, with our wholesale business providing the platform to support and win with our independent customers. But neither of these represent the full extent of the Metcash Group or of our ambition.

Our diversity of revenue streams means we are an integrated wholesaler and scaled logistics operator, a banner owner, a large and growing retailer, a franchisor and most recently a retail media owner. As each one of these revenue streams grows, the overall shape and balance of the business evolves, resilience improves, addressable markets expand and the opportunity for further growth extends. These growth opportunities provide me with both excitement and confidence for the future for Metcash.

Sales revenue

(including charge-through)

Food

▲11.1%

from FY24

Liquor

▲3.3%

from FY24

Hardware

▲2.4%

from FY24

Group financials

Group revenue, which includes charge-through sales, increased 7.2% to $19.5bn, with growth in the Food, Liquor and Hardware pillars, partly buoyed by acquisitions.

Group EBITDA increased 8.6% to $747.8m reflecting strong growth in the Food pillar, which included the acquisition of Superior Foods in June 2024. Underlying EBIT increased 2.3% to $507.8m, with growth in the Food pillar being partly offset by decreases in the Liquor and Hardware pillars, and increased depreciation and amortisation.

Statutory profit after tax increased 10.1% to $283.3m, while underlying profit after tax was 2.4% lower at $275.5m. The underlying result reflects lower earnings in the Hardware and Liquor pillars and an increase in finance costs and depreciation and amortisation.

Operating cash flow was very strong, increasing 11.7% to $539 million, and the three-year rolling cash realisation ratio was ~95%, above Metcash's guidance of 75%–85%. An improvement in capability and execution has underpinned our confidence in lifting this guidance to 80%–90%.

Net debt at the end of the financial year was $577.4m and the debt leverage ratio at the end of the financial year was 0.96x.

Total dividends for the year were 18.0 cps, fully franked, slightly above the target payout ratio of ~70% of underlying profit after tax.

Pillar financials

Food

In Food, independents have maintained market share in difficult trading conditions against intense competition. The differentiated value offer from our independents continues to resonate with shoppers, with foot traffic steady and growth in sales volumes, excluding tobacco.

Our Campbells & Convenience business continued to deliver strong growth, particularly in the petrol and convenience channel. Following the win of a supply contract with Ampol in the year we are now the leading supplier to the sector, partnering with all major petrol and convenience brands.

Superior Foods delivered strong sales growth and renewed major contracts worth around $240 million, or ~20% of annual turnover. This is evidence of the trust that major customers have in the business.

Total revenue for the Food pillar, including charge-through, increased 11.1% to $10.6bn. This included a 19.8% decline in tobacco sales, largely reflecting an acceleration in the illicit tobacco trade. Excluding tobacco, total Food revenue, including charge-through, increased 20.8%, with Supermarkets up 3.2% and Campbells & Convenience up 6.0%. As compared to their prior year, Superior Foods' sales increased 4.6% from the period since acquisition (3 June 2024).

We merged Superior Foods with Campbells & Convenience in the second half of the year to form the Metcash Foodservice and Convenience business unit. This merger is designed to support the acceleration of several value-creation initiatives.

Total Food EBIT increased 18.2% to $248.4m and includes $2.5m of restructuring costs. The EBIT margin improved 14 basis points to 2.3%, supported by a mix shift away from lower margin tobacco sales.

We have a strong track record of effectively managing the impact of the decline in tobacco sales, as seen in the consistent earnings growth in Supermarkets and Campbells & Convenience over the past few years. Our strategy to achieve this is founded on growing our customer base and sales as a key distributor for all tobacco suppliers, winning profitable market share, restructuring our commercials and initiating a number of supply chain initiatives to make the business more efficient.

Liquor

Our Liquor pillar has performed exceptionally well over the past few years with continued shopper preference for convenience format stores and the quality of the independents' differentiated offer. These stores offer value across locally curated ranges, located in easy to access places.

Our diversified strategy includes a multi-channel approach focused on growth through on-premise customers, contract customers and IBA-bannered customers. This is key for supporting the growth and resilience of our Liquor pillar.

The independent network has continued to outperform and win market share, led by our IBA network. Since FY22, our share of the packaged liquor market has increased by 2.7 percentage points to 31.1%. A key factor in this success has been the strength of the convenience format, supported by the in-store execution of our independent partners and strong supplier relationships.

During the year we commenced a new $100m p.a. supply agreement with Lion in South Australia, which is already delivering benefits for Lion, Metcash and our shared customers.

In June 2025 we were pleased to announce that we had entered into an agreement to purchase Steve's Liquor Warehouse, a group of eight stores located in Victoria and Tasmania. This is in line with our strategy of winning with independents and extending through the value chain to move closer to the customer.

Total revenue for the Liquor pillar, including charge-through, increased 3.3% to $5.3bn, with wholesale sales to retail and contract customers increasing 3.8%. Sales to on-premise customers recovered in the second half and were flat for the full year.

Liquor's EBIT, while down 4.7% to $104.1m, reflects a strong outcome in the face of materially lower wholesale price inflation, which impacts margin expansion opportunities.

Hardware

As mentioned earlier, it has been a difficult few years for the Hardware sector. That said, we have a quality group of businesses, stores and independent partners that deliver material earnings at EBIT margins above 5%, even at this point of the building cycle.

Pleasingly, the pillar continued to execute well, taking out costs and focusing on inventory and margin management.

In IHG, while trade activity remained subdued, there was an improvement in fourth quarter sales, and this carried into the early weeks of FY26. Sales to the DIY segment have held up well, and were stronger in the fourth quarter, particularly in Western Australia, South Australia and Queensland.

Synergy benefits from the acquisitions of Bianco Building Supplies and Alpine Frame & Truss in March last year are on track. Bianco Building Supplies has performed well since acquisition, while the performance of Alpine Frame & Truss has been impacted by the weak residential construction market in Victoria.

In Total Tools, lower trade activity and consumer confidence has led to tradespeople spending less, adversely impacting sales volumes. A net nine new stores were added to the store network bringing total stores at the end of the financial year to 127. This helped deliver growth in franchise and other income. We also saw significant growth in sales of exclusive brand products. Joint venture store sales however were slightly down, reflecting the difficult macro environment.

Total Hardware revenue, including charge-through, increased 2.4% to $3.5bn with IHG sales increasing 2.8% and Total Tools sales increasing 0.6%.

From an earnings perspective, Hardware's EBITDA was broadly flat at $295.6m, while EBIT was 10.2% lower at $189.3m, largely reflecting increased depreciation and amortisation associated with recent acquisitions.

IHG delivered EBITDA growth, but EBIT was lower, again due to increased depreciation and amortisation. In Total Tools, both EBITDA and EBIT declined reflecting the difficult macro environment; albeit there was an improvement in retail margins in the second half.

As mentioned in the Chairman's Report, the Company announced in June the decision to merge the Independent Hardware Group and Total Tools Holdings to form the Total Tools and Hardware Group (TTHG). This creates an ever stronger and more resilient Hardware pillar to support its continued growth and strong market positions. It also allows all of our pillars to be uniquely and better placed to work with independents, franchisees and our corporate-owned retail stores, and to better support the communities they serve.

Looking forward

We are confident we are well positioned across all our pillars with clear plans, strong leadership and healthy independent networks. In addition, the organisational and structural changes we have made across the Group have increased our resilience and strengthened our platform for accelerated growth.

Thanks

I would like to thank the Metcash team for their dedication to delivering commendable results, whilst navigating the continued challenging market conditions.

Thank you to our independent retailers and suppliers for your continued collaboration and support, and to the Metcash Board for your encouragement and guidance throughout the year.

Doug Jones
Group CEO

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Metcash's new mega distribution centre at Truganina, Victoria

Metcash Food continues to evolve and prove itself as a resilient and diversified business. In FY25, we strengthened our supermarket network while expanding further in foodservice and convenience, cementing our position as the largest wholesaler and distributor of food to independent businesses in Australia.

Our world-class supply chain, digital transformation initiatives and community-focused approach have supported our continued growth (excluding the effects of illicit tobacco), in a competitive market. The business continued to grow strongly in FY25, with revenue (including charge-through sales) up ~11%, buoyed by the acquisition of Superior Foods in June last year.

Supermarkets

We support thousands of independently owned supermarkets across Australia, including over 1,250 stores operating under our IGA and Foodland banners. We provide bannered independent retailers with marketing and operational support, as well as the supply chain infrastructure they need to compete effectively and be the 'Best Store in Their Town'.

The IGA store network continues to grow, with 22 new stores opening in FY25 including nine core (medium to large) format stores. We are also helping IGA retailers reinvest in upgrading their stores, with 96 stores completing the Diamond Store Accelerator program during the year. The IGA network represents approximately 60% of Food pillar sales.

Sales revenue
(including charge-through)

$10.6bn

▲ 11% on FY24

EBITDA

$345.5m

EBIT

$248.4m

Grant Ramage
CEO, Metcash Food

Driving shopper engagement

IGA stores provide shoppers with friendly local service, convenience and a differentiated offer with ranges tailored for the local community and demographics. IGAs support local suppliers and stock many brands that you cannot find anywhere else. They also provide value to cost-conscious shoppers through our Low Prices Every Day and Price Match programs, and we have continued to expand our Community Co and Black & Gold private label ranges. Sales of private label products were up 7.6% in the year.

Our relaunched IGA Rewards loyalty program continues to gain momentum, with 989 stores now participating across the network. Through the new IGA Rewards app, shoppers can access exclusive deals, shop in-store at participating IGA retailers and earn IGA Cash to spend on their next visit. Retailers benefit from a connected digital ecosystem that drives foot traffic, builds loyalty and provides a deep view of performance and shopper insights. For suppliers, IGA Rewards offers a national platform to run targeted direct-to-consumer campaigns, measure return on investment and gain valuable shopper insights.

Foodservice and Convenience

In addition to our Supermarkets business, the Food pillar comprises a newly merged Foodservice and Convenience business which incorporates the Superior Foods and Campbells & Convenience businesses. Superior Foods has a diverse and complementary customer base spanning quick service restaurants, cafes, caterers, aged care and hospitality venues. The acquisition of Superior Foods last year expands our range and distribution network to provide a one-stop-shop for our foodservice and convenience customers.

We are already unlocking opportunities with the integration of Superior Foods into the Metcash network, including working with suppliers to lower the cost of goods and cross-selling grocery and food service ranges. We are also working to combine our comprehensive national distribution network including DCs, sites and branches.

Underpinned by a renewed growth strategy, Campbells & Convenience has established itself as the leading supplier to the petrol and convenience sector. A key milestone in the year was the formation of a long-term strategic partnership with Ampol that includes supplying over 1,000 core products to more than 600 Foodary stores nationwide. We are now a supplier to all the major petrol and convenience operators in Australia.

Digital transformation

We remain focused on making it even easier for both suppliers and retailers to do business with us, with our leading digital B2B marketplace, Sorted, continuing to expand. Our supermarket customers can procure products from our mega DCs as well as from a large and growing range of charge-through suppliers and ~73,000 products available on the platform. Over 2,000 retailers are now using Sorted on average three times a week to place orders, with 100% of charge-through sales now processed on the platform.

The new Campbells website and mobile application transitioned to Sorted in March 2025, with ~55% of Campbells sales now through the platform. These platforms have been redesigned to provide a faster, more intuitive and seamless user experience.

World Class Supply Chain

We have made a significant investment in our supply chain capability to enhance efficiency, reduce lead times and operate with increased levels of flexibility. In mid-2024, we opened our new mega distribution centre (DC) in Truganina, Victoria, complementing our other DCs in major capital cities, 16 Campbells branches and 25 Superior Food branches spread across both metro and regional areas. We also made significant upgrades to the mega DC in Canning Vale, Western Australia during the year.

We plan to leverage the strength of our supply chain to deliver more products to more customers, more often. As a reflection of this, it was pleasing to see Australia's most popular yoghurt brand Chobani move its product into the Metcash mega DCs in April 2025, away from their prior direct-to-store model.

IGA stores supporting the community during natural disasters

Metcash and IGA stores worked round the clock to keep shelves stocked and customers served during the slow-moving Cyclone Alfred in March 2025. Stores such as Chris's IGA Carina and IGA Carindale were the last to close before the storm hit and first to open again once it was safe for their local community. Metcash-stocked IGA stores were able to remain agile and kept shelves stocked with all the essentials including bread, milk, water and toilet paper.

Case Study

Community Flocks to Rigters IGA Queens to Celebrate Store Upgrades

Rigters IGA Queens in Geraldton, Western Australia celebrated its recent store renovation with a community event, headlined by a special appearance from former West Coast Eagles AFL superstar Nic Naitanui. The family fun day drew hundreds of locals, creating a festive atmosphere that highlighted the strong connection Rigters IGA Queens holds with the local community.

The event marked the unveiling of significant store upgrades, including a refreshed layout and the introduction of a new in-store sushi bar, Sushi Fresh. The upgrades were driven by evolving customer preferences, aiming to expand popular categories and phase out slower-moving lines. The celebration also featured family-friendly activities such as face painting, doughnut decorating, and games with the Geraldton Buccaneers basketball team.

Liquor

Independents have again outperformed the market and gained further market share in challenging conditions.

The Liquor pillar comprises Australian Liquor Marketers (ALM), our wholesale and logistics business, and Independent Brands Australia (IBA), home to leading retail banners including Cellarbrations, Porters, IGA Liquor, The Bottle-O and Thirsty Camel. Together, we support thousands of independent retailers and on-premise venues across the country, and are a critical partner to hundreds of suppliers in delivering trusted brands, exceptional service and an efficient supply chain.

In FY25, the Liquor pillar continued to deliver strong sales growth of 3.3% in a challenging market and win further market share. This was driven by strong execution across a range of strategic initiatives and ongoing shopper preference for convenience and localised product ranges. It also reflects the success of our differentiated multi-channel approach focused on growing our IBA retail network, contract customers and on-premise customers.

Sales revenue
(including charge-through)

$5.3bn

▲ 3.3% on FY24

EBITDA

$123.5m

EBIT

$104.1m

Kylie Wallbridge
CEO, Australian Liquor Marketers

Pleasingly, our growth accelerated in the second half of the year, demonstrating the ongoing value, relevance and quality of the IBA network of proud, highly engaged independent retailers and hoteliers. Reinforcing the power of the convenience proposition and the focus and ability of independents to tailor their product range and service offering to meet the needs of their shoppers and customers; we grew market share in all categories across the liquor industry compared to the previous period.

Tailored ranges

Shoppers continue to be value-led and are increasingly making choices around health and wellbeing. For IBA, this means curating the right product range and offer to meet local shopper needs. We ensure our range is relevant and tailored to each banner, store and region, aligning with shopper expectations and preferences.

IBA network quality and retail excellence

We continue to strengthen the IBA network by expanding our footprint and attracting high-quality independent operators. This year we saw a net 89 new stores join the network.

A key innovation to raise retail excellence across the IBA network is our Platinum Program designed to elevate customer experience and lift retail standards. In less than one year since launch we already have ~300 stores participating in the program.

While the on-premise market continued to face headwinds in the first half of the year, it was particularly pleasing to see the channel return to growth in the second half and continue this momentum into FY26.

There are further opportunities to partner with Superior Foods in the out-of-home channel, particularly licensed on-premise, and to cross-sell and engage with existing and new customers given the strong proposition of the combined Liquor and Superior offering.

Scale and efficiency

The opening of our new mega DC in Truganina, Victoria during the year has strengthened the Liquor pillar's ability to leverage the broader Metcash Group capabilities and reach in wholesale and logistics.

We continue to strive to be a preferred route to market partner for suppliers. This year it was pleasing to have Lion partner with ALM for wholesale distribution in South Australia. The agreement represents approximately $100m of annual sales and commenced in February this year. This partnership is already delivering benefits and results for Lion, ALM and our shared customers.

Digital and loyalty

We operate a large loyalty program in the independent liquor sector, with over 400 participating stores nationwide across Cellarbrations, The Bottle-O, and Porters Liquor. Our loyalty member shoppers are rewarded with member only prices in-store and points for spending in-store on their next visit.

A key focus of the coming year will be increasing the number of shoppers on the program and providing more ways for shoppers to interact with the program alongside our key supplier partnerships.

Case Study

Redcape stores thrive under IBA banners

Redcape Hospitality, one of Australia's leading hospitality groups, operates 32 venues across New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria, including community pubs, bottle shops and select venues with accommodation. In late 2024, Redcape joined the Independent Brands Australia (IBA) network, transitioning its retail liquor outlets to Cellarbrations and The Bottle-O banners.

The collaboration between Redcape and IBA has delivered immediate and impressive results. Significant store upgrades have been completed at Campbelltown, Byron Bay, Hotel Brunswick, St Mary's Hotel, Wattle Hotel, Saltwater Creek Hotel and Cedars Tavern, with the newly refurbished Revesby store (pictured) recently reopening under the Cellarbrations banner. Additional store enhancements are planned as part of Redcape's ongoing retail transformation.

All stores have experienced growth since the banner change with a number of stores achieving double digit percentage growth. These outcomes highlight the strength of the partnership and the effectiveness of the IBA brand and retail model. With a shared focus on range, service, and community engagement, Redcape and IBA are committed to delivering 'the best store in town'.

Hardware

Merging the Independent Hardware Group with Total Tools positions us to capitalise on cyclical recovery in building activity, grow market share and further strengthen our leadership in the Australian hardware and professional tools markets.

Metcash is a leader in the supply of professional tools to tradies, and timber, building materials and general hardware to small and medium-sized builders. We also maintain a strong position in the DIY sector.

We support leading retail brands including Mitre 10, Home Hardware and Total Tools.

We are a trusted supplier to successful independent hardware businesses across Australia, who support thriving local communities. Our differentiated offer is based on locally tailored product ranges, strategic and convenient store locations, and exceptional expertise and service to help customers keep their projects on time and on budget.

The merger of Independent Hardware Group (IHG) and Total Tools in June 2025 to form the Total Tools and Hardware Group has created a scaled, unified business that leverages shared customer bases, strategic alignment, and operational efficiencies to drive profitable growth. This consolidation positions Metcash to capitalise on cyclical recovery in building activity, grow market share and further strengthen its leadership in the Australian hardware and professional tools markets.

Despite challenging market conditions, the hardware pillar continued to hold share. Total sales (including charge-through) increased 2.4%, reflecting recent acquisitions in IHG and new stores in Total Tools.

Hardware (Mitre 10 and Home Hardware)

Network growth

Our Mitre 10 and Home Hardware store footprint continues to expand, with format specific approaches rather than a one-size-fits-all model. In FY25 we welcomed 24 new members to the IHG group and opened 17 new Home Hardware, Mitre 10 and Hardings stores. We also converted an additional 16 stores from Thrifty Link and True Value Hardware to Mitre 10 and Home Hardware.

Retail ownership remains a key growth strategy that benefits both Metcash and the independent network. By owning and operating a select number of stores, we are able to better protect the network, ensure continuity in key locations and support broader network expansion.

Sales revenue (including charge-through)

$3.6bn

▲ 2.4% on FY24

EBITDA

$295.6m

EBIT

$189.3m

Scott Marshall
CEO, Total Tools and Hardware Group

This ownership model also enables us to assist independent members with succession planning and importantly, it allows us to 'walk in the shoes' of our members. Company-owned stores also serve as a platform to pilot new initiatives that can later be rolled out across the independent network. We now have 157 Joint Venture and Company-owned sites in the network, with sales up 11.6% in FY25.

Build Trade

Our Whole of House strategy is designed to deliver a complete solution by integrating products and services across every stage of a home build. Supported by Design 10 showrooms, this customer-centric approach drives larger basket sizes and strengthens loyalty, while fuelling sustainable growth for members. As part of this strategy, we continue to grow our network of frame and truss facilities nationwide, with a total of 24 dedicated sites across our Company-owned, Joint Venture and Member networks, supported by acquisitions including Alpine Truss in 2024.

Grow DIY

Our Sapphire store upgrade program ensures each store across the network is providing a quality offer tailored to the local community. This includes having the right product categories and services to attract, engage and support DIY enthusiasts. Sapphire is being rolled out across all stores, and in FY25 there were 20 stores that completed store upgrades. This brings the total projects completed to 242 since the commencement of the program.

Shopper insights

By leveraging loyalty data, digital platforms and online engagement, we are able to understand our customers more deeply and deliver smarter marketing that is targeted and personalised based on actual shopper behaviour. In FY25, e-Commerce sales grew 0.7% year-on-year to $27.7 million. We also continued to grow our loyalty program, with 385 stores now participating and a ~9% increase in our member base, with a total of 1.87 million members enrolled across Mighty Rewards and DIY Rewards programs. Sales to loyalty members were up 27% in FY25. Additionally, our private label range including Accent Paint, Buy Right, Detroit, Earthcore and Grilled, and exclusive brands present a strong opportunity to expand ranges and categories strategically, enhancing our value perception, product quality and member margins.

Total Tools

Total Tools continued to deliver revenue growth, underpinned by our expanding national footprint. During the year, we successfully launched 11 new stores, increasing our total network to 127 locations, supported by our disciplined expansion strategy. Sales of exclusive brands grew 20.7%, highlighting a shift in customer behavior amid ongoing economic uncertainty in our core trade segment.

Harnessing data to drive growth

eCommerce performance remained strong, with online sales up 16.1% year-on-year, driven by an improved digital experience. This reflects customers' increasing preference for flexible, multi-channel shopping and reinforces the value of our omnichannel investment strategy.

The Total Tools Insider Rewards loyalty program continued to perform strongly, now reaching over 2.3 million members following 10% year-on-year growth, and accounting for 91% of cash sales. This scale presents a significant opportunity to enhance experience, increase engagement, and drive long-term customer value.

Importantly, our strategic investments leverage data, insights and behavioural signals to deepen our understanding of customer needs and support incremental network growth.

Growth through collaboration

Co-located Mitre 10 and Total Tools sites offer strategic growth opportunities by combining the strengths of both brands to deliver a stronger regional presence and attract a broader customer base. These joint locations enhance floor space productivity, creating more efficient and profitable retail environments. We now have 12 sites across the network owned and operated by Mitre 10 Members, Joint Ventures or Company-owned (seven co-located stores and five in separate locations). Customers benefit from a more comprehensive product offering and improved convenience; while sales and EBIT results show positive returns, reinforcing the value of this integrated approach.

Case Study

Fagg's Mitre 10 Geelong celebrates 170 years in business

Fagg's Mitre 10 Geelong celebrated a significant milestone in 2024, commemorating 170 years in business. Established in 1854 by brothers Samuel and William Fagg, the company is the eighth-oldest continuously operating family business in Australia.

Over the decades, the business has expanded significantly, joining the Mitre 10 group in 1964, growing to four locations - South Geelong, Belmont, Wallington, and Torquay - and in 2023 merged with the business G Gay & Co which has stores in Ballarat, Wendouree, Sebastopol and Bacchus Marsh. Today the company employs over 300 team members.

Its operations have been guided by a core set of values, including customer service, integrity, professionalism, and teamwork. Fagg's has also demonstrated a deep commitment to the local community, actively supporting initiatives such as Give Where You Live, the Geelong Community Foundation, the Geelong Football Club, and numerous local schools and sporting clubs reinforcing its role as a trusted and community-focused business.

As Geelong's longest-serving timber and hardware specialist, Fagg's has built a strong reputation for delivering exceptional service to both DIY enthusiasts and trade professionals.

ESG highlights

We have had another year of good progress on ESG initiatives across the Group. This momentum is reflected in our inclusion in the Dow Jones Best-in-Class Indices, where Metcash ranked in the 90th percentile, an improvement from 89th in FY24 and 87th in FY23.

Our Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) rating has also improved to a 'B', up from a 'C' in FY24 and for the first time, Metcash was included in the Sustainalytics ESG Top Rated Companies list.

Our sustainability reporting continues to evolve and this year our reporting will align with the Global Reporting Index (GRI), progressing from the prior two years where we reported with reference to the GRI. Further details on our progress in this important area can be found in the full ESG Report, which will be available on the Metcash website in September.

People

Gender pay gap

<1%

TRIFR

13.8

We remain committed to actively supporting a diverse and inclusive workplace. We are proud to be FlexReady certified for the seventh year in a row and being placed in the 88th percentile, which compares to the cohort average of 73%.

We continue to maintain our gender equality target of 40:40:20 at the leadership level, with 44% female representation in the Group leadership team and 43% of non-executive directors.

We are also pleased to continue to report a gender-neutral pay gap across the organisation and again be recognised by the Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA). The full WGEA report for 2024-2025 can be found on the Corporate Governance page of our website.

Our ongoing focus on safety has seen a ~4% improvement in our key safety measure of Total Reportable Injury Frequency Rate, decreasing to 13.8 down from 14.3 in FY24. This reflects our efforts to ensure a safe and supportive working environment for all Metcash employees.

Metcash Food team volunteers planting trees for Greening Australia

Planet

Emissions target

3.3%
decrease

Installed solar capacity

8,289 kWp

This year we reduced emissions by a further 3.3% ensuring that we remain on track for achieving our aligned science-based target for scope 1 and 2 emissions.

Our targets include:

- 42% Scope 1 and 2 emissions reduction by 2030
- 100% renewable electricity by end of 2025
- Net-zero emissions by 2040

Our solar capacity increased 163% in the year to 8,289kWp, with major installations at Truganina (2.7MW), Canning Vale (1.7MW) and Darwin (415kW). Our new Truganina DC is all-electric, Green Star certified and 30% more energy efficient than comparable facilities.

We significantly improved Scope 3 emissions reporting, using lifecycle assessment (LCA) data across 30 key categories representing 68% of sales. This enabled detailed tracking across purchased goods, transport, product use and disposal, and including FLAG (Forest, Land and Agriculture) versus non-FLAG emissions.

We also continued to improve waste diversion and circularity across the network, maintaining progress toward our target of 80% diversion from landfill by 2028. Hardware saw strong improvements, with the Welshpool DC reaching 68% diversion, up from 56% last year. In Food, we partnered with Food for Change and Foodbank to direct the equivalent of 2.88m meals to charities rather than to landfill. We also worked with End Food Waste Australia on several projects including trialling on-pack food-saving messages and QR codes to support household waste reduction.

We continued to progress efforts in designing packaging for material efficiency, recyclability and maximised shelf life. This year we also increased the total number of product SKUs featuring the Australasian Recycling Label (ARL).

Community impact

IGA Community Chest Donations

$2.6 million

Battery recycling

~520
tonnes since 2021

Independent retailers across our network continue to play a vital role in supporting thriving local communities. Through the IGA Community Chest program, approximately $2.6m was donated to community groups and charities in FY25.

In partnership with Greening Australia, IGA engaged shoppers in the 'Buy One Get One Tree' campaign, resulting in the funding of 105,000 trees in FY25.

Sustainability efforts continue to grow across the independent store network, with around 1,000 stores now participating in the battery recycling program. To date, we have recycled approximately 225 tonnes of batteries through stores in our Hardware pillar and 76 tonnes in Supermarkets.

Our Paintback partnerships in the Hardware store network diverted three tonnes of PP5 plastic from garden pots through community and circular initiatives.

Our people

Doug Jones

CEO, Metcash Group

BCom, CA(SA), GAICD

Doug is an experienced executive with extensive wholesale, retail and eCommerce experience in Canada, South Africa and Australia.

He has held senior finance, supply chain and general management roles at Makro SA, Massmart Limited, Amalgamated Beverages Industries Limited and The South African Breweries, all in Johannesburg, Coca-Cola Enterprises in Canada, and Deloitte in both Canada and South Africa.

He is a chartered accountant having qualified in South Africa, and registered in both South Africa and Australia and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors

Deepa Sita

CFO, Metcash Group

MBA, CA(SA)

Deepa joined Metcash as Chief Financial Officer in January 2024.

Most recently, Deepa held the position of Chief Financial Officer of the largest FMCG company in Africa, Tiger Consumer Brands Limited. Prior to Tiger Consumer Brands, Deepa held senior leadership roles with Walmart's South Africa-based subsidiary Massmart, and senior finance roles with Mondelēz International and Samsung Electronics South Africa.

Grant Ramage

CEO, Metcash Food

Grant was promoted to CEO of Metcash Food in 2023 after four years as Executive General Manager, Merchandise, and a further four years as State General Manager, Supermarkets in WA.

Prior to joining Metcash in 2015, Grant held several senior roles at Coles Liquor across merchandise, marketing, operational leadership, business development, critical projects and exclusive brands. His earlier career included 10 years with Oddbins, the UK's then pre-eminent Wine Merchant, initially in retail stores and then in buying.

Kylie Wallbridge

CEO, Australian Liquor Marketers

BCom

Kylie has more than 25 years of commercial, brand and marketing experience in the Australian and global liquor industries. Prior to joining Metcash Kylie was Managing Director at Diageo in the United Kingdom where she was responsible for the global rare spirits, private client, wine and Scottish tourism and retail businesses. Kylie also previously held the position of Managing Director of Diageo in Japan.

In addition to Diageo, Kylie has worked for multinational liquor organisations and brands including Heineken for 13 years and Lion for seven years, in several senior roles across Africa, Asia and Australia.

Scott Marshall

CEO, Total Tools and Hardware Group

Scott Marshall was appointed CEO of the newly formed Total Tools and Hardware Group in June 2025. Scott rejoined the Metcash Group in November 2024 as CEO of IHG from his previous role as CEO of Reece Aus/NZ.

Prior to joining Reece Group in July 2023, Scott worked in wholesale and with independent retailers for over 30 years. He has held several senior leadership roles in the Metcash Group including CEO Metcash Food and CEO ALM. His areas of experience include supply chain, sales and retail operations, and general management, with a focus on merchandising and marketing.

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Danielle Jenkinson

Chief People & Growth Officer, Metcash Group

MBA, BDes (Vis Comm)

Danielle is a seasoned executive with extensive experience in leadership roles across the retail and wholesale sectors. Currently, she serves as the Group Chief People and Growth Officer at Metcash, where she oversees People and Culture initiatives, as well as leading some of Metcash's emerging growth businesses.

Previously, Danielle held key roles at Metcash including Group Chief People & Culture Officer, Executive General Manager Retail Channels, and General Manager Marketing. Prior to joining Metcash in 2018, Danielle held positions at Woolworths, Goodman Fielder, and L'Oreal UK. She has spent the last 22 years in the industry with suppliers, retailers, and a wholesaler, in roles spanning sales, commercial, marketing, retail operations and HR, in both Australia and UK markets.

Julie Hutton

Chief Legal, Risk & Compliance Officer and Company Secretary, Metcash Group

B Asian Studies (Viet), LLB, LLM, GAICD

Julie joined Metcash in 2016 from law firm Baker & McKenzie, where she was a partner who specialised in mergers & acquisitions, private equity and corporate restructures.

Julie is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and was formerly a Non-Executive Director of AVCAL, a national association which represents the private equity and venture capital industries in Australia.

Neil Whiteing

Chief Information Officer, Metcash Group

Neil was appointed Group Chief Information Officer in August 2024 and is responsible for the delivery and operation of all technology, information security and cybersecurity solutions and platforms across the Group.

Neil is an experienced digital, technology and operations executive with extensive financial services experience. Most recently Neil held the role of Director of Digital and Customer at the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC), the largest integrated racing and wagering organisation in the world. Prior to that he was the CTO at CBA in Sydney.

Before pursuing a career in financial services Neil was a senior manager with Bain & Co. in their San Francisco office.

Directors' Report

Your Directors submit their report of Metcash Limited (the 'Company') and its controlled entities (together the 'Group' or 'Metcash') for the financial year ended 30 April 2025 ('FY25').

Operating and Financial Review

1. Metcash's Business Model

Metcash is Australia's leading wholesaler and distributor, supplying and supporting an extensive network of independent retailers which form part of our bannered network and several other unbannered businesses across the Food, Hardware and Liquor pillars. Metcash's retail customers operate some of Australia's leading independent brands including: IGA, Foodland, Mitre 10, Home Hardware, Total Tools, Cellarbrations, IGA Liquor and the Bottle-O. We help them to be the 'Best Store in their Town' by providing merchandising, operational and marketing support.

Metcash operates a low-cost distribution model that enables independent retailers to compete against the vertically integrated retail chains and other competitors. The Group's core competencies include: procurement, logistics, marketing, retail development and retail operational support. Metcash operates major distribution centres in all the mainland states of Australia which are complemented by a number of smaller warehouses and a portfolio of corporate and joint venture stores.

The Group employs over 11,500 people and indirectly supports employment in the independent retail network.

2. Strategic objectives

Metcash's purpose is '*Championing Successful Independents in support of Thriving Local Communities*' to create sustainable shareholder value.

Metcash's vision includes:

- supporting independent retailers to be the best store in their town;
- being passionate about independents;
- being a favourite place to work;
- being a business partner of choice for suppliers and independents;
- supporting thriving communities; and
- creating a sustainable future.

At the core of Metcash's strategy is to further improve the competitiveness of independent retail networks. This includes continuing to improve the quality and value of the offer to shoppers, and in strengthening and growing Metcash's own, and its network's capabilities to deliver value to Metcash's retailers and suppliers.

Metcash achieves its strategy through its flywheel, which captures the key competitive advantages that set it apart, at its heart is logistics to support the end-to-end supply chain, followed by Metcash's strategy to nurture brands and formats that shoppers love to shop in, and independent entrepreneurs want to invest in and run; and finally Metcash's support and services provided to help independents compete with the larger chain stores.

Metcash remains committed to investing in growth and have a significant and expanding pipeline of opportunities across the Food, Hardware and Liquor pillars. All capital investments are assessed through a disciplined process that includes consideration of the investment's strategic fit and ability to meet financial return hurdles.

3. Key developments

Business Acquisitions

Superior Foods

On 3 June 2024, Metcash announced that completion had occurred in relation to the acquisition of a 100% ownership interest in SFG Group Holdings Pty Ltd ('Superior Foods'). Superior Foods is a leading Australian foodservice distribution business in the large and growing foodservice market. The acquisition delivers immediate scale and growth opportunities in the adjacent foodservice market and further strengthens and diversifies our existing Food business.

Total Tools

During the period, Metcash has reset put option arrangements for 15 Total Tools JV stores by acquiring an additional ownership interest upfront and deferring the put option in relation to the residual ownership interest by a further two to three years (13 stores) or extinguishing the put option (2 stores that became 100% owned). Metcash has now increased its ownership of these stores (FY24 ownership interest 51% - 80%, up to revised ownership interest 75% - 100%) for upfront purchase consideration of $36.1 million (allocated against the put option liability).

In addition to the above JV reset, Metcash also reduced its ownership interest in 2 corporate stores from an FY24 ownership interest of 100% to ownership interest of 87%. Metcash has issued put options in relation to these stores over the residual ownership interest of 13%, exercisable in May 2028, which are valued at $0.7 million.

Further, in FY25, Total Tools established 3 Greenfield JV stores and disposed of its 60% ownership interest in 1 JV store to a franchise.

Program Horizon

Program Horizon is a critical group technical infrastructure consolidation and replacement program aimed at repositioning Metcash to be a modern, technology-led wholesaler. The program provides the platform to drive simplification and efficiency across the Food and Liquor businesses, as well as making it easier for customers and suppliers to do business with Metcash. The program continues to make steady progress, most recently delivering a streamlined all-in-one payables solution and a successful legal entity rationalisation release. The program is expected to be completed in FY27.

In FY25, the Group incurred $13.3 million (FY24: $20.6 million) of operating expenses on the program. The program expenses included resource costs, accelerated amortisation and impairment of redundant software assets and incremental software licence and maintenance costs. These costs are separately disclosed within significant items in the Statement of Comprehensive Income to enable a better understanding of the Group's results.

Sale of joint venture ownership in Dramet Holdings Pty Ltd

During FY25, Metcash sold its 26% joint venture ownership interest in Dramet Holdings Pty Ltd to Drakes Supermarkets Pty Ltd for net sale proceeds of $3.2 million and loan repayment of $15.0 million (total cash received $18.2 million). Metcash previously held a 26% ownership interest in Dramet Holdings and Drakes Supermarkets held the remaining 74% ownership interest. Dramet Holdings operates and owns 21 of the Drakes branded supermarkets in Queensland supplied by Metcash, as well as 8 stores in South Australia that are supplied by Drakes Supermarkets. Refer also Note 4.4.

Metcash also extended the term of its agreement to supply all Drakes supermarkets in Queensland by a further five years to June 2034.

Changes in key management personnel (KMP)

Mr Scott Marshall was appointed as CEO IHG in November 2024 to succeed Ms Annette Welsh who stepped down after five years in the role.

On 10 June 2025, Metcash announced that Mr Richard Murray, CEO Total Tools, will cease employment in FY26, with Mr Scott Marshall leading the newly formed Total Tools and Hardware Group.

Dividend declaration

The Board has determined to pay a fully franked final FY25 dividend of 9.5 cents per share, which brings total dividends for the year to 18.0 cents per share fully franked, which represents a dividend payout ratio of 71.8% of underlying profit after tax.

4. Key Financial Measures

Warehouse earnings

Metcash's operations are designed to allow significant volumes to be distributed through its warehouse infrastructure at a relatively fixed cost base. The ability to leverage volumes through the warehouse is a key driver of profitability for both Metcash and the independent retail network.

In addition to warehouse revenue, earnings are impacted by product category mix and the proportion of the Group's products bought by the network. Warehouse revenue and related margins are driven by competitive pricing, promotional activities and the level of supplier support through volumetric and other rebates.

Metcash also operates a portfolio of corporate and joint venture retail stores, predominantly in the Hardware pillar.

Metcash has a number of key programs in place to drive sales and margins, including through pricing and promotion, product range, retail operational standards and consumer alignment.

Cost of doing business

The Group's profitability depends on the efficiency and effectiveness of its operating model. This is achieved by optimising the Group's cost of doing business ('CODB') which comprises the various costs of operating the distribution centres, retail stores and the administrative support functions.

The Group continues to have a strong focus on both revenue growth and maintaining a sustainable cost base.

Funds employed and return on capital

The Group's funds employed is primarily influenced by the seasonal working capital cycle. The Group has longer term capital investments predominantly in relation to its supply chain capabilities, including warehouse automation technologies and software development. In Hardware, the Group has acquired a network of corporate and JV retail stores. The Group also invests alongside the independent retail network, mainly in the form of equity participation or short-term loans.

The Board's intention is to continue to invest in the business for future growth while maintaining a strong financial position and otherwise to assess returning surplus capital to shareholders.

Climate-related financial disclosures

In September 2024, the *Treasury Laws Amendment (Financial Market Infrastructure and Other Measures) Bill 2024* was passed into law. This legislation requires Metcash, as a Group 1 reporting entity, to prepare and disclose its first mandatory climate-related sustainability report alongside its financial reports in FY26. Following the approval of climate and sustainability assurance requirements by the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AUASB) in January 2025, Metcash will also be required to obtain limited assurance over its FY26 AASB S2 climate-related disclosures, covering; governance, strategy (including risks and opportunities), and Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions.

In FY25, Metcash will continue to report on greenhouse gas emissions, emissions targets, transition and physical climate risks, climate-related opportunities, and associated metrics, in alignment with the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). Details of our climate governance, strategy, metrics, and targets will be outlined in Metcash's 2025 ESG Report. This report will also provide information on our preparations for the upcoming AASB S2 climate-related disclosure requirements.

Oversight of climate-related risks and opportunities is provided by the ESG Council and managed through the Climate Change Risk Register. These risks are collectively classified under the broader "Climate Risk" category within the Group Risk Profile.

Non-IFRS Information

The Directors' Report contains IFRS and non-IFRS financial information. IFRS financial information is financial information that is presented in accordance with all relevant accounting standards. Non-IFRS financial information is financial information that is not defined or specified under any relevant accounting standards and may not be directly comparable with other companies' information. Non-IFRS measures are used by management to assess and monitor business performance at the Group and segment level and should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, IFRS information. Non-IFRS information is not subject to audit or review.

5. Review of Financial Results

Group overview

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Sales revenue	**17,323.0**	**15,912.4**
Food	345.5	277.6
Liquor	123.5	125.7
Hardware	295.6	297.8
Corporate	(16.8)	(12.8)
Underlying earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation ('EBITDA') (a)	**747.8**	**688.3**
Food	248.4	210.1
Liquor	104.1	109.2
Hardware	189.3	210.9
Corporate	(34.0)	(33.9)
Underlying earnings before interest and tax ('EBIT') (a)	**507.8**	**496.3**
Net finance costs	(122.4)	(92.6)
Underlying profit before tax	**385.4**	**403.7**
Tax expense on underlying profit	(109.8)	(120.5)
Non-controlling interests	(0.1)	(0.9)
Underlying profit after tax ('UPAT') (a)	**275.5**	**282.3**
Significant items	0.4	(31.9)
Tax benefit attributable to significant items	7.4	6.8
Net profit for the year attributable to members	**283.3**	**257.2**
Underlying earnings per share (cents) (b)	**25.1**	**28.3**
Reported earnings per share (cents)	25.9	25.8

(a) EBIT, EBITDA and UPAT excludes significant items as identified in Note 3.3 of the financial report.
(b) Underlying earnings per share (UEPS) is calculated by dividing UPAT by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year.

Group reported revenue, which excludes charge-through sales[1], increased 8.9% to $17.3bn (FY24: $15.9bn). Including charge-through sales[1], Group revenue increased 7.2% to $19.5bn (FY24: $18.2bn) with growth in the Food, Liquor and Hardware pillars, partly buoyed by acquisitions.

Group EBITDA increased 8.6% to $747.8m (FY24: $688.3m) reflecting strong growth in the Food pillar, underpinned by the acquisition of Superior Foods in June 2024. Underlying EBIT increased 2.3% to $507.8m with growth in the Food pillar being partly offset by decreases in the Liquor and Hardware pillars, and increased depreciation and amortisation associated with acquisitions, the new distribution centre in Truganina, Victoria and digital investment. In Liquor, the decline in EBIT relates to the impact of lower wholesale price inflation on strategic buying, while in Hardware subdued trade activity continued to weigh on owned trade centre volumes, in turn causing deleverage of earnings.

The Food pillar again performed well with a significant increase in EBIT, reflecting growth in both Supermarkets and Campbells & Convenience and the inclusion of Superior Foods. In Supermarkets and Campbells & Convenience, earnings growth was achieved despite reduced strategic buying opportunities and a continuation of the sharp decline in tobacco sales. The quality and competitiveness of the independents' offer continues to resonate with shoppers in a highly value-conscious environment.

The Liquor pillar continued to deliver strong sales growth and market share gains, underpinned by shopper preference for the convenience and quality of the independents' differentiated offer. EBIT was $5.1m lower at $104.1m, with the strong trading performance offset by the impact of lower wholesale price inflation on strategic buying.

In Hardware, the level of trade activity continued to be subdued, albeit there was some improvement in the fourth quarter, and this has continued into FY26. Total sales[2] increased 2.4%, reflecting the impact of acquisitions in IHG and new stores in Total Tools. EBITDA was broadly flat, while EBIT declined 10.2% to $189.3m reflecting weaker trade activity and increased depreciation and amortisation associated with acquisitions. Both IHG and Total Tools maintained their market share and have taken decisive actions in response to the challenging conditions.

Group underlying profit after tax[3] decreased 2.4% to $275.5m, reflecting lower earnings in the Hardware and Liquor pillars, increased finance costs and increased depreciation and amortisation. Statutory profit after tax increased 10.1% to $283.3m. This included a $15.0m gain arising from the reversal of a previously impaired loan to an associate (Dramet Holdings Pty Ltd), put option valuation adjustment gains and acquisition costs of $10.1m (net gain), Program Horizon implementation costs of $9.3m and Mega DC transition costs of $8.0m, all post tax.

Segment results

	Segment revenue (a)		Segment underlying EBITDA		Segment underlying EBIT	
	FY25 $m	FY24 $m	FY25 $m	FY24 $m	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Food	9,341.2	8,307.8	345.5	277.6	248.4	210.1
Liquor	5,306.1	5,133.6	123.5	125.7	104.1	109.2
Hardware	2,675.7	2,471.0	295.6	297.8	189.3	210.9
Corporate	—	—	(16.8)	(12.8)	(34.0)	(33.9)
Metcash Group	**17,323.0**	**15,912.4**	**747.8**	**688.3**	**507.8**	**496.3**

a) Segment revenue excludes gross charge-through sales to customers of $2.166 billion (FY24: $2.267 billion). Refer Note 3.2.

Food[4]

The success of the Company's strategy has resulted in the Food pillar now being larger, more diversified and resilient, underpinned by the competitiveness of the independents' offer and the addition of Superior Foods.

Total Food sales (including charge-through[1] and excluding tobacco) increased 20.8% to $8.8bn, reflecting growth in both Supermarkets and Campbells & Convenience, and the inclusion of Superior Foods from 3 June 2024. Including tobacco, total Food sales increased 11.1% to $10.6bn.

In Supermarkets, the quality and competitiveness of the independents' offer continues to resonate in a value conscious and highly competitive environment. Wholesale sales (excluding tobacco) increased 3.2% reflecting sustained volume growth and a low level of inflation.

Sales of private label products increased 7.6%, and sales of items on promotion continued to grow faster than those not on promotion, reflecting the increased focus on value.

Sales of tobacco products declined 19.8% (FY24: 13.9%), bringing the total sales decline to 41% since FY21, driven by acceleration of the illicit tobacco trade. The business is managing the decline well with initiatives focused on expanding Metcash Food's share of the legal tobacco market and restructuring commercial arrangements.

Wholesale price inflation[5] continued to moderate and was 1.4% for the year (FY24: 4.8%). The teamwork score was maintained at ~70% on an ex-tobacco basis.

The IGA network continued to perform well with retail like-for-like[6] increasing 2.7% (ex-tobacco). There were 22 new IGA stores in the year, including 9 core (medium to large) format stores. The Company's diversification strategy has led to sales to the IGA network now accounting for approximately 60% of total Food sales.

Campbells & Convenience delivered strong sales growth of 6.0% ex tobacco (FY24: 4.0%). The acceleration in growth was underpinned by a renewed growth strategy that has resulted in the business being established as the leading supplier in the sector, supplying all major petrol and convenience operations.

There was strong growth in Superior Foods with sales[2] increasing 4.6% to $1.26bn in an environment of increased competition, particularly in the independent sector. The business renewed major contracts in the year representing ~20% of its revenue base and implemented initiatives to position the business for accelerated growth. These include pursuing unique cross-sell and other opportunities resulting from Metcash's acquisition of the business in June last year and integrating elements of the supply chains of Superior into Metcash Food. Synergy benefits from the acquisition are progressing well and are in line with target.

At the end of the financial year Superior Foods was merged with Campbells & Convenience to facilitate further opportunities and strength. The combined business has been named Foodservice and Convenience.

Food EBITDA increased a significant 24.5% reflecting the strong trading performance (ex-tobacco) in both Supermarkets and Campbells & Convenience, and the inclusion of Superior Foods. Supermarkets and Campbells & Convenience EBIT increased 2.9% to $216.1m. This is a pleasing result given the adverse impacts of the decline in tobacco sales, reduced strategic buying and an increase in depreciation and amortisation. Total Food depreciation and amortisation increased 43.9% to $97.1m reflecting the inclusion of Superior Foods and the impact of the new distribution centre in Truganina, Victoria.

The EBIT margin[7] increased 14bps to 2.3%, reflecting a change in sales mix associated with the decline in tobacco sales and the addition of Superior Foods.

Liquor

In Liquor, independents continued to outperform the market, led by the IBA network. Total sales increased 3.4% to $5.3bn with growth accelerating in the second half, underpinned by continued shopper preference for the convenience and quality of the independents' differentiated offer.

Wholesale sales to independent retail and contract customers increased 3.8% (FY24: 2.2%), while on-premise sales returned to growth in the second half. There was strong growth across all major IBA brands including Cellarbrations, The Bottle-O, IGA Liquor and Porters.

The highest growth category was beer, reflecting continued shopper focus on value together with the successful execution of Metcash's new wholesale distribution agreement with Lion in South Australia.

Shopper preference for the independents' differentiated offer led to further market share gains in the year, resulting in gains since FY22 increasing to 270 bps. The gains in the year were across all liquor categories. The business' multi-channel liquor strategy focused on servicing IBA, contract and on-premise customers, ensures a resilient and healthy portfolio and helped drive the market share gains.

Liquor EBITDA was 1.8% lower at $123.5m (FY24: $125.7) and EBIT declined 4.7% to $104.1m (FY24: $109.2m) reflecting the contribution from the business' strong trading performance being more than offset by the impact of lower wholesale price inflation on strategic buying. The EBIT margin[7] was 16 bps lower at 2.0%.

Hardware

Total Hardware sales (including charge-through[1]) increased 2.4% to $3.6bn buoyed by acquisitions and store growth in Total Tools. Total sales in the combined IHG and Total Tools retail networks were 0.5% higher at $4.5bn.

The Hardware pillar continued to hold market share in an environment of subdued trade activity.

In IHG, an improvement in the fourth quarter together with actions taken in response to the challenging market conditions led to an increase in sales and earnings in the second half.

IHG's wholesale sales remained stable and joint venture and company-owned store sales improved significantly in the second half, partly due to the impact of acquisitions. Retail network scan sales were also higher in the second half versus the first half.

Total IHG sales[2] for the year increased 2.8% and include the impact of the acquisition of Alpine Truss and Bianco Building Supplies in March last year. Excluding these acquisitions, sales were 3.1% lower. Like-for-like scan sales for the IHG retail network[8] declined 4.1% with trade down 6.5% and DIY broadly flat.

In Total Tools, sales increased 0.6% to $683.2m largely reflecting the impact of new stores, mostly offset by subdued trade activity and the impact of cost-of-living pressures on trades people. Total retail network sales increased 4.1% to $1.2bn.

Franchise fees and other revenue increased 6.4%, joint venture store revenue declined 1.4% and exclusive brand sales increased a significant 20.6% partly reflecting the macro environment and increased uncertainty in which our customers operate. The business' expansion into the commercial segment is continuing to progress well with sales up 16.4%, albeit off a low base.

Hardware EBITDA was broadly flat at $295.6m (FY24: $297.8m) while EBIT declined 10.2% to $189.3m reflecting the impact of subdued trading activity, retail margin pressure and a significant increase in depreciation and amortisation related primarily to acquisitions.

In IHG, EBITDA was slightly up at $196.7m (FY24: 195.1m) and EBIT declined 12.5% to $112.9m (FY24: $129.0m). The successful execution of initiatives to address the impact of the challenging market and an improvement in sales in the fourth quarter contributed to a significant improvement in second half earnings (EBIT +14.6%).

In Total Tools, EBITDA was 3.7% lower at $98.9m (FY24: $102.7m) and EBIT declined 6.7% to $76.4m (FY24: $81.9m) reflecting lower joint venture store margins. An improvement in joint venture store gross margins in the second half underpinned a return to EBIT growth in the second half (2H EBIT +7.7% vs pcp). The improved margins have been sustained in early FY26.

The Hardware EBIT margin[7] was 5.3%, with IHG 3.9% and Total Tools 11.2%.

Finance costs and tax

Net finance costs increased during the year driven by higher interest rates and the higher levels of debt associated with acquisitions and capital investment. Tax expense of $109.8 million on underlying profit represents an effective tax rate of 28.5% (FY24: 29.8%).

Significant items

Significant items categories were consistent with the half-year and included *Program Horizon* implementation costs of $13.3 million (FY24: $20.6 million), gain on put option valuation and business acquisition costs (net) of $10.1 million (FY24: expense of $8.7 million), Mega Distribution Centre transition costs of $11.4 million (FY24: $2.6 million) and other gains of $15.0 million arising from the reversal of a previously impaired loan to an associate (Dramet Holdings Pty Ltd).

Refer Note 3.3(vii) of the financial report for further information.

Cash flows

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Operating cash flows	539.0	482.6
Investing cash flows, excluding sublease receipts	(523.9)	(328.4)
Payment for acquisition of non-controlling interests	(36.1)	(139.8)
Payments for lease liabilities, net and other financing activities	(143.0)	(121.3)
	(164.0)	(106.9)
Proceeds from equity raise, net of share issue costs	—	351.9
Dividends paid to the owners of the parent	(161.5)	(147.3)
(Increase) / Decrease in net debt	**(325.5)**	**97.7**

Group operating cash flows were $539.0 million (FY24: $482.6 million), resulting in a strong cash realisation ratio of 104.6% (FY24: 101.8%) and reflecting a reduction in working capital.

The Group had net investing outflows (excluding sublease receipts) of $523.9 million, including capital expenditure of $148.5 million and acquisitions of businesses of $403.8 million, predominantly relating to Superior Foods.

The Group also reset put option arrangements for 15 Total Tools JV stores for upfront purchase consideration of $36.1 million.

The Group paid $161.5 million (FY24: $147.3 million) in dividends during the current financial year, net of $24.6 million (FY24: $66.4 million) reinvested in shares post activation of the Dividend Reinvestment Plan with effect from the FY24 final dividend. Total dividends paid in FY25 was 17.0 cents per share (FY24: 22.0 cents per share).

Financial position

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Trade and other receivables	2,096.0	1,906.2
Inventories	1,542.8	1,196.9
Trade payables and provisions	(3,182.1)	(2,635.0)
Net working capital	**456.7**	**468.1**
Intangible assets	1,452.4	1,061.5
Property, plant and equipment	397.4	340.1
Equity-accounted investments	146.1	135.6
Customer loans and assets held for sale	21.3	22.9
Total funds employed	**2,473.9**	**2,028.2**
Lease balances (net)	(245.3)	(225.3)
Put option liabilities	(126.4)	(175.4)
Tax, derivatives and other financial liabilities	111.8	152.8
Net debt	(577.4)	(251.9)
Net assets/equity	**1,636.6**	**1,528.4**

Net working capital decreased by $11.4 million to $456.7 million, notwithstanding growth from acquisition, reflecting working capital management.

Put option liabilities of $126.4 million predominantly relate to the Total Tools Group (refer Note 5.3 of the financial report).

The Group was in a net debt position as at 30 April 2025 of $577.4 million (FY24: $251.9 million) of which $295.0 million was hedged via interest rate swaps, with a weighted average hedge maturity of 0.9 years and an average fixed interest rate of 3.8%, pre margin. The increase in the Group's net debt position largely reflects acquisitions and capital investment. Metcash had $888.8 million in unused debt facilities and $84.8 million of cash and cash equivalents available at the reporting date for immediate use.

Commitments, contingencies and other financial exposures

Put options, including in relation to Ritchies Stores Pty Ltd, are detailed along with other contingent liabilities in Note 5.3 and Note 7.3 of the financial statements.

Metcash has a moderate exposure to interest rate risk and minimal foreign exchange exposures. Further details are set out in Note 5.6 of the financial statements.

6. Outlook

There has been a positive start to FY26 with Group revenue for the first seven weeks up 4.7%, underpinned by growth in all pillars.

Total Food revenue has increased significantly reflecting the inclusion of Superior Foods and strong growth in Campbells & Convenience.

In Liquor, shoppers continue to value the local convenience and quality of the Independents' offer which is supporting growth in a challenging market.

In Hardware, the sales momentum seen in the fourth quarter of FY25 has continued into FY26.

Metcash remains well positioned with the plans, platform, capabilities and diverse business portfolio for future growth and success.

7. Material Business Risks

Further, geopolitical tensions and actions of nation states, including trade wars, territorial disputes, incursions, and war may adversely impact Metcash's operations and supply chain, resulting in delivery delays or the unavailability of certain products or inputs, increased cost of doing business and subsequent impact on profitability. We seek to manage these risks through forecasting and planning to maintain adequate levels of supply, as well as understanding alternative avenues of supply.

Operational risks

As a wholesaler, Metcash is reliant upon the success of its suppliers and retailers. Metcash continues to invest in programs to improve the health of the independent retail network and improving Metcash's infrastructure to make it simpler to do business. These programs aim to strengthen Metcash as the business partner of choice for both its suppliers and retailers. As with any significant change, there is a risk that these transformation programs fail to deliver the expected benefits, experience delays, scope variations or cost overruns. Metcash has strengthened its governance frameworks to manage these change programs through the establishment of dedicated project teams to ensure projects are delivered and risks are addressed in a timely manner.

Disruption to, or inefficiency or failure within Metcash's supply chain, product sourcing ability, or of key support systems could impact the Group's ability to deliver on its objectives, its operational capability and financial performance. We seek to manage this risk through the ongoing monitoring of our operations to ensure our supply chain and support systems are able to scale appropriately to respond to business needs.

Compliance risks

Metcash's operations require compliance with various regulatory requirements including work health and safety, food and product safety, environmental, workplace industrial relations, public and product liability, modern slavery, privacy and security, financial, anti-money laundering, critical infrastructure and industry codes of conduct. Any regulatory breach could have a material negative impact on the operational performance, reputation or financial results of Metcash or its stakeholders. Non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations could expose Metcash to fines, penalties, investigations, liabilities and reputation impacts.

The Group has implemented internal processes and controls to manage and monitor compliance across areas including safety, security, sustainability, chain of responsibility, food safety and anti-money laundering. However, there is a risk that such internal processes may not be complied with. Further, Metcash has a strategy of driving growth by expanding through acquiring privately held retail stores as joint ventures. While Metcash will implement internal processes, as part of the operation of its joint ventures, to allow Metcash to monitor these joint venture stores, Metcash has less oversight over these stores compared to its corporate owned stores. Accordingly, compliance with Metcash's processes by joint venture stores and minority joint venture partners may be outside of Metcash's direct control and any such non-compliance may adversely affect Metcash's operational performance, reputation or financial results.

Metcash regularly assesses modern slavery risks in its supply chain as part of modern slavery reporting requirements. Any identification of such modern slavery risks could not only negatively impact Metcash's supply chain operations, but cause material reputational harm.

Further, the businesses of Metcash are highly regulated in many markets in which they sell their products. These regulations govern many parts of Metcash's operations, including the import, manufacturing, marketing, advertising, distribution and sales of its products. Examples of such regulation include industry codes of conduct, country of origin labelling laws, container deposit schemes and tobacco

and liquor licensing, packaging and advertising laws. The products in a particular market could be subjected to changes or additions to existing regulations, which could increase the cost of goods or restrict Metcash's ability to sell or market products.

The introduction of new laws and regulations, or reform to existing structures, or increases in levies to fund government schemes and regulations, could materially impact Metcash's operational and financial performance, through increased expenditure on compliance and controls and any required adjustments to how we conduct business.

Property and facilities risk

Metcash leases facilities for the wholesale distribution of grocery, fresh produce, liquor, hardware and other fast-moving consumer goods. Damage to or destruction of these facilities could result in the loss or reduction of distribution capability and hence adversely impact Metcash's financial results. While Metcash has in place insurances that it considers are sufficient for a business of its type and size, Metcash will be required to pay for the loss on any event up to the deductible and self-insurance retention.

Financial risks

Competitive trading conditions and broader adverse economic conditions can increase the credit risk associated with the Group's activities, including the provision of credit and trading terms to its independent retailers.

Funding and liquidity risk continue to be relevant to the Group due to the need to adequately fund business operations, growth initiatives and absorb potential loss events that may arise. Inability to adequately fund the Group's business operations and growth plans may lead to difficulty in executing the Group's strategy. Metcash maintains a prudent approach towards capital management, which includes optimising working capital, disciplined capital expenditure, capital recycling and careful consideration of its dividend policy.

In an economic environment of high inflation and higher interest rates, Metcash may be impacted by increases in the cost of debt and potential instability in international banking markets. This could lead to a risk that the Group may be unable to refinance or renew its banking and debt facilities following expiry or will only be able to refinance or renew those facilities on terms that are less favourable to the Group than existing terms. Further, if Metcash failed to meet any of the covenants on its debt facilities there is a risk that the Group may be required to repay outstanding debt on notice or take other actions to remedy the breach.

Any requirement to repay outstanding debt on notice, or inability to refinance banking facilities or obtain capital or financing generally, on favourable terms or at all, may have a material adverse effect on the Group's financial performance and position.

We seek to manage these risks through maintaining diversity in our banking partners, the value and tenor of debt facilities we hold, including maintaining sufficient headroom, and managing our financial and operational performance to ensure ongoing compliance with debt covenants.

The Group's financial risk management framework is discussed in further detail in Note 5.6 of the financial statements.

Trading and customer risks

Metcash's ability to operate efficiently is critical to support independent retailers in remaining competitive. A disruption to the business could result in an increased cost to serve retailers and inability to meet customers' requirements.

In our Food pillar, Metcash services a number of large customers known as Multiple Store Owners (MSOs). These customers own and/or operate more than one independent retail store, and in some cases can own and/or operate a sizeable number of stores (examples of larger MSOs include Ritchies Stores Pty Ltd (Ritchies), Romeo Retail Group and Drakes Supermarkets). In addition, Metcash Food is a supplier to a number of contract customers, one of which is Australian United Retailers ('AURs'), which operates the Foodworks bannered network. In 2022, Metcash entered into an agreement to supply AUR for a further five years commencing 1 July 2022. Metcash also extended the term of its agreement to supply Drakes Supermarkets stores in Queensland for a further five years, to 3 June 2034. If any one or more MSOs or AURs were to materially reduce or cease to source their inventory from Metcash for any reason (including vertically integrating their supply chain, establishing an alternative buying group, purchasing from another source, entering into a supply agreement with a competitor or closure of stores due to insolvency or poor performance), this would adversely impact Metcash's long-term performance and profitability.

In addition, there are a number of large contract customers in the Liquor business whose contracts are renewed on a regular basis. If one or more of these contract customers decided not to renew their supply contract or the contract is renewed on less favourable terms, this could adversely impact Metcash's long-term performance and profitability.

Further, the Liquor and Total Tools businesses also have a number of large suppliers and if one or more of these suppliers decided to no longer conduct business with Metcash or supply is materially reduced (which could occur for a number of reasons), this too could adversely impact Metcash's long-term performance and profitability.

We seek to manage these risks by building and maintaining strong relationships with our retailers, helping our retailers to be the best store in their town, and striving to be our retailer's and supplier's business partner of choice; underpinned by an effective and efficient wholesale and logistics supply chain.

Technology and cyber security risks

Metcash relies on a number of complex information technology systems to support its warehousing and distribution, supply chain, customer service, marketing and finance operations. A severe disruption to the information technology systems may significantly impact the operations and value of Metcash.

Metcash is undertaking a business transformation program called Program Horizon which will replace older technology, reducing operational risk and onerous maintenance costs. This program is subject to risk of execution, cost overruns and delays, which may

adversely affect the Group's operations and may in turn affect its financial performance. Although Metcash has announced further strategies to de-risk the implementation of Program Horizon (including the completion of the build and subsequent deployment phases of the program being brought in-house and the extension of the deployment timeline to support a phased, lower-risk roll out strategy), there is a risk that such outcomes do not eventuate, resulting in cost overruns and further delays, which would adversely impact the Group's operations and financial performance.

Metcash has outsourced a number of functions in finance and IT to Tata Consulting Services ('TCS'), an Indian-based outsourcing provider. There is a risk that the provision of accounting and IT services could be disrupted through a failure at TCS due to a wide range of possibilities.

With expanding information privacy and security regulations, and an increasingly hostile cyber environment, Metcash recognises information privacy and cyber security as an increasing risk. Any impact on the availability, integrity or confidentiality of data could result in a breach of privacy and security regulations and/or impact Metcash's commercially sensitive information, which could expose Metcash to penalties (including financial penalties) and could adversely affect Metcash's operating and financial position or cause reputational harm. We seek to manage this risk through a suite of cyber and information security controls, including preventative and detective measures to manage exposure to cyber threats.

Social responsibility, environment and climate change risks

Metcash is committed to *'Championing Successful Independents in support of Thriving Local Communities'* and a key element of this is underpinned by ensuring its operations are conducted in a socially responsible manner.

Metcash has a moderate exposure to environmental risks. Metcash's operations could be impacted by natural disasters, extreme weather events or other catastrophic events which could materially disrupt its operations and supply chain. There is also a risk that, with time, the frequency and intensity of natural disasters and extreme weather events may increase if anthropogenic climate change accelerates or worsens.

Metcash is conscious of the impact its operations may have on the environment given the breadth of our operations across Australia. Although Metcash is only a moderate emitter of carbon emissions relative to its peers, we have set a science-based target to reduce our carbon emissions by 42% by 2030. In addition, Metcash seeks to reduce its environmental impact through programs and initiatives that manage its energy consumption and waste.

Metcash has a low to moderate exposure to social risks. Our business and our people are driven by our purpose of *'Championing Successful Independents in support of Thriving Local Communities'*, and Metcash is proud to support independent retailers who are at the heart of local communities across Australia. At the core of our Purpose and Vision are our Values – we believe that independence is worth fighting for; in treating our people, retailers and suppliers the way we like to be treated; and in giving back to the communities where we live and work.

Metcash contributes to our local communities through the IGA Community Chest Program, disaster relief, and through our partnership with Foodbank. In addition, Metcash maintains an unwavering commitment to supporting remote communities through its partnership with The Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation (ALPA) and the Outback Stores in the Northern Territory, to deliver improved affordability of food supply and outcomes for those communities.

Metcash meets the threshold for reporting under the *Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth)* with our most recent statement available at modernslaveryregister.gov.au and our Anti-Slavery Policy is available on our website. Metcash is taking steps to continually improve its exposure to modern slavery risks in its supply chain.

For further information on how we manage climate, social responsibility and environmental risks please refer to our most recent Sustainability Report available on our website.

Work health and safety risk

Metcash is focused on the safety of its staff and operations. While a strong emphasis is placed on the implementation of work, health and safety standards, the risk of serious injury, including psychosocial harm, or fatality remains. The occurrence of such events may have an adverse effect on the safety and wellbeing of our people and the productivity, operations and reputation of Metcash. We seek to manage this risk through our Safety, Health and Environment strategy and execution of initiatives to improve the safety and wellbeing of our people.

People and culture risks

The increasing competitive landscape and low levels of unemployment continues to place pressure on the competition for talent and labour capacity and the ability to efficiently operate our business. The ability to attract and retain talent with the necessary skills and capabilities to operate in a challenging market whilst being able to effect transformation is critical to Metcash's success. Similarly, the ability to attract and retain employees to meet our labour and leadership capacity needs is crucial for our operational capability and efficiency. Metcash competes in labour markets to attract and retain its employees and management team. The competitive nature of these labour markets may result in the loss of key employees and/or labour capacity which may make it more difficult and costly to attract or retain employees. If Metcash is unable to attract and retain employees, this may adversely affect the Group's operations and overall financial performance.

Interruptions at Metcash's workplaces arising from industrial disputes, work stoppages and accidents may result in production losses and delays. Renegotiation of collective agreements may increase Metcash's operating costs and may involve disputes. We seek to manage these risks through ongoing engagement with our people and unions and implementing safety measures to minimise the likelihood and impact of accidents.

Metcash is committed to being a favourite place to work by unlocking the potential of its people through empowerment and ensuring the Group's cultural values align with their values. Integrity is the foundation of the ethical values and standards of behaviour set for all employees through the Group's Code of Conduct.

Metcash invests in its people through training and development opportunities, by promoting diversity and workplace flexibility and maintaining succession planning. The short and long-term incentive schemes align the Group's remuneration structure to shareholders' interests.

Ritchies put option – contingent liability

Metcash has a 29.9% ownership interest in Ritchies Stores Pty Ltd (Ritchies). The remaining shareholders in Ritchies have the right to put their 70.1% ownership interests to Metcash, subject to a margin related annual financial hurdle ('hurdle') being achieved.

Metcash estimates that the put option consideration payable to Ritchies shareholders in respect of Ritchies' 2024 financial year would have been between $245 million and $255 million. Further details regarding the put option are set out in Note 5.3 of the Financial Report.

If the put option was exercised, it may divert funds from other intended uses of such funds, which may initially have an adverse impact on Metcash pursuing various capital investments and may require Metcash to obtain additional funding through debt or equity or a combination.

Investigations, disputes and litigation

The Group may, from time to time, be subject to regulatory reviews, audits and investigations which divert management's attention away from the Group's operations and may be costly. There is a risk that enforcement action may follow any regulatory review, audit or investigation and that such activities also adversely affect Metcash's reputation.

Exposure to disputes or litigation with third parties such as regulators (for example, the ACCC and AUSTRAC), employees, business associates, customers and suppliers (including as to the terms of supply arrangements), the holders of rental guarantees granted by Metcash (including where the guarantee is called on), contract counterparties (including in the context of business or share acquisition agreements) or other third parties (including in the context of historical and future acquisitions) could negatively impact on Metcash's financial performance through increased costs, settlement payments, concessions made in contract negotiations, damages payments and reputational damage.

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[1] Direct sales from suppliers to customers, invoiced through Metcash
[2] Includes charge-through sales
[3] Underlying profit after tax excludes significant items: a $15.0m gain arising from the reversal of a previously impaired loan to an associate (Dramet Holdings Pty Ltd), put option valuation adjustment gains and acquisition costs of $10.1m (net gain), Program Horizon implementation costs of $9.3m, and Mega DC transition costs of $8.0m (all post-tax)
[4] Includes Superior Foods from 3 June 2024
[5] Excludes tobacco and produce
[6] Based on scan data from 1,122 IGA stores
[7] EBIT margin: EBIT/Total revenue (including charge-through)
[8] Based on a sample of 352 network stores that provide scan data

Board Information

The Directors in office during the financial year and up to the date of this report are as follows.

Peter Birtles (BSc (Hons), FCA, MAICD)
Independent Non-executive Director
Peter is the Chair of the Metcash Limited Board. He was appointed to the Board on 1 August 2019 and was appointed Chair effective 1 August 2022. He is also a member of the Technology Advisory Working Group.

Having over 30 years' experience in retail and consumer goods industries, including 18 years with Super Retail Group Limited where he was Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer from 2006 to early 2019, Peter brings a strong retail and FMCG lens to his role. Peter's executive career also includes extensive experience in accounting and finance having previously held the position of Chief Financial Officer of Super Retail Group Limited, as well as other senior financial roles during his 12 years with The Boots Company in the UK and Australia.

Peter is Chair and non-executive director of Universal Store Holdings Limited (since October 2020), and also a non-executive director of APG & Co Pty Limited (since July 2019). Peter was formerly a non-executive director of GWA Group Limited (2010 – 2022), Apparel Group (Hong Kong) Limited (2019 – 2024) and Good360 Australia Ltd (2019 – 2024).

Doug Jones (BComm, Accounting, Tax, Auditing, Information Systems, CA(SA))
Group Chief Executive Officer, Executive Director
Doug is an experienced executive with extensive wholesale, retail and eCommerce experience in Canada, South Africa and Australia.

He has held senior finance, supply chain and general management roles at Makro SA, Massmart Limited, Amalgamated Beverages Industries Limited and The South African Breweries, all in Johannesburg, Coca-Cola Enterprises in Canada, and Deloitte in both Canada and South Africa.

He is a Chartered Accountant having qualified in South Africa, and registered in both South Africa and Australia and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Margaret Haseltine (BA, FAICD)
Independent Non-executive Director
Margaret (Margie) was appointed to the Board on 3 May 2021. She is the Chair of the People, Culture and Nomination Committee and is also a member of the Technology Advisory Working Group.

Margie has more than 30 years' of experience across supply chains and logistics, customer interface in the FMCG sector, change management and governance. Her executive career includes 20 years at Mars Inc. including five years as Chief Executive Officer of Food in Australia.

Margie is a non-executive director of Inghams Group Limited (since September 2023), Real Pet Food Company Pty Ltd (since March 2022) and Kennards Hire Pty Limited (since October 2022).

Margie was formerly a non-executive director of Bapcor Limited (2016 – 2024), Tye Soon Limited (2022 – 2024), Pure Grain Foods (2019 – 2024), Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation (2020 – 2023), Bagtrans Group Pty Limited (2016 – 2021), Newcastle Permanent Building Society (2018 – 2022), Droppoint Australia Pty Ltd (2019 – 2022) and Fairhaven Disability Services (2021 – 2022).

Mark G Johnson (BCom, CPA, FCA, FAICD)
Independent Non-executive Director

Mark was appointed to the Board on 1 August 2022. Mark is a member of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee and is the Chair of the Technology Advisory Working Group.

Mark has 35 years' experience as an accountant and Senior Partner with Coopers & Lybrand and then PwC, including as PwC's National Assurance Leader in Australia from 2003 to 2007 and then as its Chief Executive Officer, Australia and Deputy Chairman, Asia Pacific from 2008 to 2012. Mark has also had an extensive non-executive director career for over a decade, currently holding directorships at SGH Limited, formerly known as Seven Group Holdings Limited (since September 2024), Goodman Group (since 2020), HCF Group (since 2013), where he is also Chairman (since 2019), Aurecon Ltd (since 2017) and Sydney Aviation Alliance Holdings Pty Ltd and subsidiaries (since October 2022). He is also a Councillor of UNSW Sydney.

He was formerly a non-executive director of The Smith Family (2012 – 2023), Corrs Chambers Westgarth (2018 to 2022), Coca Cola Amatil Limited (2016 – 2021), G8 Education Limited (2016 – 2021) Westfield Group Limited (2013 – 2019) and Boral Limited (2021 – 2024).

Murray P Jordan (MPA and MAICD)
Independent Non-executive Director

Murray has been a member of the Board since 23 February 2016. He is Chair of the Safety and Sustainability Committee and a member of the People, Culture and Nomination Committee.

Murray has extensive experience in the independent retail sector, bringing unique insight and perspective to the Board regarding the challenges faced by independent retailers and the valuable role they play in the community. Murray was previously Managing Director of New Zealand business Foodstuffs North Island Limited, a co-operative wholesale company, supplying independently owned and operated businesses in the supermarkets, food service and liquor sectors. He has also held key management positions in property development and investment.

Mr Jordan is a non-executive director of Metlifecare Limited (since 2020), Asia Pacific Village Holdings Pty Limited and Asia Pacific Village Group Pty Limited (each since November 2020) and Stevenson Group Limited (since July 2016), a New Zealand company.

He is a trustee of the Southern Cross Health Trust (since August 2019) and a director of Deakin TopCo Pty Ltd, the ultimate owner of Australian Retirement Services, which owns the Levande Living retirement village portfolio (since July 2022). He is a former trustee of the Starship Foundation in New Zealand that raises funds for the National Children's Hospital (2015 – 2022), Foodstuffs Members Protection Trust and Co-operative Perpetuation Trust (both 2019 – 2024). He is a former director of Chorus Limited (2015 – 2024) and the Southern Cross Medical Care Society (2020 – 2024).

Helen Nash (BA Hons, GAICD)
Independent Non-executive Director

Helen was appointed to the Board on 23 October 2015. She is the Chair of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee (since 1 August 2022), and a member of the People, Culture and Nomination Committee.

Helen has more than 20 years' executive experience across three diverse industries: consumer packaged goods, media and quick service restaurants.

Helen brings rounded commercial and consumer focused experience to her role. She initially trained in the UK as a Certified Management Accountant. 18 years in brands and marketing allow her to bring a strong consumer lens to the Board. She gained extensive strategic, operational and general management experience in her role of Chief Operating Officer at McDonalds Australia, overseeing business and corporate strategy, store operations including all company and franchised stores, marketing, menus, research and development and information technology.

Helen is a non-executive director of Ampol Limited (since March 2025) and Inghams Group Limited (since May 2017) and was appointed Chair of Inghams in August 2022. Helen is a former non-executive director of Southern Cross Media Group Limited (2015 – 2024).

David Whittle (BA, BCom)
Independent Non-executive Director

David was appointed to the Board on 28 November 2024. He is a member of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee and the Technology Advisory Working Group.

David is an experienced ASX board director and has a distinguished background in brand, data technology, omni-channel retail and digital transformation experience. He is a founder and former Chief Executive Officer of Lexer, a global software company helping brands and retailers genuinely understand and engage their customers.

David's executive career spans over 20 years, including 10 years with global advertising group M&C Saatchi in a number of local and international leadership roles, culminating in three years as Managing Director in Australia. Among other achievements, he established, led and grew M&C Saatchi's digital business throughout the Asia Pacific and the USA.

David is a non-executive director of Challenger Limited and Challenger Life Company Limited (both from June 2025), Michael Hill International Limited (since August 2023) and Lexer Pty Ltd (since December 2016). David is a former non-executive director of Myer Holdings Limited (2015 – 2024).

Marina Go (BA, MBA, FAICD)
Independent Non-executive Director

Marina was appointed to the Board on 1 February 2025. She is a member of the People, Culture and Nomination Committee and the Safety and Sustainability Committee.

Marina is a highly experienced director of ASX-listed companies and brings a strong customer focus and understanding of independent retailing, as well as a background in digital strategy.

Marina's executive career spanned more than 25 years in the media industry, culminating in her role as General Manager of Hearst-Bauer Media, publisher of Harper's Bazaar, Elle and Cosmopolitan. Prior to this she held the position of Chief Executive Officer of Private Media, Australia's leading independent digital publisher.

Marina is non-executive director of Transurban Group (since December 2021), Southern Cross Media Group Limited (since October 2024) and Adore Beauty Group Limited (since October 2020 and Chair since November 2021). She is also a non-executive director of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations. Marina is a former non-executive director of Energy Australia Holdings Group (2017 – 2025), 7-Eleven (2018 – 2024) and Autosports Group (2016 – 2024).

Former Directors

Christine Holman resigned from her role as Non-executive Director on 13 September 2024.

Company Secretary

Julie S Hutton (B Asian Studies (Viet), LLB, LLM, GAICD)

Julie is Chief Legal, Risk and Compliance Officer and Company Secretary at Metcash, responsible for the legal, risk and compliance, safety and company secretariat functions. She was previously a partner at law firm Baker & McKenzie where she specialised in mergers & acquisitions, private equity and corporate restructures. Julie is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Indemnification and insurance of Directors and Officers

Under the Constitution of the Company, the Company indemnifies (to the full extent permitted by law) current and former Directors and Company Secretaries and such other current and former officers as the Board may determine from time to time against all losses and liabilities incurred as an officer of Metcash or its related companies. The Company may enter into a deed indemnifying such officers on these terms. The Company enters into such deeds with each of its Directors and Company Secretaries from time to time.

During the financial year, the Company has paid, or agreed to pay, a premium in respect of a contract of insurance insuring officers (and any persons who are officers in the future) against certain liabilities incurred in that capacity. Disclosure of the total amount of the premiums and the nature of the liabilities in respect of such insurance is prohibited by the contract of insurance.

The following table presents information relating to membership and attendance at meetings of the Company's Board of Directors and Board committees held during the financial year. The information reflects those meetings held and attended during a Director's period of appointment as a Director during the year.

	Appointed	Resigned	Meetings held	Meetings attended	Ordinary shares held at reporting date
Board of Directors					
Peter Birtles (Chair)	1 August 2019	—	8	8	121,954
Doug Jones	11 March 2022	—	8	8	773,873
Mark Johnson	1 August 2022	—	8	8	85,000
Murray Jordan	23 February 2016	—	8	8	66,397
Margaret Haseltine	3 May 2021	—	8	8	69,355
Christine Holman	14 September 2020	13 September 2024	5	5	—
Helen Nash	23 October 2015	—	8	8	60,145
David Whittle	28 November 2024	—	2	2	—
Marina Go	1 February 2025	—	1	1	23,535
Audit, Risk & Compliance Committee					
Helen Nash (Chair)	1 August 2022	—	7	7	
Mark Johnson	1 August 2022	—	7	7	
Peter Birtles	13 September 2024	6 March 2025	2	2	
David Whittle	6 March 2025	—	1	1	
Christine Holman	14 September 2020	13 September 2024	4	4	
People, Culture & Nomination Committee					
Margaret Haseltine (Chair)	1 May 2023	—	5	5	
Murray Jordan	1 May 2023	—	5	4	
Helen Nash	1 May 2023	—	5	5	
Marina Go	6 March 2025	—	1	1	
Safety and Sustainability Committee					
Murray Jordan (Chair) (a)	1 May 2023	—	4	4	
Peter Birtles	1 May 2023	6 March 2025	4	4	
Margaret Haseltine	13 September 2024	—	2	2	
Marina Go	6 March 2024	—	-	-	
Christine Holman	1 May 2023	13 September 2024	2	2	
Technology Advisory Working Group					
Mark Johnson (Chair)	1 March 2023	—	4	4	
Peter Birtles	1 March 2023	—	4	4	
David Whittle	6 March 2025	—	-	-	
Margaret Haseltine	1 March 2023	6 March 2025	4	4	

a) Mr Jordan was appointed Chair of the Safety and Sustainability Committee on 13 September 2024.

Each Board meeting generally runs for 1.5 days, while each Committee meeting generally runs for half a day.

In addition, the Board and Group Leadership Team hold a half day strategy and/or professional development session before three Board meetings each year, as well as a 2-day strategy session each October. The Board also holds regular calls with the Group CEO to stay abreast of current matters between meetings. Finally, from time to time, additional non-standing Board committees or working groups are established with representatives from among the Directors to consider material transactions or projects, including to support the decision-making of the full Board in relation to those matters. These strategy/professional development sessions, update calls and working group/steering committee meetings (with the exception of the Technology Advisory Working Group) are not included in the above table.

Remuneration Report – audited

On behalf of the Board and the People, Culture & Nomination Committee, I am pleased to present our Remuneration Report for the year ended 30 April 2025

Margaret Haseltine
Chair, People, Culture & Nomination Committee

It is pleasing to report that the Group delivered solid and above market consensus earnings for the 2025 financial year. The Food pillar again performed well, delivering earnings growth in an environment of low inflation and a sharp decline in tobacco sales. Our Liquor pillar also performed well with the independents' localised and competitive offer driving further share gains. In Hardware, our businesses held market share in very challenging conditions that included housing starts being at ten-year lows. From a cash perspective, a strong cash conversion ratio of 104.6% was achieved, driven by an increased focus on working capital. Pleasingly, our independent retail networks remain competitive with strong market positions supported by the success of our strategy which is centred around driving volume through our leading wholesale and logistics business.

Leadership changes

During FY25, Ms Annette Welsh stepped down from her role as CEO IHG in August 2024 and transitioned into a strategy and corporate governance role to help drive the growth of the Metcash Group. Following a comprehensive executive search, we welcomed Mr Scott Marshall back to Metcash to the CEO IHG role in November 2024. Mr Marshall previously held roles as the CEO Food and CEO ALM and has more recent experience in the trade and building sectors.

Following the executive changes in FY24, Mr Marshall joins a newly formed leadership team with extensive and diverse experience, well-positioned to deliver the strategic objectives for their respective pillars, create value for our shareholders, and make a difference in '*Championing Successful Independents in support of Thriving Local Communities*'.

From July 2025, Mr Marshall will lead the combined Hardware pillar, comprising the merged IHG and Total Tools businesses.

FY25 remuneration framework changes

The changes to the deferred proportion of any Short-term Incentive (STI) awards to be paid to the Group CEO and Group CFO continued in FY25. The STI deferral percentage for the Group CEO increased this year from 40% to 50%, whilst the percentage for the Group CFO increased from 33% to 40% for FY25, with a final increase in FY26 to 50%. This enhances alignment to market practice and shareholder expectations.

For FY25, as disclosed in the 2024 Notice of AGM, we have increased the Long-term Incentive (LTI) opportunity of the Group CEO from 90% of fixed remuneration to 105% to further align the reward opportunity with the experience of our shareholders.

The Board has also reviewed the performance metrics in the LTI to ensure they continue to align with and drive the strategic objectives. Absolute total shareholder return has been retained, to reward the creation of shareholder value, but the Return on Funds Employed (ROFE) metric has been replaced by an adjusted Earnings per Share (EPS) metric, with a ROFE gate-opener. An EPS performance metric aligns with the objective to grow earnings in a manner that is directly aligned with shareholder interests. The ROFE gate-opener ensures that the EPS growth is achieved at a rate of return higher than the Group's cost of capital. Further details are provided in Section 3.3.

FY25 performance

Group Adjusted EBIT improved by 2.1% on FY24, reflecting strong results in Food and Liquor. The Group Performance Scorecard outcomes are summarised in the table on page 40 which, on balance, highlight the ongoing challenges of delivering against operational objectives whilst transforming into a more diversified, resilient and high-quality business.

FY25 remuneration outcomes

Fixed remuneration

To continue to attract and retain high-calibre executives, careful consideration is given to market benchmarks, internal relativities and executive experience when establishing or adjusting fixed remuneration.

The fixed remuneration of all executives, with the exception of Mr Grant Ramage, the CEO Food, remained unchanged during the year. The fixed remuneration for Mr Ramage was increased by 13.3% to reflect his continuing development in the role and his performance over the previous financial year.

When the incoming CEO IHG, Mr Scott Marshall, joined the business in November 2024, his fixed remuneration was determined with reference to relevant market benchmarks and in the context of the extensive sector experience he brings to Metcash.

Short-term Incentives

The STI awards for executives are determined by Group and pillar financial performance, with EBIT gate-openers, and outcomes against the Balanced Scorecard, comprising both Group and Individual objectives. The FY25 STI awards for executives ranged from 0% to 29.5% of maximum, with four Executives not receiving any award, reflecting the market challenges over the year and the stretch targets set in the FY25 Balanced Scorecard. The Board considers that these STI outcomes align with overall performance for FY25.

Long-term Incentives

The FY23 LTI offer was tested at the end of FY25 with an outcome of 50.0%. The average Return on Funds Employed over the three-year performance period was 26.0%, at the maximum of the vesting range. The compound annual growth of absolute Total Shareholder Return was -4.9% over the same period, below the threshold level of performance of the vesting range.

Further details on the performance and remuneration outcomes for FY25 are provided in the table on the following page, for reference.

Additional remuneration arrangements

The first tranche of the Group CFO's buy-out grant was tested during the year and subsequently vested at 100% based upon the performance conditions.

The details of this are provided in Section 4.7.

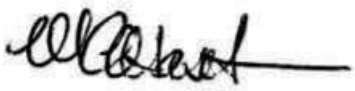
Non-executive Director fees

The fees paid to Non-executive Directors remained unchanged during FY25.

Looking ahead to FY26

During FY25, the Board reviewed the remuneration framework to ensure that the remuneration mix continues to align with the longer-term strategic objectives of the Group and drives the creation of shareholder value. Following the review, the Board determined that a shift in variable reward opportunities from the STI to the LTI is appropriate to increase the proportion of reward driven by long-term performance. This shift will be implemented from FY26 for executives and will decrease the maximum STI awards available, increasing the LTI opportunities by the equivalent percentage. This preserves the overall total remuneration opportunity for executives with the variable element more heavily weighted to the longer-term performance of Metcash, enhancing the alignment with the shareholder experience. The details of these changes will be provided more fully in FY26.

We hope you find this Report informative and, as usual, we welcome any feedback on our remuneration framework and disclosures.



Margaret Haseltine
Chair, People, Culture & Nomination Committee

FY25 Performance Summary

Group Adjusted EBIT	Return on Funds Employed	Waste-to-Landfill Diversion	Safety (TRIFR)
$483.1m	26.0%	64%	13.8
2.1% increase from FY24	Average per annum FY23–25	Target is 80% by 2028	3.8% improvement on FY24

FY25 Remuneration Outcomes Summary

Fixed remuneration	During the year, the fixed remuneration of all Executives, with the exception of Mr Grant Ramage, CEO Food, remained unchanged. The fixed remuneration for Mr Ramage was increased by 13.3% to reflect his developing experience, performance in the role, and relative positioning to market benchmarks.
Short-term incentive outcomes	*Group & Pillar STI Pool Metrics* Group Adjusted EBIT: $483.1m (from $473.1m in FY24) was below the threshold level of performance required as the gate-opener for Group STI, driven by the challenging conditions for the IHG and Total Tools pillars. The Food and ALM pillars achieved an above target EBIT outcome for the year, underpinned by strong sales growth. *Group Performance Scorecard Metrics* Financial: Group sales of $17.65bn[1] was below target, whilst $25.2m in annualised cost savings were achieved, above the maximum target. Strategic: Program Horizon was on-target for the year. A favourable safety (TRIFR) outcome was delivered relative to FY24, but there were below target outcomes for employee engagement and customer Net Promoter Score. The sustainability objective, waste-to-landfill diversion, was above threshold including the impact of two major incidents in the fourth quarter, which were considered outside the control of management. Excluding these incidents delivered an above stretch outcome for the metric. *Overall STI Outcomes* These performance outcomes resulted in nil STI awards for the Group CEO, Group CFO, CEO IHG and CEO Total Tools. The CEO ALM and the CEO Food received STI awards of 20.8% and 29.5% of maximum, respectively, reflective of the positive performance of those pillars. The Board considered that these outcomes were appropriate and aligned with the overall performance of the Group and pillars in FY25.
Long-term incentive outcomes	The FY23 LTI offer was tested as at 30 April 2025 with the following outcomes: – Return on Funds Employed (ROFE): 26.0% average over the three-year period, resulting in 100% of performance rights subject to that performance measure vesting; and – Absolute Total Shareholder Return (ATSR): -4.9% compound annual growth over the three-year period resulting in 0% of performance rights subject to that performance measure vesting. Overall outcome: 50.0% of performance rights under the FY23 LTI offer vested. The Board considers that this outcome is reflective of Group performance over the three-year period.

1 Excludes tobacco sales and includes charge-through sales which represents direct sales from suppliers to retailers, invoiced through Metcash.

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1. Overview of the Remuneration Report

The Directors present the Remuneration Report for the Company and its controlled entities (the 'Group') for the year ended 30 April 2025 ('FY25'). This report forms part of the Directors' Report and has been audited in accordance with section 308(3C) of the *Corporations Act 2001* and Australian Accounting Standards.

The report sets out the remuneration arrangements for the Group's Key Management Personnel (KMP), comprising its Non-executive Directors, and the Group CEO and executives of Metcash (collectively referred to as 'Executives'), who together have the authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of the Group.

The KMP in FY25 are listed below.

Name	Position	Term as KMP in FY25
Non-executive Directors		
Current		
Peter Birtles	Chair	Full year
Marina Go	Director	From 1 February 2025
Margaret Haseltine	Director	Full year
Mark Johnson	Director	Full year
Murray Jordan	Director	Full year
Helen Nash	Director	Full year
David Whittle	Director	From 28 November 2024
Former		
Christine Holman	Director	Until 13 September 2024
Executives		
Current		
Doug Jones	Group CEO	Full year
Deepa Sita	Group CFO	Full year
Scott Marshall[1]	Chief Executive Officer, Independent Hardware Group ('IHG')	From 20 November 2024
Richard Murray[2]	Chief Executive Officer, Total Tools	Full year
Grant Ramage	Chief Executive Officer, Food	Full year
Kylie Wallbridge	Chief Executive Officer, Australian Liquor Marketers ('ALM')	Full year
Former		
Annette Welsh[3]	Chief Executive Officer, IHG	Until 31 August 2024

1. Mr Marshall commenced employment on 20 November 2024 as CEO IHG. Unless otherwise stated, Mr Marshall's remuneration disclosed in this report relates to the period from 20 November 2024 to 30 April 2025 as KMP.
2. On 10 June 2025 Metcash announced that Mr Murray will cease employment in FY26. The details of the termination arrangements will be provided in the FY26 Remuneration Report.
3. Ms Welsh stepped down from the CEO IHG role on 31 August 2024 and continued in a corporate strategy and governance role. Unless otherwise stated, Ms Welsh's remuneration disclosed in this report relates to the period from 1 May 2024 to 31 August 2024 as KMP.

2. Remuneration principles and framework overview

2.1. Our Remuneration Principles

These principles underpin the remuneration framework.

Purpose, Vision & Values	Market competitive	Performance based	Shareholder alignment	Fair and simple
Enabling our people to unleash their passion and give local Independents a fighting chance.	Attracting and retaining people who can make a difference in *'Championing successful Independents in support of Thriving Local Communities'*.	Rewarding the individual contributions made to empowering our local Independents who turn postcodes into communities.	Standing side by side with our local Independents through the generations, to sustain long-term value for shareholders.	Making it easy to see how we recognise those who make their mark in our business.

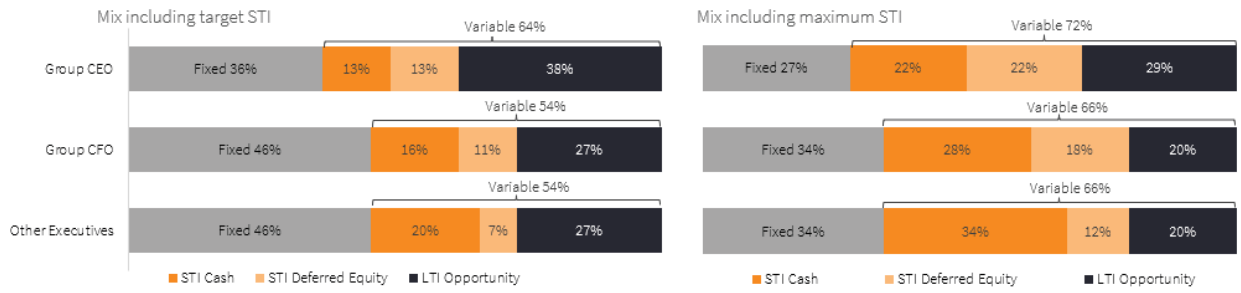
2.2. Our Remuneration Framework

The framework is designed to drive the delivery of our strategy.

Component:	Fixed Remuneration	Short-term Incentive (STI)	Long-term Incentive (LTI)
Purpose:	To attract and retain the calibre of people required to deliver the strategy.	To align the potential rewards for Executives with the performance of Metcash.	To align the potential rewards for Executives with the experience of shareholders.
Delivery:	Salary, superannuation, and salary sacrificed benefits.	A combination of cash and deferred equity.	Performance Rights.
Determined by:	Fixed remuneration is established at a level that is competitive in the market, with reference to comparable roles at similarly sized companies. Fixed remuneration is generally positioned around the median, with scope to move to the upper quartile in the recognition of deeply experienced, high-performing individuals.	12-month performance period. STI pool is distributed when threshold financial performance is met and scaled based on performance up to a prescribed maximum. Performance is then assessed against a scorecard of Group financial and strategic objectives (70%) and individual strategic objectives (30%). Outcomes are modified by a behavioural rating.	Three-year performance period. From FY25, performance is assessed against Adjusted Earnings per Share (EPS) with a Return on Funds Employed (ROFE) 'gate-opener' (50%) and Absolute Total Shareholder Return (ATSR) (50%).

2.3. Our Remuneration Mix

The remuneration mix is strongly weighted towards the variable reward components of STI and LTI, and therefore subject to performance outcomes. The chart below outlines the FY25 remuneration mix framework for Executives, including target and maximum STI and LTI opportunity.



3. FY25 Remuneration approach

3.1. Fixed Remuneration

Feature	Description
Purpose	The purpose of fixed remuneration is to attract and retain Executives of the calibre to deliver on the Metcash strategy.
Delivery	Salary, superannuation, and salary sacrificed benefits.
Benchmarking	Metcash undertakes an annual benchmarking exercise to review the fixed remuneration of current Executives. As part of this review, Metcash considers the competitiveness of fixed remuneration levels in the context of the Executive's experience and performance. Market remuneration data is collated from companies of comparable size and industry, comprising ASX 200 companies that are similarly sized to Metcash, based upon market capitalisation and from within comparable industries. Remuneration benchmarking considers total remuneration in addition to fixed remuneration. It is Metcash's policy to position remuneration at the median with scope to move towards the upper quartile in recognition of deeply experienced, high-performing individuals.

3.2. Short-term Incentive plan

Feature	Description
Purpose	The 'at-risk' STI plan provides Executives the opportunity to earn an incentive that is contingent upon performance against a combination of agreed financial and non-financial performance targets, which are set by the Board in consultation with the Group CEO at the start of each financial year.
Delivery	Delivered in a combination of cash and deferred equity (50% for the Group CEO; 40% for the Group CFO and 25% for other Executives). Deferred equity comprises performance rights that convert into fully paid ordinary shares in Metcash, which only become unrestricted at the end of the deferral period.
Performance period	1 May each year to 30 April the following year.
Eligibility	All Executives participate in the STI plan. The Group CEO and Group CFO participate in the Group STI pool which is determined by the Group's Adjusted EBIT. Group Adjusted EBIT represents consolidated Group underlying EBIT adjusted to include Program Horizon and Mega Distribution Centre ('DC') transition costs ('Group Adjusted EBIT'). The pillar CEOs participate in their respective pillar STI pools which are determined by a combination of their respective pillar EBIT and Group Adjusted EBIT.
STI opportunities	The FY25 STI opportunities as a percentage of fixed remuneration for Executives are outlined below:

Position	Below threshold % of fixed	Threshold % of fixed	Target % of fixed	Maximum % of fixed
Group CEO	0%	17.5%	70.0%	157.5%
Other Executives	0%	15.0%	60.0%	135.0%

The maximum STI is 225% of target, as determined using the calculation shown below.

Financial gate-opener	The Group Adjusted EBIT or pillar underlying EBIT acts as a 'gate-opener' for the STI pools from which awards are paid. The STI pools are only released for distribution when the threshold Group Adjusted EBIT or pillar underlying EBIT budget result, as applicable, is achieved. The STI pools are generally made available for distribution on the following basis:

Achievement	Distribution of STI pool
Below threshold 95% of budget EBIT	0% - no pool is available for distribution
Threshold 95% of budget EBIT	50% of the respective STI pools
Budget or 'Target' EBIT	100% of the respective STI pools
Over-achievement >=105% of budget EBIT	150% of the respective STI pools

Performance measures	Once the applicable financial 'gate-opener' is achieved and the STI pool is released for distribution, and scaled as noted above, a participant's individual STI award is determined based on Group and individual performance, through a Balanced Scorecard, and behaviours. An individual's overall performance rating is equally weighted between their scorecard results and Metcash behaviours. The Balanced Scorecard is established at the start of the financial year and includes a combination of financial and non-financial performance measures. A number of these performance measures are aligned to Group strategy (Group objectives), with additional individual performance measures, which vary for each Executive, aligning with the strategies for their respective pillars (Individual objectives). Details of the FY25 performance measures and targets are provided in Section 4.3.

Feature	Description
Target setting	Challenging performance targets are set against each performance measure following a rigorous budget setting process that considers many factors, including market conditions. This process includes draft budgets being prepared by leadership teams with pillar CEO and CFO reviews and subsequently Group CEO and CFO reviews. The Board then reviews the draft budgets to ensure that they are both sufficiently challenging and achievable.
Performance Assessment	The People, Culture & Nomination Committee (PCNC) assesses the outcomes against the performance measures for all Executives. Behavioural ratings act as a modifier to performance outcomes against scorecard objectives and can result in an adjustment of the overall performance rating for each Executive. Our Metcash Behaviours are:

Accountability	**Continuous Improvement**	**Team Work**	**Think Customer**
I am open and honest, accepting responsibility and delivering on promises. I act with integrity.	I learn from success and failure and seek out a better way and collaborate with others to reach the best outcome.	I am responsible for the strength and diversity of my team, and I own my development. I build a strong culture.	I understand and anticipate my customer / retailer / supplier / shopper needs and drive innovation for mutual benefit.

An individual's STI award is calculated on the following basis:

Fixed remuneration × **STI target %** × **Group/Pillar EBIT outcome (0-150%)** × **Balanced Scorecard outcome (0-150%)** = **Individual STI award**

The above approach ensures that the Group Adjusted EBIT and pillar EBIT outcomes have a 50% weighting in determining any STI outcomes, once the 'gate-opener' has been met.

When determining STI outcomes, the PCNC uses its judgement to ensure that the awards align to overall business performance in addition to shareholder and other stakeholder expectations. The PCNC makes a recommendation to the Board on the STI awards to be made to Executives for final approval.

The maximum reward is only paid on achievement of 'stretch' outcomes, which include:

- Maximum achievement against Group Adjusted EBIT and/or pillar underlying EBIT financial performance targets, as applicable (STI pool);
- Maximum achievement in overall individual performance results against all Group financial and non-financial measures together with achievement of individual objectives contained in the Balanced Scorecard; and
- An exceptional rating against Metcash's behaviours framework.

Deferred vesting criteria	The deferred performance rights are conditional and only vest if the Executive remains employed by the Company up to 3 July in the following year.
Deferred awards calculation	The number of performance rights issued to participants is calculated by dividing the value of the STI award to be deferred by the volume weighted average price (VWAP) of Metcash ordinary shares over the 20 trading days prior to the end of the performance period which ends on 30 April.
Board discretion	The Board may exercise discretion to adjust the STI pool to more appropriately reflect the performance of the Group or a specific pillar. The Board also retain discretion to adjust vesting outcomes in any circumstances to ensure they are appropriate.
Clawback	Executive STI awards are subject to clawback for cause or material misstatement of the Group's financial statements.

3.3. Long-term Incentive plan

Feature	Description
Purpose	The LTI is designed to enable Metcash to attract and retain Executives, whilst incentivising these Executives to achieve challenging performance outcomes aligned to the creation of shareholder value.
Delivery	Delivered in performance rights. Each performance right is a right to acquire Metcash shares at no cost, subject to the satisfaction of performance and service conditions.
Performance period	The performance period for LTI offers is three years, commencing on 1 May of the relevant financial year.
Eligibility	All Executives participate in the LTI plan.
LTI opportunities	The FY25 LTI opportunities as a percentage of fixed remuneration for Executives are outlined below:

Position	LTI Opportunity as % of fixed
Group CEO	105%
Other Executives	60%

Performance measures

From FY25, LTI offers are subject to two performance measures: Adjusted EPS (with a ROFE 'gate-opener') and ATSR, equally weighted.

Adjusted Earnings per Share (AEPS)

AEPS represents consolidated Metcash underlying earnings per share adjusted to include Program Horizon significant items expense and Mega DC significant items expense. AEPS will be measured by reference to the compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of the Company's AEPS over the three-year performance period.

The use of AEPS as a performance measure reflects the Company's strategic focus on growth and is aligned with the Company's objective to grow earnings in a manner that is directly aligned with shareholder interests. However, the Board also recognises the importance of generating growth at a return on capital that is at a rate superior to the Company's weighted average cost of capital to deliver targeted earnings. Hence, as an added level of rigour, the Board determined to retain a minimum ROFE target as a gate-opener. ROFE is a measure that evaluates the efficiency with which Metcash uses capital to generate profits and is calculated as Group Adjusted EBIT divided by the average of funds employed at the beginning and end of the financial year.

Absolute Total Shareholder Return (ATSR)

ATSR is a measure that aligns the reward outcomes of Executives with the experience of shareholders. ATSR is measured as the growth in share price over the performance period plus dividends paid to shareholders and assumes dividends are reinvested when they are paid. The opening and closing share prices used in the calculation are typically set with reference to the VWAP of Metcash shares over the 20 business days prior to the end of the Metcash financial year. The Board may exercise discretion to adjust the calculation for capital transactions as deemed appropriate. The ATSR result is expressed as a percentage and reported as the CAGR over the performance period.

Performance testing

For the FY25 LTI offer, the rights vest against the AEPS and ATSR outcomes as follows:

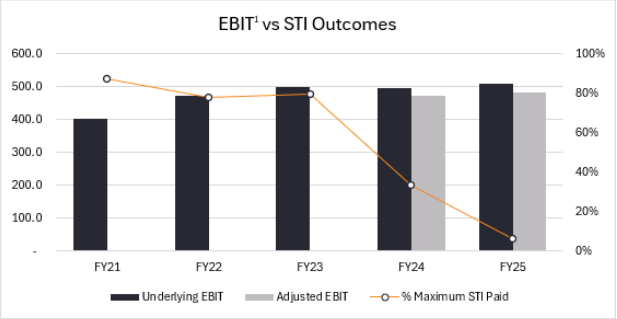
Vesting scale	Vesting %	AEPS CAGR	ATSR CAGR
Threshold	25%	3.5%	6.0%
Target	50%	—	7.3%
Stretch	75%	—	8.7%
Equal to or above maximum	100%	8.0%	10.0%

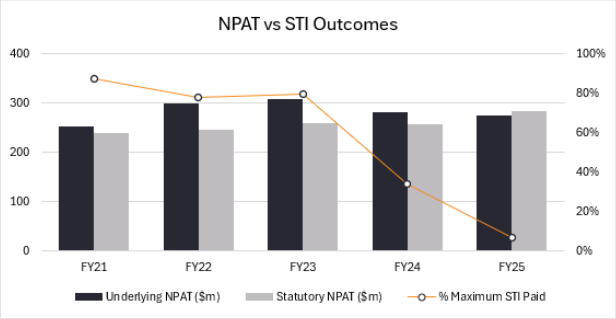
ATSR vesting occurs on a straight-line basis between each outcome, with nil vesting below threshold. The full vesting scale for AEPS will be disclosed following the testing date. For AEPS, the above vesting scale will only apply if ROFE exceeds the gate-opener threshold of 17.5% over the performance period, otherwise no Performance Rights subject to AEPS testing will vest.

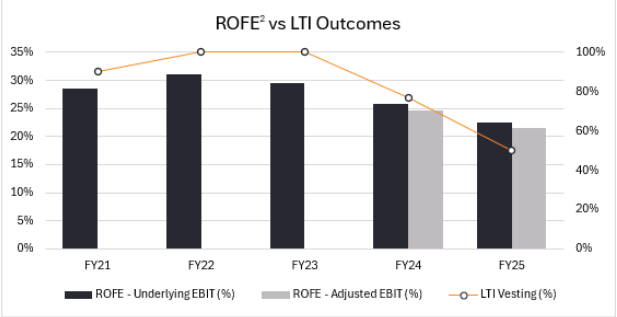
Board discretion	The LTI offers and vesting outcomes are subject to the Board's absolute discretion.
Clawback	Executive LTI awards are subject to clawback for cause or material misstatement of the Group's financial statements.

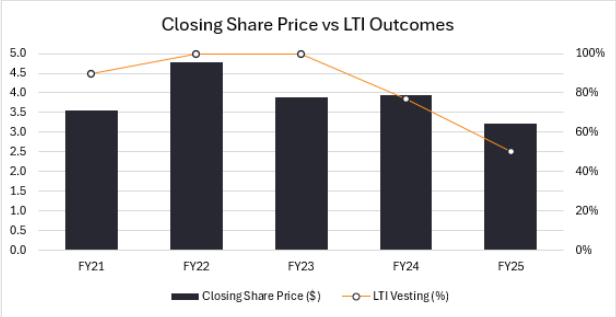
4. FY25 Business performance and remuneration outcomes

The charts below show Metcash's financial performance and percentage of maximum STI or LTI, as appropriate, paid to Executives in the five-year period ended 30 April 2025.









1. Group Adjusted EBIT represents the Group Underlying EBIT adjusted to include Program Horizon and Mega DC transition costs. The FY25 and FY24 STI pools are based on the Group Adjusted EBIT (FY21 to FY23: based on Group Underlying EBIT).
2. With effect from the FY24 LTI offer, ROFE is calculated as Group Adjusted EBIT divided by the average of funds employed at the beginning and end of the financial year (previously, based on Group Underlying EBIT divided by the average of funds employed at the beginning and end of the financial year).

Other Group performance metrics over the last five years were as follows:

Financial year	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Revenue ($b)	14.3	15.2	15.8	15.9	17.3
Cash realisation ratio (%)	114%	91%	77%	102%	105%
Dividends declared per share (cents)	17.5	21.5	22.5	19.5	18.0
Closing share price (as at 30 April) ($)	3.55	4.79	3.90	3.94	3.22
Total STI payments to Executives as a % of maximum	84.1%	78.1%	79.6%	33.8%	6.6%

In FY25, the Group delivered a solid earnings result despite increasingly challenging economic conditions. Our diversified portfolio strategy continues to deliver in the face of a challenging external environment. Overall, the Metcash Group STI outcome was below target.

Both the Food and Liquor pillars delivered above target EBIT results reflecting strong sales and sound cost management.

The Hardware pillar delivered results in line with consensus, but below EBIT target. IHG's EBIT was below target, due to a slow-down in activity across the market. Total Tools' EBIT was below threshold reflecting weaker trade activity, the impact of cost-of-living pressure on trades people and intense price competition in the first quarter. Efficiency measures have been introduced in both IHG and Total Tools to help address the impact of the external conditions.

The STI outcomes for Executives range between 0% to 29.5% of maximum.

4.1. Actual FY25 Executive remuneration

The table below reflects actual cash payments and performance rights which have vested during the year ended 30 April 2025, for the period in which the Executives were KMP. It does not include incentive awards determined by FY25 performance which are paid during FY26. The table does not comply with AASB or IFRS requirements. The required statutory disclosures are shown in Section 8 of this report:

Executive KMP	Fixed remuneration $	STI cash[1] $	STI deferred[2] $	LTI[3] $	Other LTI $	Total $
Current						
D Jones	1,750,000	591,135	—	839,653	627,273[4]	3,808,061
D Sita	900,000	68,783	—	—	474,621[5]	1,443,404
S Marshall	426,637	—	—	—	—	426,637
R Murray	850,000	31,937	—	—	—	881,937
G Ramage	850,000	289,386	—	212,496	—	1,351,882
K Wallbridge	700,000	—	—	—	—	700,000
Former						
A Welsh	266,667	179,221	—	336,784	—	782,672

1. Represents the cash component of the FY24 STI awards of 60% (Group CEO), 66% (Group CFO) and 75% (other Executives) paid in cash in July 2024.
2. The deferred equity component of the FY24 STI awards of 40% (Group CEO), 33% (Group CFO) and 25% (other Executives) is subject to deferral until July 2025 (FY26) and is therefore not included above. The deferred equity component of the FY23 STI awards of 33% (Group CEO), 25% (other Executives) vested in April 2024 (FY24) and is therefore not included above.
3. The FY22-FY24 LTI vested at 76.7% in August 2024. The amounts presented above are based on the number of rights that vested multiplied by the VWAP of Metcash shares over the 20 business days until 30 April 2024 of $3.91 per share.
4. Represents Mr Jones' FY23 Group CEO buy-out grant (Tranche 2) which vested in June 2024 at 100% following Mr Jones' achievement of the performance measures. The amounts presented above are based on the number of rights vested multiplied by the VWAP of Metcash shares over the 20 business days ending 30 April 2024 at $3.91 per share.
5. Represents Ms Sita's FY24 Group CFO buy-out grant (Tranche 1) which vested at 100% following Ms Sita's achievement of the performance measures. The amounts presented above are based on the number of rights vested multiplied by the VWAP of Metcash shares over the 20 business days ending 30 June 2024 at $3.74 per share.

4.2. FY25 Fixed remuneration outcomes

During the year, the fixed remuneration of all Executives, with the exception of Mr Grant Ramage, the CEO Food, remained unchanged. The fixed remuneration for Mr Ramage was increased by 13.3% to reflect his developing experience, performance in the role, and relative positioning to market benchmarks.

For the CEO IHG, Mr Scott Marshall, fixed remuneration was established in consideration of his deep experience relative to market benchmarks.

It is Metcash's approach to position remuneration around the market median with capacity to move towards the upper quartile for deeply experienced or high-performing incumbents to ensure we are able to attract and retain the calibre of executives required to drive the overall Metcash strategy whilst delivering operational objectives.

4.3. FY25 STI outcomes

Whilst the FY25 Group STI pool outcome was below target, Group Adjusted EBIT improved by 2.1% ($10.0 million) on FY24, underpinned by the strong results in Food and Liquor. Further details are provided in the above introduction to Section 4.

The Balanced Scorecard outcomes against the Financial, Strategic and Individual objectives are shown on the following page. Group sales (including charge-through, excluding tobacco) improved by 11.1% on FY24, reflecting growth across all Pillars and the impact of acquisitions. The Group sales scorecard outcome was, however, rated at below target for FY25. Group annualised cost savings of $25.2m, driven by several initiatives across the business, delivered an outcome of above maximum target.

Sustainable growth (waste-to-landfill diversion) was above threshold at 64% and included the impact of two major incidents in the fourth quarter. There was a chiller breakdown at the Crestmead DC and a power outage at our Narang facility due to flooding related to Cyclone Alfred. Excluding these incidents the diversion rate was 73%, up significantly on the prior year rate of 65.9%. The Board has applied its discretion on these two incidents given that they were not within the control of management and there was no option other than sending the spoiled stock to landfill.

An improvement in safety (TRIFR) from 14.3 in FY24 to 13.8 in FY25 highlights the positive gains in keeping our people safe but the gate-opener of the number of Critical Risk Reviews was not met in IHG. The Board applied a differentiated outcome for the CEO Food and CEO ALM for this metric to reflect their respective pillar outcomes.

For employee engagement, this was the first year using a new survey provider, making year-on-year comparisons more challenging. Positively, the new survey has resulted in a significant lift in response rates for our Frontline population which traditionally runs at lower engagement scores, thus contributing to the below threshold outcome. A number of organisational structural changes in our support functions also put pressure on the engagement outcome.

Whilst the Net Promoter Score was below threshold, all pillars delivered positive outcomes with the exception of Total Tools. As outlined in Section 3.2, FY25 STI awards for Executives are determined by Group and/or pillar EBIT, Balanced Scorecard outcomes, and also informed by an assessment of behaviours. The FY25 STI awards for Executives range from 0% to 29.5% of maximum which the Board considers is appropriate and aligns with performance of the Group over the financial year.

The FY25 Group Adjusted EBIT and pillar EBIT outcomes, which act as 'gate-openers' for the STI pools and are weighted 50% in the calculation of STI awards, are summarised below:

FY25 Group/Pillar EBIT Outcomes

Measure	Threshold	Target	Stretch	Actual Outcome
Financial: Group Adjusted EBIT	- 5%	$530.8 m	+ 5%	$483.1 m: below threshold; reflecting outcomes in IHG and Total Tools
Financial: Pillar underlying EBIT	Targets vary by pillar with threshold and stretch levels of performance 5% below and 5% above target			Food outcome: above target ALM outcome: above target IHG outcome: below threshold Total Tools outcome: below threshold

The FY25 Balanced Scorecard, which is weighted 50% in the calculation of any STI awards, comprises Group objectives and Individual objectives, as summarised below:

FY25 Balanced Scorecard

Measure	Threshold	Target	Stretch	Actual Outcome
Group Objectives: Financial (30%)				
Sales revenue (incl. charge-through, excl. tobacco)	- 2.8%	$17.8 b	+ 2.8%	$17.65bn: below target; strong sales growth offset by lower volumes in IHG
Group cost savings	$10 m	$15 m	$20 m	$25.2m annualised: > stretch; disciplined execution of cost programs
Group Objectives: Strategic (40%)				
Program Horizon	Varied	Multiple targets	Varied	Target; progress through "Core build" and testing phases, tracking to budget
Sustainable growth: Waste diversion from landfill (FY24 = 66%)	- 4%	67%	+ 4%	64%: discretion applied to exclude two incidents; revised outcome is 73%
Safety: TRIFR (FY24 = 14.32) (gate-opener: green lead indicators)	14.32	13.62	12.26	13.77 TRIFR improved from FY24; the gate-opener was missed in IHG
Employee Engagement	-5% to new baseline	+2.5% to new baseline	>7.5% to new baseline	65%: < threshold; a new baseline to focus people initiatives in FY26
Customer: Group Net Promoter Score	16.5	18.0	19.5	15.8: < threshold; positive NPS in all pillars, except Total Tools
Individual Objectives (30%)				
D Jones: group working capital and acquisition synergies	Threshold	Target	Maximum	Target: net working capital > Max: acquisition synergies
D Sita: group working capital, synergies, Horizon deliverables	Threshold	Target	Maximum	Target: net working capital and Horizon > Max: acquisition synergies
S Marshall: pillar working capital, synergies, IT deployment	Threshold	Target	Maximum	< Threshold: working capital & IT > Max: acquisition synergies
R Murray: pillar working capital, network growth, pillar strategy	Threshold	Target	Maximum	< Threshold: working capital & strategy Above threshold: network growth
G Ramage: pillar working capital, Truganina goals, rewards program	Threshold	Target	Maximum	> Max: rewards, capital & synergies Above target: Truganina delivery
K Wallbridge: pillar working capital, deliver customer strategy, growth	Threshold	Target	Maximum	Target: growth & working capital Threshold: customer strategy

The table below outlines the Group and Individual objective outcomes and how the FY25 STI awards are determined:

Executive KMP	Group/Pillar EBIT Outcome (0 - 150%) (a)	Balanced Scorecard Outcome (0 - 150%) Group Objectives (b)	Individual Objectives (c)	Overall Outcome (d) = (b) + (c)	STI Outcome as a % of target (a) x (d)	STI Outcome as a % of maximum
Current						
D Jones	—	53.7%	37.5%	91.2%	—	—
D Sita	—	53.7%	35.0%	88.7%	—	—
S Marshall	—	53.7%	15.0%	68.7%	—	—
R Murray	—	53.7%	3.8%	57.5%	—	—
G Ramage	62.5%	62.6%	43.8%	106.4%	66.5%	29.5%
K Wallbridge	53.0%	62.6%	25.7%	88.3%	46.8%	20.8%
Former						
A Welsh	—	53.7%	15.0%	68.7%	—	—

The table below reflects the Executives' FY25 STI outcomes when compared against target and maximum potential STI:

Executive KMP	Target potential STI $	Maximum potential STI $	STI awarded % of maximum	STI cash[1] $	STI deferred[2] $	Total STI awarded $	Maximum STI forfeited $
Current							
D Jones	1,225,000	2,756,250	—	—	—	—	2,756,250
D Sita	540,000	1,215,000	—	—	—	—	1,215,000
S Marshall	252,986	569,219	—	—	—	—	569,219
R Murray	510,000	1,147,500	—	—	—	—	1,147,500
G Ramage	510,000	1,147,500	29.5%	254,303	84,767	339,070	808,430
K Wallbridge	420,000	945,000	20.8%	147,458	49,153	196,611	748,389
Former							
A Welsh	161,753	363,945	—	—	—	—	363,945

1. The cash component of the FY25 STI reward of 50% (Group CEO), 60% (Group CFO) and 75% (other Executives) is payable in cash in July 2025.
2. The deferred equity component of the FY25 STI reward of 50% (Group CEO), 40% (Group CFO) and 25% (other Executives) is deferred and released through the issue of Metcash performance rights, conditional upon the executive being employed by the Company on 3 July 2026 or in accordance with separation arrangements.

4.4. FY24 STI deferred equity outcomes

The following table presents the vesting of the FY24 STI deferred equity component, based on expected completion of the employment service condition or in accordance with separation arrangements:

Participant	Vesting date	No. of rights held	No. of rights expected to vest	No. of rights expected to be forfeited
Current				
D Jones	3 July 2025	100,790	100,790	—
D Sita	3 July 2025	10,795	10,795	—
R Murray	3 July 2025	2,722	2,722	—
G Ramage	3 July 2025	24,670	24,670	—
Former				
A Welsh	3 July 2025	15,278	15,278	—

The number of performance rights were calculated by dividing 40% (Group CEO), 33% (Group CFO) and 25% (other Executives) of the FY24 STI award dollar value by the VWAP of Metcash ordinary shares over the 20 trading days ended 30 April 2024 of $3.91 per share. The FY24 STI deferred equity component is expected to vest on 3 July 2025 following the Executive's completion of the service condition or in accordance with separation arrangements. These performance rights will be allocated as shares in July 2025.

4.5. FY25 LTI outcomes

FY23-FY25 LTI grant

The plan is expected to vest on 15 August 2025 at 50%, subject only to the active participants remaining in employment until that date. The FY23-FY25 LTI grant vesting results are set out below:

Performance measure	Weighting	Performance result	Vesting result (%)
ROFE	50%	ROFE performance over the three-year plan period was 26.0%	100%
ATSR	50%	ATSR CAGR performance over the three-year plan period was –4.9%	0%

The ROFE vesting scale ranged from 23.2% (threshold 25% vesting) to 26% (maximum 100% vesting). The ATSR vesting scale ranged from 6% CAGR (threshold 25% vesting) to 10% CAGR (maximum 100% vesting). Vesting occurs on a straight-line basis between each outcome, with nil vesting below threshold. Full vesting only occurs if Metcash achieves a ROFE of greater than 26% and ATSR CAGR of greater than 10% over the performance period.

The Board applied their customary diligence when performance testing this LTI grant and ensured that all significant items were prudently considered, before determining the 50% vesting outcome. Significant items primarily comprised put option valuation adjustments and business acquisition costs, Mega DC transition costs, non-capitalisable Program Horizon implementation costs and other gains, which relates to the reversal of a previously impaired loan to an associate (Dramet Holdings Pty Ltd).

Participant	Performance Measure	No. of rights held	No. of rights expected to vest	No. of rights expected to be forfeited
D Jones	ROFE	150,538	150,538	—
	ATSR	150,538	—	150,538
G Ramage	ROFE	28,495	28,495	—
	ATSR	28,495	—	28,495
A Welsh	ROFE	46,290	46,290	—
	ATSR	46,290	—	46,290

4.6. Details of LTI grants made to Executives during the financial year

FY25-FY27 LTI grant

The following FY25-FY27 LTI grant was made to the Executives during FY25:

Participant	Grant date	Measure	Vesting date	No. of rights	Fair value per right $	Grant entitlement (% of fixed remuneration)[1]
Current						
D Jones	13 September 2024	AEPS	15 August 2027	234,974	3.09	105%
		ATSR	15 August 2027	234,974	1.04	
D Sita	7 August 2024	AEPS	15 August 2027	69,054	3.01	60%
		ATSR	15 August 2027	69,054	1.01	
S Marshall[2]	4 December 2024	AEPS	15 August 2027	59,377	2.92	49%
		ATSR	15 August 2027	59,377	0.98	
R Murray[3]	7 August 2024	AEPS	15 August 2027	65,217	3.01	60%
		ATSR	15 August 2027	65,217	1.01	
G Ramage	7 August 2024	AEPS	15 August 2027	57,545	3.01	60%
		ATSR	15 August 2027	57,545	1.01	
K Wallbridge	7 August 2024	AEPS	15 August 2027	53,708	3.01	60%
		ATSR	15 August 2027	53,708	1.01	
Former						
A Welsh[4]	7 August 2024	AEPS	15 August 2027	13,951	3.01	60%
		ATSR	15 August 2027	13,951	1.01	

1. The grant entitlement is expressed as a percentage of the face value of performance rights divided by the participants' annual fixed remuneration at grant date.
2. Mr Marshall commenced employment on 20 November 2024 as CEO IHG. Mr Marshall was granted an FY25-FY27 LTI on a pro-rata basis, under the same vesting timelines and performance conditions as the other participants.
3. Mr Murray's performance rights will lapse upon cessation of his employment.
4. Ms Welsh stepped down from the CEO IHG role on 31 August 2024 and continued in a corporate strategy and governance role. Ms Welsh was granted an FY25-FY27 LTI on a pro-rata basis, under the same vesting timelines and performance conditions as the other participants.

4.7. Additional remuneration arrangements

These additional grants are delivered in performance rights to secure key talent and accelerate growth objectives. Each performance right is a right to acquire a Metcash share at no cost, subject to the satisfaction of performance and service conditions as set out below.

Group CFO buy-out grant

Upon appointment, the Group CFO, Ms Sita was provided with a grant of performance rights in consideration of incentives foregone from her previous employer. These performance rights are subject to performance and tenure conditions over two tranches. The first tranche was tested as at 30 June 2024 and vested fully, in accordance with the performance conditions. The second tranche is to be tested following Board approval of the FY25 Group Adjusted EBIT outcome. The details are shown below:

Participant	Tranche	Performance result	Vesting result	No. of rights held	No. of rights vested	No. of rights forfeited
D Sita	Tranche 1	Service condition, individual performance and FY24 Group Adjusted EBIT performance hurdle met	100%	126,904	126,904	—

Participant	Tranche	Performance conditions	Testing Date	No. of rights granted
D Sita	Tranche 2	Service condition, individual performance, and FY25 Group Adjusted EBIT performance hurdle	30 June 2025	126,904

CEO Total Tools Business Performance Incentive

Following the appointment of Mr Murray as CEO Total Tools, a Business Performance Incentive was implemented with effect from 1 May 2024, designed to reward Mr Murray for material growth in EBIT of the Total Tools business over the FY25, FY26 and FY27 performance periods. Total Tools' FY25 EBIT was below threshold so performance rights granted under Tranche 1 will subsequently lapse. As Mr Murray will cease employment with Metcash in FY26, performance rights granted under both Tranche 2 and 3 will lapse in full at that time. The details of the Business Performance Incentive are shown below:

Participant	Tranche	Performance conditions	Testing Date	No. of rights granted
R Murray	Tranche 1	Service condition and FY25 Total Tools EBIT performance target	15 August 2025	51,150
	Tranche 2[1]	Service condition and FY26 Total Tools EBIT performance target	15 August 2026	51,150
	Tranche 3[1]	Service condition and FY27 Total Tools EBIT performance target	15 August 2027	51,150

1. Tranches 2 and 3 will lapse in full upon Mr Murray's cessation of employment in FY26.

5. Executive KMP service agreements

Name	Agreement term	Executive notice	Metcash notice	Redundancy
D Jones	Ongoing unless notice given	12 months	12 months	12 months
D Sita	Four years (based on visa limitations)[1]	6 months	6 months	6 months
S Marshall	Ongoing unless notice given	6 months	6 months	6 months
R Murray[2]	Ongoing unless notice given	6 months	6 months	6 months
G Ramage	Ongoing unless notice given	6 months	6 months	6 months
K Wallbridge	Ongoing unless notice given	6 months	6 months	6 months

1. Ms Sita's visa expires in September 2027.
2. Mr Murray will cease employment with Metcash in FY26. The details of the termination arrangements will be provided in the FY26 Remuneration Report.

In the event of cessation of employment, an Executive's unvested performance rights will ordinarily lapse; however, this is subject to Board discretion which may be exercised in circumstances such as death, disability, retirement, redundancy, or special circumstances.

In some circumstances on termination of employment, the Group may require individuals to enter into non-compete arrangements with the Group. These arrangements may require a payment to the individual.

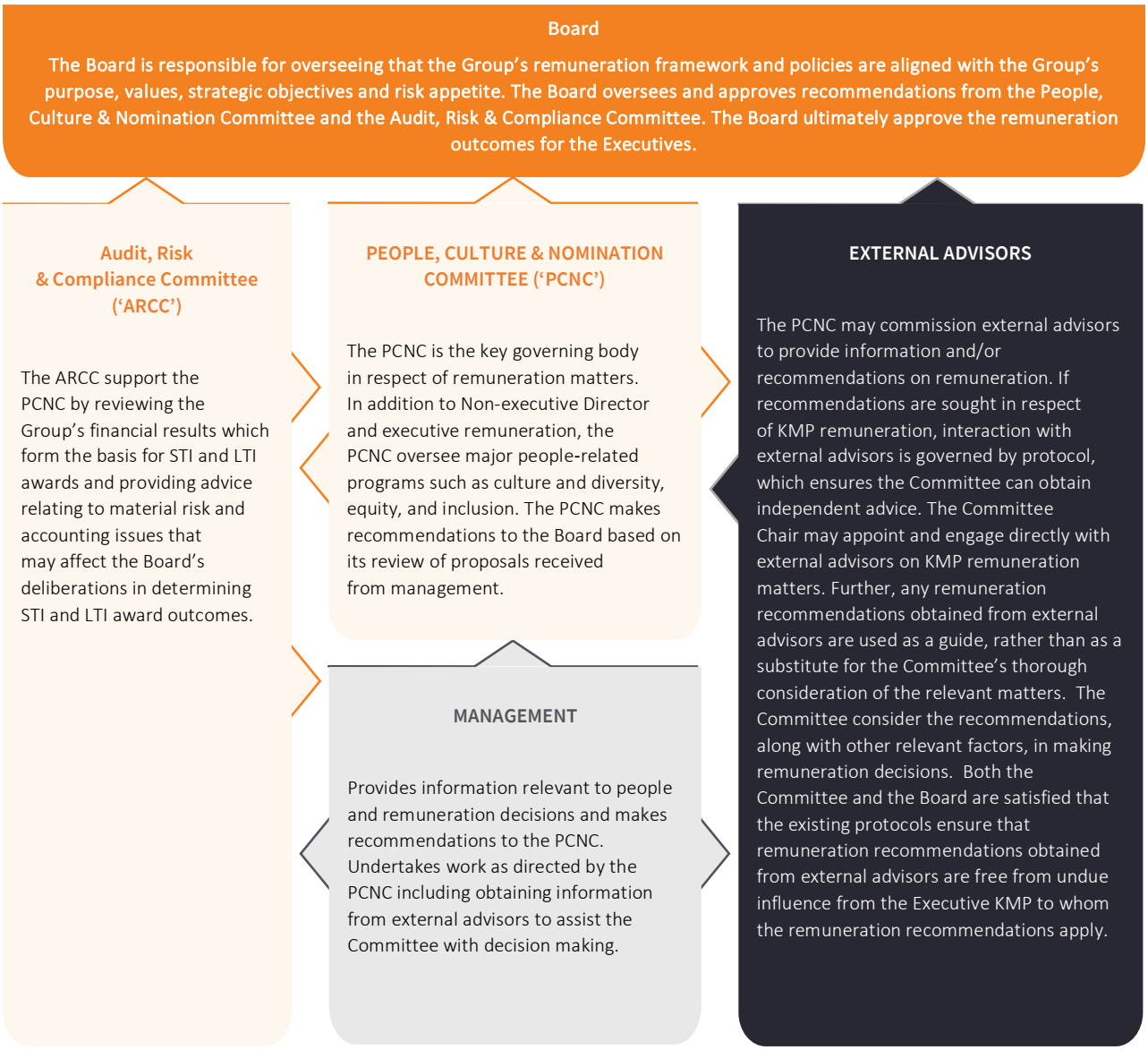
Minimum shareholding guidelines

Minimum shareholding guidelines have been implemented for all Executives commencing as of the effective date specified below or upon the date of appointment in the role, whichever occurs later.

Position	Value	Time to achieve	Effective date
Group CEO	100% of Fixed remuneration	Five years	1 May 2018
Other Executives	50% of Fixed remuneration	Five years	1 May 2019

6. Remuneration governance

The following diagram illustrates Metcash's remuneration governance framework.



The People, Culture & Nomination Committee engage and consider advice from independent remuneration consultants where appropriate in relation to remuneration matters and Non-executive Director fees. During the year, no remuneration recommendations as defined in section 9B of the *Corporations Act 2001* were provided.

7. Non-executive Director remuneration

Remuneration policy

The objectives of Metcash's policy regarding Non-executive Director fees are:

- To preserve the independence of Non-executive Directors by not including any performance-related element; and
- To be market competitive with Non-executive Director fees in comparable ASX-listed companies and to the time and professional commitment in discharging the responsibilities of the role.

All Non-executive Directors are paid a fixed annual fee. In addition, Committee fees are paid to recognise the additional responsibilities associated with participating on a Board Committee. The fixed fee to the Board Chair is to remunerate the Chair for all responsibilities, including participating on any Board Committees.

To align individual interests with shareholders' interests, Non-executive Directors are encouraged to hold Metcash shares. Non-executive Directors fund their own share purchases and must comply with Metcash's share trading policy.

Aggregate fee limit

Non-executive Director fees are limited to a maximum aggregate amount approved by shareholders. The current limit of $2,000,000 was approved in 2021.

Minimum shareholding guidelines

Minimum shareholding guidelines have been implemented for all Non-executive Directors of one year's base fees to be accumulated in five years from the effective date of 1 May 2019 or upon their date of appointment as a Non-executive Director, whichever occurs later.

Non-executive Director fee structure

The table below outlines the fees paid to Non-executive Directors in FY25 and FY24. In FY25, all fees paid remained unchanged.

Consistent with the approach for determining executive remuneration, market benchmarks for Non-executive Director fees are established from peer groups comprising ASX 200 companies that are similarly sized to Metcash, based upon market capitalisation, and from within comparable industries.

In consideration of the market benchmarks, the Board has determined that no fee increases will be implemented for FY26.

	FY25 $[1]	FY24 $[1]
Board		
Chair	433,094	433,094
Non-executive Director	167,595	167,595
Committee		
Audit, Risk & Compliance		
– Chair	46,350	46,350
– Member	22,660	22,660
People, Culture & Nomination		
– Chair	46,350	46,350
– Member	22,660	22,660
Safety & Sustainability		
– Chair	36,050	36,050
– Member	18,540	18,540
Technology Advisory		
– Chair	36,050	36,050
– Member	18,540	18,540

1. Per annum fees as at the end of the financial year, including superannuation.

Non-executive Director remuneration

Name	Financial year	Fees $	Superannuation $	Total $
Current				
P Birtles	FY25	403,584	29,510	433,094
	FY24	406,046	27,048	433,094
M Haseltine	FY25	216,557	24,730	241,287
	FY24	209,604	22,881	232,485
M Go[1]	FY25	43,296	4,979	48,275
	FY24	—	—	—
M Johnson	FY25	203,117	23,189	226,306
	FY24	204,033	22,273	226,306
M Jordan	FY25	197,310	22,534	219,844
	FY24	188,246	20,550	208,796
H Nash	FY25	230,584	6,110	236,694
	FY24	230,743	5,862	236,605
D Whittle[2]	FY25	69,504	7,993	77,497
	FY24	—	—	—
Former				
C Holman[3]	FY25	75,614	8,526	84,140
	FY24	204,033	22,273	226,306
Total	**FY25**	**1,439,566**	**127,571**	**1,567,137**
	FY24	**1,442,705**	**120,887**	**1,563,592**

1. Ms Go was appointed as a Non-executive Director on 1 February 2025.
2. Mr Whittle was appointed as a Non-executive Director on 28 November 2024.
3. Ms Holman retired as a Non-executive Director on 13 September 2024.

Non-executive Director shareholdings

Name	Balance at 1 May 2024	Acquired during the year	Other Adjustments	Balance at 30 April 2025
Current				
P Birtles	121,954	—	—	121,954
M Haseltine	65,936	3,419	—	69,355
M Go[1]	—	6,500	17,035	23,535
M Johnson	54,335	30,665	—	85,000
M Jordan	66,397	—	—	66,397
H Nash	60,145	—	—	60,145
D Whittle[2]	—	—	—	—
Former				
C Holman[3]	63,956	—	(63,956)	—
	432,723	**40,584**	**(46,921)**	**426,386**

1. Ms Go held 17,035 shares via Cbus Super Fund on 1 February 2025.
2. Mr Whittle was appointed as a Non-executive Director on 28 November 2024.
3. Ms Holman retired as a Non-executive Director on 13 September 2024.

8. Statutory disclosures

Fixed and 'at-risk' remuneration

Executive	Year	Fixed remuneration $	STI cash[1] $	STI deferred [2, 3] $	Super-annuation $	Leave[4] $	LTI equity $	Termination benefit[5] $	Total $	Performance-related %
Current										
D Jones	FY25	1,720,490	—	197,045	29,510	(7,346)	540,211	—	2,479,910	29.7%
	FY24	1,722,952	591,135	578,152	27,048	7,346	834,804	—	3,761,437	53.3%
D Sita	FY25	870,490	—	16,939	29,510	10,064	578,989	—	1,505,992	39.6%
	FY24	218,150	68,783	16,939	6,849	21,564	297,564	—	629,849	60.9%
S Marshall[6]	FY25	411,671	—	—	14,966	32,234	8,559	—	467,430	1.8%
	FY24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
R Murray	FY25	820,490	—	5,323	29,510	9,013	304,200	—	1,168,536	26.5%
	FY24	214,592	31,937	5,323	9,133	20,366	5,099	—	286,450	14.8%
G Ramage	FY25	820,490	254,303	90,615	29,510	10,495	110,997	—	1,316,410	34.6%
	FY24	722,952	289,386	48,231	27,048	65,541	137,843	—	1,291,001	36.8%
K Wallbridge	FY25	670,490	147,458	24,577	29,510	16,006	16,143	—	904,184	20.8%
	FY24	108,603	—	—	8,064	8,999	—	—	125,666	—
Former										
C Baddock[7]	FY25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	FY24	321,746	112,401	99,796	11,507	(22,895)	317,924	419,698	1,260,177	42.1%
A Bell[8]	FY25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	FY24	579,692	359,934	113,060	20,198	(99,032)	181,811	—	1,155,663	56.7%
A Welsh[9]	FY25	257,112	—	29,870	9,555	(6,824)	143,270	—	432,983	40.0%
	FY24	772,952	179,221	120,069	27,048	16,187	209,889	—	1,325,366	38.4%
Total	**FY25**	**5,571,233**	**401,761**	**364,369**	**172,071**	**63,642**	**1,702,369**	**—**	**8,275,445**	**29.8%**
	FY24	**4,661,639**	**1,632,797**	**981,570**	**136,895**	**18,076**	**1,984,934**	**419,698**	**9,835,609**	**46.8%**

1. The cash component of the FY25 STI reward of 50% (Group CEO), 60% (Group CFO) and 75% (other Executives) is payable in cash in July 2025. The cash component of the FY24 STI reward of 60% (Group CEO), 67% (Group CFO) and 75% (other Executives) was paid in cash in July 2024.
2. The deferred equity component of the FY25 STI reward of 50% (Group CEO), 40% (Group CFO) and 25% (other Executives) is deferred and released through the issue of Metcash performance rights, conditional upon the executive being employed by the Company on 3 July 2026. The fair value of the deferred share component is amortised over the performance period.
3. The deferred equity component of the FY24 STI reward of 40% (Group CEO), 33% (Group CFO) and 25% (other Executives) is expected to vest and be allocated as shares to participants in July 2025. The fair value of the deferred share component was amortised over the two-year performance period.
4. Includes changes in annual and long service leave entitlements. Amounts may be negative where the KMP's annual leave taken in the year exceeds that accrued.
5. The termination benefit paid to Mr Baddock was in accordance with the terms of his separation agreement.
6. Mr Marshall commenced employment on 20 November 2024 as CEO IHG. The amounts disclosed above reflect Mr Marshall's remuneration relating to the period 20 November 2024 to 30 April 2025.
7. Mr Baddock retired as CEO of ALM on 6 October 2023 and ceased employment on 9 February 2024. The amounts disclosed above reflect Mr Baddock's remuneration relating to the period from 1 May 2023 to 6 October 2023 as KMP.
8. Mr Bell retired as operational Group CFO on 31 January 2024 and ceased employment on 29 February 2024. The amounts disclosed above reflect Mr Bell's remuneration relating to the period from 1 May 2023 to 31 January 2024.
9. Ms Welsh stepped down from the CEO IHG role on 31 August 2024 and continued in a corporate strategy and governance role. The amounts disclosed above for FY25 reflect Ms Welsh's remuneration relating to the period from 1 May 2023 to 31 August 2024.

Executive KMP performance rights holdings

Name	Balance at 1 May 2024	Granted	Vested/ Exercised[1]	Forfeited	Other changes during the year[2]	Balance at 30 April 2025
Current						
D Jones	1,141,230	570,738	(375,173)	(65,235)	—	1,271,560
D Sita	390,864	148,903	(126,904)	—	—	412,863
S Marshall	—	118,754	—	—	—	118,754
R Murray	97,200	286,606	—	—	—	383,806
G Ramage	242,060	139,760	(54,347)	(16,509)	—	310,964
K Wallbridge	—	107,416	—	—	—	107,416
Former						
A Welsh	317,422	97,344	(86,134)	(26,166)	(302,466)	—
Total	**2,188,776**	**1,469,521**	**(642,558)**	**(107,910)**	**(302,466)**	**2,605,363**

1. As foreshadowed in the FY24 financial report, a total of 355,226 performance rights from the FY22-FY24 LTI plan vested on 15 August 2024. The vested shares were acquired on market and allocated to the participants on 15 August 2024. Additionally, Mr Jones was granted 160,428 performance rights in relation to Tranche 2 of the Group CEO buy-out grant disclosed in the FY24 financial report. Ms Sita was granted 126,904 performance rights in relation to Tranche 1 of the Group CFO buy-out grant.
2. Includes balance adjustments for Executives leaving KMP roles.

Executive KMP shareholdings

Name	Balance at 1 May 2024	Acquired during the year[1]	Other changes during the year[2]	Balance at 30 April 2025
Current				
D Jones	205,245	568,628	—	773,873
D Sita[3]	—	126,904	—	126,904
S Marshall[4]	—	—	190,167	190,167
R Murray[3]	—	—	—	—
G Ramage	258,933	54,347	(169,014)	144,266
K Wallbridge[3]	—	9,500	—	9,500
Former				
A Welsh	409,736	131,920	(541,656)	—
Total	**873,914**	**891,299**	**(520,503)**	**1,244,710**

1. Includes vesting of shares in relation to Metcash's deferred STI and LTI plans.
2. Includes sale of ordinary shares and balance adjustments for Executives leaving or entering KMP roles.
3. Ms Sita, Mr Murray and Ms Wallbridge all commenced with Metcash during FY24 and have five years to meet the minimum shareholding guideline.
4. Mr Marshall commenced with Metcash during FY25 and has five years to meet the minimum shareholding guideline.

Other disclosures

Unissued shares under share options and performance rights

At the date of this report, there were 6,233,192 performance rights (6,233,192 at the reporting date). There were no share options on issue at the reporting date or at the date of this report. Refer to Note 7.1 of the financial statements for further details regarding performance rights.

Shares issued as a result of options and performance rights

During the year, a total 969,990 shares were issued to employees and executives in relation to the vesting of the FY22-FY24 LTI grant. An additional 548,515 shares were issued to employees and executives in relation to the vesting of various other LTI plans.

Indemnification of Auditors

Pursuant to the terms of engagement the Company has with its auditors, EY Australia, the Company has agreed to indemnify EY Australia to the extent permitted by law and professional regulations, against any losses, liabilities, costs or expenses incurred by EY Australia where they arise out of or occur in relation to any negligent, wrongful or wilful act or omission by the Company. No payment has been made to EY Australia by the Company pursuant to this indemnity, either during or since the end of the financial year.

Non-audit services

Details of the non-audit services undertaken by, and amounts paid to the Company's auditor, EY Australia are detailed in Note 7.2 of the financial statements.

The Directors are satisfied that the provision of non-audit services is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the *Corporations Act 2001*. The nature and scope of each type of non-audit service provided means that auditor independence was not compromised.

The auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 April 2025 has been received and is included on page 107.

Subsequent events

On 10 June 2025, Metcash Limited announced the strategic integration and merger of its two hardware businesses, Total Tools Holdings and the Independent Hardware Group (IHG), to form Total Tools and Hardware Group. This event does not impact the financial results for the year ended 30 April 2025.

Rounding

The amounts contained in this report and in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest $100,000 (where rounding is applicable) under the option available to the Company under ASIC Corporations Instrument 2016/191. The Company is an entity to which the legislative instrument applies.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

Doug Jones
Director

Sydney, 23 June 2025

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Statement of comprehensive income

For the year ended 30 April 2025

	Notes	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Sales revenue	3.1, 3.2	17,323.0	15,912.4
Cost of sales		(15,080.3)	(13,970.7)
Gross profit		**2,242.7**	**1,941.7**
Other income	3.3	28.7	22.2
Share of profit from equity-accounted investments	4.4	18.7	19.8
Employee benefit expenses	3.3	(1,161.8)	(969.3)
Depreciation and amortisation	3.3	(240.0)	(192.0)
Lease expenses	3.3	(98.5)	(80.5)
Impairment expenses, net of reversals	3.3	(42.4)	(30.6)
Other expenses		(239.6)	(215.0)
Finance costs, net	3.3	(122.4)	(92.6)
Significant items	3.3	0.4	(31.9)
Profit before income tax		**385.8**	**371.8**
Income tax expense	3.4	(102.4)	(113.7)
Net profit for the year		**283.4**	**258.1**
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		(0.7)	1.3
Total comprehensive income for the year		**282.7**	**259.4**
Net profit for the year is attributable to:			
Equity holders of the parent		283.3	257.2
Non-controlling interests		0.1	0.9
		283.4	**258.1**
Total comprehensive income for the year is attributable to:			
Equity holders of the parent		282.6	258.5
Non-controlling interests		0.1	0.9
		282.7	**259.4**
Earnings per share attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the company:			
Basic earnings per share (cents)	3.5	25.9	25.8
Diluted earnings per share (cents)	3.5	25.8	25.7

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

Statement of financial position

As at 30 April 2025

	Notes	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		84.8	97.3
Trade and other receivables and customer loans	4.1	2,099.6	1,912.0
Lease receivables	4.2	39.4	39.5
Inventories	4.3	1,542.8	1,196.9
Assets held for sale		8.6	7.6
Income tax receivable		—	6.7
Other financial assets		2.5	2.7
Total current assets		**3,777.7**	**3,262.7**
Non-current assets			
Customer loans	4.1	9.1	9.5
Lease receivables	4.2	172.9	182.8
Equity-accounted investments	4.4	146.1	135.6
Net deferred tax assets	3.4	130.4	152.4
Property, plant and equipment	4.5	397.4	340.1
Right-of-use assets	4.2	801.3	646.3
Intangible assets	4.6	1,452.4	1,061.5
Other financial assets		4.8	5.5
Total non-current assets		**3,114.4**	**2,533.7**
Total assets		**6,892.1**	**5,796.4**
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables		3,014.8	2,478.4
Interest-bearing borrowings	5.2	263.3	49.1
Lease liabilities	4.2	167.5	164.2
Provisions	4.8	163.9	156.6
Income tax payable		8.2	—
Put options and other financial liabilities	5.3	16.9	40.7
Total current liabilities		**3,634.6**	**2,889.0**
Non-current liabilities			
Interest-bearing borrowings	5.2	398.9	300.1
Lease liabilities	4.2	1,061.1	897.6
Provisions	4.8	33.7	32.1
Put options and other financial liabilities	5.3	127.2	149.2
Total non-current liabilities		**1,620.9**	**1,379.0**
Total liabilities		**5,255.5**	**4,268.0**
Net assets		**1,636.6**	**1,528.4**
Equity			
Contributed equity	5.4	1,263.4	1,238.8
Retained earnings		363.8	270.8
Other reserves	5.4	(1.3)	7.0
Equity holders of the parent		**1,625.9**	**1,516.6**
Non-controlling interests		10.7	11.8
Total equity		**1,636.6**	**1,528.4**

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

Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 30 April 2025

	Notes	Contributed equity $m	Retained earnings $m	Other reserves $m	Equity holders of the parent $m	Non-controlling interests $m	Total equity $m
At 1 May 2024		**1,238.8**	**270.8**	**7.0**	**1,516.6**	**11.8**	**1,528.4**
Total comprehensive income, net of tax		—	283.3	(0.7)	282.6	0.1	282.7
Transactions with owners							
Share issue, net of transaction costs	5.4	24.6	—	—	24.6	—	24.6
Dividends paid	5.5	—	(186.1)	—	(186.1)	(1.2)	(187.3)
Recognition of put option liabilities		—	(2.6)	—	(2.6)	—	(2.6)
Transactions with non-controlling interests		—	(1.0)	—	(1.0)	—	(1.0)
Transfers		—	(0.6)	0.6	—	—	—
Share-based payments settled in cash		—	—	(1.6)	(1.6)	—	(1.6)
On-market purchase of shares		—	—	(9.7)	(9.7)	—	(9.7)
Share-based payments expense		—	—	3.1	3.1	—	3.1
At 30 April 2025		**1,263.4**	**363.8**	**(1.3)**	**1,625.9**	**10.7**	**1,636.6**
At 1 May 2023		**818.3**	**257.2**	**(1.9)**	**1,073.6**	**11.5**	**1,085.1**
Total comprehensive income, net of tax		—	257.2	1.3	258.5	0.9	259.4
Transactions with owners							
Share issue, net of transaction costs	5.4	420.5	—	—	420.5	—	420.5
Dividends paid	5.5	—	(213.7)	—	(213.7)	(1.7)	(215.4)
Recognition of put option liabilities		—	(29.6)	—	(29.6)	—	(29.6)
Transactions with non-controlling interests		—	4.0	—	4.0	—	4.0
Transfers		—	(4.3)	4.3	—	—	—
Share-based payments settled in cash		—	—	(2.6)	(2.6)	—	(2.6)
Share-based payments expense		—	—	5.9	5.9	—	5.9
Acquired through business combination		—	—	—	—	1.1	1.1
At 30 April 2024		**1,238.8**	**270.8**	**7.0**	**1,516.6**	**11.8**	**1,528.4**

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

Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 30 April 2025

	Notes	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		21,056.7	19,732.9
Payments to suppliers and employees		(20,312.1)	(19,036.8)
Financing component of lease payments, net	4.2	(51.2)	(36.7)
Interest paid, net		(66.3)	(53.1)
Dividends received		5.0	7.8
Income tax paid, net of tax refunds	3.4	(93.1)	(131.5)
Net cash generated from operating activities	5.1	**539.0**	**482.6**
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of assets		8.5	12.9
Payments for acquisition of assets		(148.5)	(135.9)
Payments for acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired	6.1	(403.8)	(205.6)
Receipts from subleases, excluding the financing component	4.2	41.1	40.5
Loans repaid by other entities, net		19.9	0.2
Net cash used in investing activities		**(482.8)**	**(287.9)**
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from borrowings	5.2	1,235.1	1,050.0
Repayments of borrowings	5.2	(925.0)	(1,141.4)
Payments for acquisition of non-controlling interests	5.3	(36.1)	(139.8)
Payments for lease liabilities, excluding the financing component	4.2	(166.0)	(152.3)
Proceeds from equity raise, net of the share issue costs	5.4	—	351.9
Payments for on-market purchase of shares		(9.7)	—
Payment of dividends to owners of the parent	5.5	(161.5)	(147.3)
Payment of dividends to non-controlling interests		(5.5)	(8.0)
Net cash used in financing activities		**(68.7)**	**(186.9)**
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		**(12.5)**	**7.8**
Add: opening cash and cash equivalents		97.3	89.5
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		**84.8**	**97.3**

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

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1. Corporate information

The financial statements of Metcash Limited (the 'Company') and its controlled entities (together the 'Group') for the year ended 30 April 2025 were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 23 June 2025.

Metcash Limited is a for-profit company limited by ordinary shares incorporated and domiciled in Australia whose shares are publicly traded on the Australian Securities Exchange. The nature of the operations and principal activities of the Group are described in the Directors' Report. The registered office of the Company is 1 Thomas Holt Drive, Macquarie Park NSW 2113.

2. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

2.1. Basis of preparation

The financial statements are a general-purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

The financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost basis except for derivative financial instruments and share-based payments which are measured at fair value.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest $100,000 unless otherwise stated under the option available to the Company under *ASIC Corporations Instrument 2016/191*. The Company is an entity to which the legislative instrument applies.

The financial statements comply with Australian Accounting Standards. The financial statements also comply with *International Financial Reporting Standards* (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

The current financial year comprises a 52-week period that commenced on 29 April 2024 and ended on 27 April 2025. The prior financial year comprised a 52-week period that commenced on 1 May 2023 and ended on 28 April 2024.

Certain comparative information was amended in these financial statements to conform to the current year presentation. These amendments do not impact the Group's financial results and do not have any significant impact on the Group's balance sheet.

2.2. Changes in accounting policy

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous period.

There are no accounting pronouncements which have become effective from 1 May 2024 that have a significant impact on the Group's financial report. Refer to Appendix A for new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations.

2.3. Material accounting policies

2.3.1. Basis of consolidation

Controlled entities

The financial statements comprise the consolidated financial statements of Metcash Limited and its controlled entities for the year ended 30 April 2025. Refer to Appendix B for a list of controlled entities.

Controlled entities are all those entities over which the Group 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.

Consolidation procedures

Controlled entities are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group and cease to be consolidated from the date on which control is transferred out of the Group.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, all intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in full.

Non-controlling interests are allocated their share of total comprehensive income and are presented as a separate category within equity.

The financial statements of controlled entities are prepared for the same reporting period as the parent entity, using consistent accounting policies. For those controlled entities with non-coterminous year-ends, management accounts for the relevant period to the Group's reporting date have been consolidated. In the opinion of the Directors, the expense of providing additional coterminous statutory accounts, together with consequential delay in producing the Group's financial statements, would outweigh any benefit to shareholders.

Separate financial statements

Investments in entities controlled by Metcash Limited are accounted for at cost in the separate financial statements of the parent entity less any impairment charges. Dividends received from controlled entities are recorded as income in the separate financial statements of the parent entity, and do not impact the recorded cost of the investment unless the dividends effectively represent a return of capital.

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2.4. Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The Group has incorporated judgements, estimates and assumptions in determining the amounts recognised in the financial statements based on conditions existing at balance date.

2.4.1. Significant accounting judgements

In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies, the following judgements were made, apart from those involving estimations, which have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Note	Areas	Judgements
Note 3.2	Sales revenue	– Charge-through sales – In addition to warehouse purchases, customers purchase goods through the Group's charge-through platform and have these goods delivered directly to them from suppliers. The Group earns a margin on these sales for providing procurement, cross-docking and settlement services. The Group also bears credit risk on the receivables from these sales with limited recourse to suppliers. – The Group determined that it is an agent in these contracts as it does not control the goods before they are transferred to customers.
Note 4.2	Leases	– Determination of lease term of contracts with renewal options.
Note 4.3	Inventories	– Supplier rebate income – The recognition and measurement of supplier rebate income requires the use of judgement, due to a high degree of variability in arrangements with suppliers, and due to timing differences between stock purchases and the provision of promotional services.
Note 6.1	Business combinations	– Determining the existence of control, joint control or significant influence over the Group's acquisitions. Where the Group exercises significant influence or joint control, the acquisitions are accounted for as equity accounted investments (Note 4.4); and where the Group exercises control, the acquisitions are accounted for as business combinations. – Determining the acquisition date fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed on acquisition of controlled entities.

2.4.2. Significant accounting estimates

The carrying amounts of certain assets and liabilities are often determined based on estimates and assumptions of future events. The key estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of certain assets and liabilities within the next annual reporting period are:

Note	Areas	Estimates
Note 4.1	Trade receivables and loans	Allowance for impairment loss
Note 4.4	Equity-accounted investments	Assessment of recoverable amount
Note 4.7	Impairment of non-financial assets	Assessment of recoverable amount
Note 4.2 and 4.8	Provisions	Property provisions
Note 5.3	Put option liabilities	Determining put option consideration

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3. Group performance

3.1. Segment information

The Group has identified its operating segments based on the internal reports that are reviewed and used by the Chief Executive Officer (the chief operating decision maker) in assessing performance and in determining the allocation of resources. Discrete financial information about these operating segments is reported on at least a monthly basis.

The information reported to the CEO is aggregated based on product types and the overall economic characteristics of industries in which the Group operates. The Group's reportable segments are therefore as follows:

- **Food** activities comprise the distribution of a range of products and services to independent supermarkets, convenience retail outlets and food service customers.
- **Liquor** activities comprise the distribution of liquor products to independent retail outlets and hotels.
- **Hardware** activities comprise the distribution of hardware products to independent retail outlets and the operation of company owned and joint venture retail stores.

The Group operates predominantly in Australia. The Group has operations in New Zealand that represent less than 5% of revenue, results and assets of the Group. The Group does not have a single customer which represents greater than 10% of the Group's revenue.

Sales between segments are based on similar terms and conditions to those in place with third party customers and are eliminated from the results below.

Segment results

	Segment revenue		Segment EBITDA (a)		Segment EBIT (b)	
	FY25 $m	FY24 $m	FY25 $m	FY24 $m	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Food (c)	9,341.2	8,307.8	345.5	277.6	248.4	210.1
Liquor	5,306.1	5,133.6	123.5	125.7	104.1	109.2
Hardware	2,675.7	2,471.0	295.6	297.8	189.3	210.9
Segment total	**17,323.0**	**15,912.4**	**764.6**	**701.1**	**541.8**	**530.2**
Corporate			(16.8)	(12.8)	(34.0)	(33.9)
Group total			**747.8**	**688.3**	**507.8**	**496.3**
Finance costs, net (Note 3.3)					(122.4)	(92.6)
Significant items (Note 3.3)					0.4	(31.9)
Profit before income tax					**385.8**	**371.8**

(a) Underlying earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation ('EBITDA')
(b) Underlying earnings before interest and tax ('EBIT')
(c) FY25 results include revenue of $1,256.1 million, EBITDA of $55.2 million and EBIT of $32.3 million from Superior Foods, which was acquired by Metcash on 3 June 2024. See further details of the acquisition in Note 6.1.

3.2. Sales revenue

Sale of goods

The Group's revenue principally arises from the sale of goods within its wholesale distribution and retail operations. Sales revenue is recognised when the Group has delivered goods to its customers, and it is probable that consideration will be collected in exchange. Revenue is measured based on the consideration expected to be received, net of trade rebates.

Charge-through sales

The Group operates a charge-through platform whereby goods are delivered directly to the Group's customers by suppliers. The Group retains the credit risk associated with these transactions; however, the Group does not bear any material inventory risk or exercise any material discretion in establishing prices. Charge-through transactions are therefore reported on an agency or net 'commission' basis with the gross sale value included in trade receivables and the gross purchase cost included in trade payables. Gross charge-through sales to customers during the year were $2.166 billion (FY24: $2.267 billion).

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3.3. Other income and expenses

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
(i) Other income		
Lease income – rent	5.3	8.3
Lease income – outgoings recoveries	15.1	12.7
Net gain from disposal of plant and equipment	—	1.0
Other, net	8.3	0.2
	28.7	**22.2**
(ii) Employee benefit expenses		
Salaries and wages, incentives, and on-costs	1,068.4	893.4
Superannuation expense	90.3	70.6
Share-based payments expense	3.1	5.3
	1,161.8	**969.3**
(iii) Depreciation and amortisation		
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	145.9	123.4
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	62.6	43.4
Amortisation of software	24.2	20.3
Amortisation of other intangible assets	7.3	4.9
	240.0	**192.0**
(iv) Lease expenses		
Property rent	7.6	6.8
Property outgoings	77.7	62.6
Equipment and other leases	13.2	11.1
	98.5	**80.5**
(v) Impairment expenses, net of reversals		
Trade receivables and loans	5.5	4.5
Inventories	32.3	22.9
Property provisions	(1.0)	(4.0)
Other impairments (net)	5.6	7.2
	42.4	**30.6**
(vi) Finance costs, net		
Interest expense	59.0	42.2
Transaction fees in relation to customer charge cards (Note 4.1)	13.8	13.8
Deferred borrowing costs	2.3	1.7
Finance component of lease payments, net	51.2	36.7
Finance costs from discounting of liabilities	0.5	0.8
Interest income	(4.4)	(2.6)
	122.4	**92.6**

Material accounting policies

Finance costs

Finance costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of an asset that necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale are capitalised as part of the cost of the asset. All other finance costs are expensed in the period they occur. Borrowing costs consist of interest and other costs that an entity incurs in connection with the borrowing of funds.

Certain provisions are measured at their discounted value. During each period the provision is increased by an amount that is equal to the provision multiplied by the discount rate. This increment, including any change in the value of the provision as a result of a change in discount rate, is treated as a finance cost.

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	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
(vii) Significant items		
Program Horizon implementation costs	13.3	20.6
Put option valuation and business acquisition costs (net)	(10.1)	8.7
Mega Distribution Centre transition costs	11.4	2.6
Other gains	(15.0)	—
Total significant items before tax	(0.4)	31.9
Income tax benefit attributable to significant items	(7.4)	(6.8)
Total significant items after tax	**(7.8)**	**25.1**

Program Horizon implementation costs

Program Horizon is a critical group technical infrastructure consolidation and replacement program aimed at repositioning Metcash to be a modern, technology-led wholesaler. The program provides the platform to drive simplification and efficiency across the Food and Liquor pillars, as well as making it easier for customers and suppliers to do business with Metcash. The program continues to make steady progress, most recently delivering a streamlined all-in-one payables solution and a successful legal entity rationalisation release. The program is expected to be completed in FY27.

In FY25, the Group incurred $13.3 million (FY24: $20.6 million) of expenses on the program. The program expenses included resource costs, accelerated amortisation and impairment of redundant software assets and incremental software licence and maintenance costs. These costs are separately disclosed within significant items in the Statement of Comprehensive Income to enable a better understanding of the Group's results. The cumulative Program Horizon costs, as at FY25, are $246.8 million (comprising $139.0 million of capital expenditure and $107.8 million of expenses).

Put option valuation and business acquisition costs

The carrying amounts of the Group's put option liabilities at balance date were remeasured to reflect the estimated put option exercise prices, with a credit relating to the reduction in put option value of $9.7 million (FY24: reduction in put option value of $11.3 million) recorded as a significant item within the Statement of Comprehensive Income, together with an expense relating to the net present value interest unwind on the put option liabilities of $4.9 million (FY24: $8.0 million).

During FY25, Metcash has acquired an additional ownership interest in 15 Total Tools joint venture (JV) stores resulting in a gain on step-acquisition of $5.6 million. In addition, Metcash disposed of its interest in 1 JV store resulting in a gain on disposal of $0.8 million.

The Group incurred transaction costs of $1.0 million (FY24: $12.0 million) in relation to business acquisitions, including residual costs in relation to the acquisition of Superior Foods as detailed in Note 6.1. The Group also incurred a loss on settlement of deferred purchase consideration in relation to previous business combinations of $0.1 million.

Mega Distribution Centre (DC) transition costs

The Group continues to invest in its Mega DC's capacity, capabilities, footprint and supply chain systems to support current and future business opportunities. During the period, the Group incurred $11.4 million (FY24: $2.6 million) of costs primarily associated with the move to the new DC in Truganina, Victoria which achieved practical completion in June 2024 and became operational during FY25.

Other Gains

During FY25, Metcash recognised a $15.0 million gain arising from the reversal of a previously impaired loan to an associate (Dramet Holdings Pty Ltd). Further details are provided in Note 4.4.

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3.4. Income Taxes

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Major components of income tax expense		
Current income tax charge	104.8	112.6
Adjustments in respect of income tax of previous years	0.3	1.0
Deferred income tax relating to origination and reversal of temporary differences	(2.7)	0.1
Total income tax expense	**102.4**	**113.7**
Reconciliation of income tax expense		
Profit before income tax	385.8	371.8
At the Group's statutory income tax rate of 30% (FY24: 30%)	115.7	111.5
Expenditure not allowable for income tax purposes	2.3	9.5
Other amounts not assessable for income tax purposes	(13.9)	(8.3)
Other amounts allowable for income tax purposes	(2.0)	—
Adjustments in respect of income tax of previous years	0.3	1.0
Income tax expense	**102.4**	**113.7**
Components of net deferred tax assets		
Provisions	111.4	110.2
Leases	57.0	49.2
Accelerated depreciation for accounting purposes	7.0	10.7
Other	18.2	16.4
Intangible assets	(63.2)	(34.1)
	130.4	**152.4**
Movements in net deferred tax assets		
Opening balance	152.4	152.3
Credited to net profit for the year	2.6	—
Charged to other comprehensive income	0.8	(0.9)
Tax benefit associated with share issue costs	—	2.2
Movements related to business combinations	(25.4)	(1.2)
Closing balance	**130.4**	**152.4**

Tax consolidation

Metcash Limited and its 100% owned Australian resident subsidiaries formed a tax consolidated group with effect from 1 July 2005. Metcash Limited is the head entity of the tax consolidated group. Members of the group have entered into a tax sharing arrangement in order to allocate income tax expense to the wholly owned subsidiaries on a modified standalone basis. In addition, the agreement provides for the allocation of income tax liabilities between the entities should the head entity default on its tax payment obligations.

Tax effect accounting by members of the tax consolidated group

Members of the tax consolidated group have entered into a tax funding agreement. The tax funding agreement provides for the allocation of current taxes to members of the tax consolidated group in accordance with a group allocation method using modified standalone tax calculations as the basis for allocation. Deferred taxes of members of the tax consolidated group are measured and recognised in accordance with the principles of AASB 112 *Income Taxes*.

Under the tax funding agreement, funding is based upon the amounts allocated and recognised by the member entities. Accordingly, funding results in an increase/decrease in the subsidiaries' intercompany accounts with the tax consolidated group head entity, Metcash Limited.

OECD Pillar Two model rules

Pillar Two legislation has been substantively enacted in certain jurisdictions in which the Group operates and is effective in Australia for the Group's financial year beginning 1 May 2024. The Group is in scope of the substantively enacted legislation. The Group has performed an assessment as to the potential Pillar Two tax liability. Based on this assessment, there is no material impact of Pillar Two on the Current Tax Expense of the Group for the year ended 30 April 2025.

The Group has applied the AASB 2023-2 *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules* to AASB 112 *Income Taxes* which provides a mandatory temporary exception to accounting for deferred taxes arising from the implementation of Pillar Two.

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Material accounting policies

Current tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authority. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted by the relevant reporting date.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, carry-forward unused tax assets and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, and the carry-forward of unused tax assets and unused tax losses can be utilised:

- except where the deferred income tax asset relating to the deductible temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting nor taxable profit or loss; and
- in respect of deductible temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and interests in joint ventures, deferred tax assets are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that the temporary differences will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilised.

The Group has applied a temporary mandatory relief from deferred tax accounting for the impacts of the top-up tax and accounts for it as a current tax when it is incurred. For the period ended 30 April 2025, the Group has applied the AASB *2023-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules* to *AASB 112 Income Taxes* which provides a mandatory temporary exception to accounting for deferred taxes arising from the implementation of Pillar Two.

3.5. Earnings per share

The following reflects the earnings data used in the basic and diluted earnings per share (EPS) computations:

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Earnings used in calculating basic and diluted EPS		
Net profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of Metcash Limited	283.3	257.2

The following reflects the share data used in the basic and diluted EPS computations:

	FY25 Number	FY24 Number
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic EPS	1,095,873,218	997,148,620
Effect of dilutive securities	3,769,112	2,622,935
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted EPS	**1,099,642,330**	**999,771,555**

At the reporting date, 6,233,192 performance rights (contingently issuable shares) (FY24: 5,734,038) were outstanding, of which 2,464,080 (FY24: 3,111,103) were not included in the calculation of diluted EPS. Refer to Note 7.1 for more details about performance rights.

Material accounting policies

Basic earnings per share is calculated as net profit attributable to members of the parent, adjusted to exclude any costs of servicing equity divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares, adjusted for any bonus element.

Diluted earnings per share are calculated as net profit attributable to members of the parent, adjusted for:

- costs of servicing equity (other than dividends);
- the after-tax effect of dividends and interest associated with dilutive potential ordinary shares that have been recognised as expenses; and
- other non-discretionary changes in revenues or expenses during the period that would result from the dilution of potential ordinary shares, divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares and dilutive potential ordinary shares, adjusted for any bonus element. Contingently issuable ordinary shares are included in the diluted weighted average number of shares only if the relevant condition of the issue is satisfied at the end of the reporting period.

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4.1. Trade and other receivables and customer loans

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Current		
Trade receivables	1,639.5	1,468.6
Allowance for impairment loss	(45.5)	(46.7)
Trade receivables	1,594.0	1,421.9
Customer charge cards agreement (a)	261.3	235.6
Other receivables and prepayments	240.7	248.7
Trade and other receivables	**2,096.0**	**1,906.2**
Customer loans	3.8	6.4
Allowance for impairment loss	(0.2)	(0.6)
Customer loans	**3.6**	**5.8**
Total trade and other receivables and customer loans – current	**2,099.6**	**1,912.0**
Non-current		
Customer loans	9.1	11.4
Allowance for impairment loss	—	(1.9)
Total customer loans – non-current	**9.1**	**9.5**

a) Amounts receivable under the customer charge card agreements are fully offset by a corresponding amount included in trade and other payables and are described below.

Movements in allowance for impairment loss

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Opening balance	49.2	52.8
Charged as an expense during the year	5.5	4.5
Accounts written off as non-recoverable	(11.6)	(8.1)
Additions through business combinations	2.6	—
Closing balance	**45.7**	**49.2**

Weighted average interest

Trade and other receivables are non-interest-bearing and repayment terms vary by pillar. As at 30 April 2025, $11.0 million (FY24: $7.6 million) of customer loans are non-interest-bearing and $1.9 million (FY24: $10.2 million) of customer loans have a weighted average annual interest rate of 6.5% (FY24: 7.1%).

Maturity of trade receivables

At 30 April 2025, 96.6% (FY24: 96.9%) of trade receivables are either due or required to be settled within 30 days, 1.1% (FY24: 1.0%) have terms extending from 30 to 60 days and 2.3% (FY24: 2.1%) have terms greater than 60 days.

Customer charge cards agreement

Under an agreement between Metcash and American Express (Amex), eligible retail customers make trade purchases from Metcash using their Amex customer charge cards. Metcash's trade receivable is settled in full by Amex. Amex subsequently collects the amounts outstanding on the customer charge cards directly from the retailers.

Under the agreement, in the event a customer defaults on their payment obligation to Amex, Metcash must reacquire the trade receivable from Amex. The maximum amount payable by Metcash to Amex is limited to the actual face value of the outstanding trade receivable and does not include any interest or any other costs incurred by Amex. Once reacquired, Metcash would seek to collect the trade receivable from the retail customer through its normal credit processes.

The agreement was renewed during FY23 and operates on an evergreen basis until either Metcash or Amex provides a 12-month notice of cancellation. The earliest date on which the agreement could be cancelled is 30 June 2026.

The customer charge cards agreement is presented as part of current trade and other receivables and a matching current liability of $261.3 million (FY24: $235.6 million) is included within trade and other payables, with no impact to the Group's net asset position.

Customer loan security

The Group has access to security against most customer loans in the event of default. Security held may include bank and personal guarantees, fixed and floating charges and security over property and other assets. Due to the large number and the varied nature of security held, their fair value cannot be practicably estimated. The fair value of the security against a loan is determined when the loan is not deemed to be recoverable and an allowance for impairment loss is raised to cover any deficit in recoverability.

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Ageing of trade receivables and loans, net

	Trade receivables (a)		Customer loans		Other receivables and prepayments	
Days overdue	**$m**	**%**	**$m**	**%**	**$m**	**%**
At 30 April 2025						
Neither past due nor impaired	1,692.6	91.2%	12.5	98.4%	240.7	100.0%
Less than 30 days	139.8	7.5%	—	—	—	—
Between 30 and 60 days	14.2	0.8%	—	—	—	—
Between 60 and 90 days	7.2	0.4%	—	—	—	—
Between 90 and 120 days	1.5	0.1%	0.2	1.6%	—	—
More than 120 days	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**1,855.3**	**100.0%**	**12.7**	**100.0%**	**240.7**	**100.0%**
At 30 April 2024						
Neither past due nor impaired	1,522.7	91.9%	14.7	96.0%	248.7	100.0%
Less than 30 days	114.6	6.9%	0.1	0.7%	—	—
Between 30 and 60 days	16.1	1.0%	—	—	—	—
Between 60 and 90 days	4.1	0.2%	0.1	0.7%	—	—
Between 90 and 120 days	—	—	—	—	—	—
More than 120 days	—	—	0.4	2.6%	—	—
Total	**1,657.5**	**100.0%**	**15.3**	**100.0%**	**248.7**	**100.0%**

(c) The ageing profile of trade receivables includes amounts receivable under the customer charge cards agreement.

Material accounting policies

Trade receivables

Trade receivables are measured at the transaction price determined under the 'Sales Revenue' material accounting policy (Note 3.2).

Allowance for impairment loss

The Group recognises an allowance for impairment loss based on expected credit losses (ECL) for its trade and other receivables. The Group has established a provision rate matrix, under the simplified approach in calculating ECL, that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to a group of debtors and the economic environment.

Significant accounting estimates

Allowance for impairment loss

The Group uses a provision rate matrix to calculate ECLs for receivables. The provision rates are initially based on the Group's historical observed default rates. The Group will calibrate the matrix to adjust the historical credit loss experience with forward-looking information (e.g., any known changes in market conditions with reference to the most recent gross domestic product data). At every reporting date, the historical observed default rates are updated and changes in the forward-looking estimates are analysed.

The assessment of the correlation between historical observed default rates, forecast economic conditions and ECLs is a significant estimate. The amount of ECLs is sensitive to changes in circumstances and of forecast economic conditions. The Group's historical credit loss experience and forecast of economic conditions may also not be representative of customer's actual default in the future.

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4.2. Right-of-use assets, lease receivables and lease liabilities

	Right-of-use assets (a)				
	Leasehold properties $m	Motor vehicles and equipment $m	Total $m	Lease receivables (b)(c) $m	Lease liabilities $m
Year ended 30 April 2025					
Opening balance	619.9	26.4	646.3	222.3	(1,061.8)
New and modified leases	179.3	36.3	215.6	5.1	(227.1)
Additions through business combinations	53.5	6.1	59.6	—	(59.6)
Leases exited	(1.7)	(0.2)	(1.9)	(0.8)	2.8
Lease remeasurements	22.7	10.9	33.6	15.8	(48.9)
Depreciation	(130.6)	(15.3)	(145.9)	—	—
Reclassifications	(6.0)	—	(6.0)	6.0	—
Impairments, net	—	—	—	5.0	—
Cash (receipts)/payments	—	—	—	(51.6)	227.7
Financing component of lease receipts/(payments)	—	—	—	10.5	(61.7)
Closing balance	**737.1**	**64.2**	**801.3**	**212.3**	**(1,228.6)**
Current	—	—	—	39.4	(167.5)
Non-current	737.1	64.2	801.3	172.9	(1,061.1)
Year ended 30 April 2024					
Opening balance	583.6	33.1	616.7	257.6	(1,049.4)
New and modified leases	49.8	5.4	55.2	0.6	(56.1)
Additions through business combinations	46.0	—	46.0	—	(46.0)
Leases exited	(1.3)	—	(1.3)	(2.6)	4.2
Lease remeasurements	53.8	0.7	54.5	11.1	(66.8)
Depreciation	(110.6)	(12.8)	(123.4)	—	—
Impairments, net	(1.4)	—	(1.4)	(3.9)	—
Cash (receipts)/payments	—	—	—	(52.0)	200.5
Financing component of lease receipts/(payments)	—	—	—	11.5	(48.2)
Closing balance	**619.9**	**26.4**	**646.3**	**222.3**	**(1,061.8)**
Current	—	—	—	39.5	(164.2)
Non-current	619.9	26.4	646.3	182.8	(897.6)

(a) The cost and accumulated depreciation and impairment of the right-of-use assets are presented below:

	Right-of-use assets		
	Leasehold properties $m	Motor vehicles and equipment $m	Total $m
Cost	1,361.2	148.7	1,509.9
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(624.1)	(84.5)	(708.6)
As at 30 April 2025	**737.1**	**64.2**	**801.3**
Cost	1,113.4	95.6	1,209.0
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(493.5)	(69.2)	(562.7)
As at 30 April 2024	**619.9**	**26.4**	**646.3**

(b) As at 30 April 2025, lease receivables include a gross carrying amount of $228.0 million (FY24: $243.0 million) and allowance for impairment losses of $15.7 million (FY24: $20.7 million).

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(c) The future minimum rentals receivable under non-cancellable finance leases are as follows:

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Within one year	49.6	50.1
After one year but not more than five years	146.8	176.0
More than five years	73.3	62.3
	269.7	288.4
Unearned finance income	(41.7)	(45.4)
Impairment of receivables	(15.7)	(20.7)
	212.3	**222.3**

(d) The future minimum rentals receivable under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Within one year	4.2	2.3
After one year but not more than five years	10.2	9.6
More than five years	3.4	3.6
	17.8	**15.5**

(e) Lease cash receipts and payments are presented in the following lines of the statement of cash flows:

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Receipts from subleases, excluding the financing component	41.1	40.5
Payment for lease liabilities, excluding the financing component	(166.0)	(152.3)
Financing component of lease payments, net	(51.2)	(36.7)
Net cash payments	**(176.1)**	**(148.5)**

(f) In FY25, the Group recognised rent expense of $20.8 million (FY24: $17.9 million) from short-term leases and variable lease payments.

(g) Extension options are included in a number of lease contracts across the Group. These options are negotiated by management to provide flexibility in managing the leased-asset portfolio and align with the Group's business needs. The extension options are exercisable only by the Group and not by the lessors. The present value of lease payments to be made under these options that are considered reasonably certain to be exercised have been included in the lease liability balance at 30 April 2025. The undiscounted potential future payments at current rental rates under options that are not considered reasonably certain to be exercised is approximately $2.3 billion, which includes potential lease payments within the next five years of approximately $181.2 million.

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Material accounting policies

Group as a lessee

Right-of-use assets

The Group recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement of a lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use). The initial measurement of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date, less any lease incentives received. Right-of-use assets are subsequently measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

Unless the Group is reasonably certain to obtain ownership of the leased asset at the end of the lease term, the right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of its estimated useful life and the lease term. Right-of-use assets are subject to impairment assessments under AASB 136 *Impairment of Assets*.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis on all right-of-use assets. Major depreciation periods are:

	FY25	FY24
Leasehold properties	1-30 years	1-30 years
Motor vehicles and equipment	4-5 years	4-5 years

Useful lives are reassessed on an annual basis and adjustments, where applicable, are made on a prospective basis.

Lease liabilities

At the commencement of a lease, the Group recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees. The lease payments also include renewal periods where the Group is reasonably certain to exercise the renewal option. Outgoings and other variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as incurred.

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Group uses the incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date if the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a change in the lease term, a change in the in-substance fixed lease payments or a change in the assessment to purchase the underlying asset.

Group as a lessor

Lease receivables

The Group enters into back-to-back lease agreements with independent retailers where the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the sublessee and these are classified as a finance lease.

Amounts due from finance leases are recognised as lease receivables at the amount of the Group's net investment in the lease. Lease receivables are subsequently remeasured if there is a change in the lease term and for changes in future cash flows resulting from a change in an index or rate or variable lease payments becoming fixed. Finance lease income is allocated to reporting periods so as to reflect a constant periodic rate of return on the Group's net investment outstanding in respect of the leases.

All other leases are classified as operating leases. Rental income from operating leases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Group applies a recognition exemption to leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option. It also applies a recognition exemption to leases that are considered of low value. Lease payments and rental income from short-term and low-value leases are recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Significant accounting judgement

Determination of lease term of contracts with renewal options

The Group determines the lease term as the non-cancellable term of the lease, together with any periods covered by an option to extend the lease if it is reasonably certain to be exercised, or any periods covered by an option to terminate the lease, if it is reasonably certain not to be exercised.

After initial recognition, the Group reassesses the lease term if there is a significant event or change in circumstances that is within its control and affects its ability to exercise (or not to exercise) the option to renew.

4.3. Inventories

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Inventories	1,542.8	1,196.9

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Material accounting policies

Inventory cost is measured at purchase price, net of trade rebates and discounts received, and including costs incurred in bringing the inventory to its present location and condition. Trade rebates include supplier rebate income, which is systematically allocated against inventory cost using estimates based on expected purchase patterns and earn rates.

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, net of estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

4.4. Equity-accounted investments

The following table presents key information about the Group's interests in associates and joint ventures.

Investee	Principal activities	Reporting date	FY25 %	FY24 %
Associates				
Ritchies Stores Proprietary Limited	Grocery retailing	30 June	29.9	29.9
Dramet Holdings Pty Ltd[1]	Grocery retailing	30 June	-	26.0
Metcash Export Services Pty Ltd	Grocery retailing	30 April	15.0	15.0
Joint ventures				
Adcome Pty Ltd (Cornetts)	Grocery retailing	30 April	45.0	45.0
BMS Retail Group Holdings Pty Ltd	Grocery retailing	30 June	49.0	49.0
Waltock Pty Ltd	Hardware retailing	30 June	49.0	49.0
LA United Pty Limited[2]	Liquor wholesaling	30 June	75.3	75.3
Liquor Alliance Proprietary Limited[2]	Liquor wholesaling	30 June	66.7	66.7

1. During FY25, Metcash completed the sale of its 26% joint venture ownership interest in Dramet Holdings Pty Ltd for net sale proceeds of $3.2 million and loan repayment of $15.0 million (total cash received $18.2 million). Metcash previously held a 26% ownership interest in Dramet Holdings and Drakes Supermarkets held the remaining 74% ownership interest. Dramet Holdings operates and owns 21 of the Drakes branded supermarkets in Queensland supplied by Metcash, as well as 8 stores in South Australia that are supplied by Drakes Supermarkets.
2. The Group has a direct ownership of 26.0% in LA United Pty Ltd and an indirect ownership of 49.3% via its interest in Liquor Alliance Pty Ltd. While the Group has beneficial ownership of more than 50% of the entity, key operating and financial decisions require the unanimous consent of other joint venture partners. Accordingly, LA United Pty Ltd and Liquor Alliance Pty Ltd are accounted for as joint arrangements.

The principal place of business for all of the Group's equity-accounted investments is Australia, with the exception of Metcash Export Services Pty Ltd, which primarily deals with customers in China.

Share of investees' financial information

The table below provides summarised financial information for Ritchies Stores Proprietary Limited (Ritchies), being an associate that is material to the Group. The Group has a 29.9% ownership interest in Ritchies (FY24: 29.9%).

Summarised Balance Sheet

Ritchies' financial year end date is 30 June. The summarised balance sheet information disclosed below represents the amounts presented in the statutory financial statements of Ritchies at 30 June 2024, adjusted to include significant transactions over the following 10 months between that date and 30 April 2025. The table also reconciles the summarised financial information to the carrying amounts of the Group's interest in Ritchies.

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Current assets	148.9	157.2
Non-current assets	547.0	450.7
Total assets	695.9	607.9
Current liabilities	(218.5)	(198.0)
Non-current liabilities	(257.6)	(206.4)
Total liabilities	(476.1)	(404.4)
Net assets	**219.8**	**203.5**
Proportion of the Group's ownership interest in the investment	**65.7**	**60.9**
Equity method notional goodwill	29.7	29.7
Carrying amount of the Group's investment	**95.4**	**90.6**

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Summarised Statement of Comprehensive Income

The summarised financial information below reflects the amounts presented in the financial statements of Ritchies.

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Revenue	1,393.5	1,357.2
Profit before income tax	42.7	45.6
Income tax expense	(12.9)	(11.0)
Net profit for the year	29.8	34.6
Other comprehensive income/(loss), net of tax	—	—
Total comprehensive income for the year	**29.8**	**34.6**
Group's share of profit for the year	**8.9**	**10.4**
Dividends received by the Group	4.1	4.7

Aggregate information of equity accounted investments that are not individually material

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Aggregate carrying amount of individually immaterial associates and joint ventures	**50.7**	**45.0**
Aggregate amounts of the Group's share of:		
– Profit after tax	6.6	9.4
– Other comprehensive income	—	—
Net gain on sale of shares in Equity Accounted Investments[1]	3.2	—
Total comprehensive income	**9.8**	**9.4**

1. During FY25, Metcash sold its 26% joint venture ownership interest in Dramet Holdings Pty Ltd to Drakes Supermarkets Pty Ltd for net sale proceeds of $3.2 million. Metcash previously held a 26% ownership interest in Dramet Holdings and Drakes Supermarkets held the remaining 74% ownership interest.

Unrecognised share of gains or losses of equity accounted investments

At the reporting date, the Group's share of unrecognised gains or losses is not material.

Refer to Note 7.3 for details of the Group's contingent liabilities in relation to equity-accounted investments.

Material accounting policies

Equity-accounted investments of the Group represent both associates and joint ventures and are structured through equity participation in separate legal entities. Metcash invests capital to support the independent retail network, strengthen relationships and fund growth. Relationships with co-investors are governed by contractual agreements which allow the Group to exercise either significant influence or joint control over these entities. Where the Group exercises joint control, key operating decisions are agreed unanimously, regardless of ownership interest.

The Group's investments in joint ventures and associates are accounted for using the equity method. Associates are those entities over which the Group exercises significant influence, but not control or joint control, over the financial and operating policies. A joint venture is an arrangement in which the Group has joint control, whereby the Group has rights to the net assets of the joint venture. Joint control is the contractually agreed sharing of control of an arrangement, which exists only when decisions about the relevant activities require unanimous consent of the parties sharing control.

Equity-accounted investments are carried in the statement of financial position at cost plus post-acquisition changes in the Group's share of net assets of the investee, less any impairment in value.

For those associates and joint ventures with non-coterminous year ends, management accounts for the relevant period to the Group's reporting date have been equity-accounted. In the opinion of the Directors, the expense of providing additional coterminous statutory accounts, together with consequential delay in producing the Group's financial statements, would outweigh any benefit to shareholders.

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Significant accounting estimates

Impairment of equity-accounted investments

After application of the equity method, the Group determines whether it is necessary to recognise an impairment loss on its investment in its associate or joint venture. At each reporting date, the Group determines whether there is objective evidence that the investment in the associate or joint venture is impaired. If there is such evidence, the Group calculates the amount of impairment as the difference between the recoverable amount of the associate or joint venture and its carrying value.

In assessing the recoverable amount, assumptions are made about the growth prospects of the investment and in determining the discount rate used to calculate the net present value of future cash flows when a discounted cash flow model is used.

An impairment loss recognised in prior periods is reversed if there has been a change in estimates used to determine the equity-accounted investments recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. If this is the case, the carrying amount of the investment is increased to its recoverable amount, with the increase being recognised as a reversal of an impairment loss in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

4.5. Property, plant and equipment

	Land & buildings $m	Plant & equipment $m	Total $m
Year ended 30 April 2025			
Opening balance	33.5	306.6	340.1
Additions	—	95.3	95.3
Additions through business combinations	—	27.9	27.9
Adjustments to business combinations	—	1.2	1.2
Disposals	—	(1.7)	(1.7)
Impairments	—	(1.5)	(1.5)
Reclassifications	(1.8)	1.5	(0.3)
Depreciation	(0.5)	(63.1)	(63.6)
Closing balance	**31.2**	**366.2**	**397.4**
At 30 April 2025			
Cost	40.6	780.0	820.6
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(9.4)	(413.8)	(423.2)
Net carrying amount	**31.2**	**366.2**	**397.4**
Year ended 30 April 2024			
Opening balance	38.4	235.2	273.6
Additions	—	97.8	97.8
Additions through business combinations	2.1	22.9	25.0
Disposals	(6.9)	(2.4)	(9.3)
Impairments	—	(0.3)	(0.3)
Reclassifications	0.6	(3.0)	(2.4)
Depreciation	(0.7)	(43.6)	(44.3)
Closing balance	**33.5**	**306.6**	**340.1**
At 30 April 2024			
Cost	42.4	655.8	698.2
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(8.9)	(349.2)	(358.1)
Net carrying amount	**33.5**	**306.6**	**340.1**

Additions to plant and equipment include $62.1 million (FY24: $61.1 million) of assets under construction. The closing balance of plant and equipment includes $18.8 million (FY24: $65.8 million) of assets under construction.

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Recognition and measurement

All classes of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis on all property, plant and equipment, other than freehold land and assets under construction. Major depreciation periods are:

	FY25	FY24
Freehold buildings	25-40 years	25-40 years
Plant and equipment	2-20 years	2-20 years

Derecognition

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset.

Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the item) is included in the statement of comprehensive income in the period the item is derecognised.

4.6. Intangible assets

	Software development costs	Customer contracts	Trade names and other	Goodwill	Total
	$m	$m	$m	$m	$m
Year ended 30 April 2025					
Opening balance	177.4	26.3	86.6	771.2	1,061.5
Additions	58.6	—	—	—	58.6
Additions through business combinations	1.3	48.6	56.5	267.1	373.5
Adjustments to business combinations	—	—	(4.4)	3.2	(1.2)
Disposals	(0.5)	—	—	—	(0.5)
Impairments	(7.5)	—	—	—	(7.5)
Reclassifications	0.3	—	—	—	0.3
Amortisation	(25.0)	(7.3)	—	—	(32.3)
Closing balance	**204.6**	**67.6**	**138.7**	**1,041.5**	**1,452.4**
At 30 April 2025					
Cost	480.2	224.7	142.6	2,023.9	2,871.4
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(275.6)	(157.1)	(3.9)	(982.4)	(1,419.0)
Net carrying amount	**204.6**	**67.6**	**138.7**	**1,041.5**	**1,452.4**
Year ended 30 April 2024					
Opening balance	181.0	30.9	73.1	610.1	895.1
Additions	29.0	—	—	—	29.0
Additions through business combinations	1.2	—	13.8	160.8	175.8
Adjustments to business combinations	—	—	—	0.3	0.3
Impairments	(13.3)	—	—	—	(13.3)
Reclassifications	0.5	—	—	—	0.5
Amortisation	(21.0)	(4.6)	(0.3)	—	(25.9)
Closing balance	**177.4**	**26.3**	**86.6**	**771.2**	**1,061.5**
At 30 April 2024					
Cost	420.5	176.1	90.5	1,753.6	2,440.7
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(243.1)	(149.8)	(3.9)	(982.4)	(1,379.2)
Net carrying amount	**177.4**	**26.3**	**86.6**	**771.2**	**1,061.5**

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Recognition and measurement

Intangible assets acquired separately or in a business combination are initially measured at cost. Following initial recognition, the cost model is applied to the class of intangible assets.

Intangible assets (excluding software development costs) created within the business are not capitalised and expenditure is charged against profits in the period in which the expenditure is incurred.

Goodwill acquired in a business combination is initially measured at cost; being the excess of the cost of the business combination over the Group's interest in the net fair value of the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities.

Trade names are acquired either through business combinations or through direct acquisition. Trade names are recognised as intangible assets where a registered trademark is acquired with attributable value. Trade names are valued on a relief from royalty method. Trade names are considered to be indefinite life intangibles and are not amortised, unless there is an intention to discontinue use of the name in which case it is amortised over its estimated remaining useful life.

Customer contracts are acquired through business combinations. Customer contacts are recognised as intangible assets when the criteria specified in AASB 138 *Intangible Assets* have been met. Customer contracts are valued by applying a discounted cash flow valuation methodology with consideration given to customer retention and projected future cash flows to the end of the contract period. The amortisation has been recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Software development costs incurred on an individual project are capitalised at cost when future recoverability can reasonably be assured and where the Group has an intention and ability to use the asset. Following the initial recognition of software development costs, the asset is carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Any costs carried forward are amortised over the assets' useful economic lives.

Configuration and customisation costs incurred in implementing cloud-based arrangements are only capitalised if the implementation activities create an intangible asset that the Group controls in accordance with the requirements of AASB 138 *Intangible Assets*. Costs that do not result in intangible assets are expensed as incurred. The exception is where they are paid to the suppliers of the cloud-based arrangement to significantly customise the cloud-based software for the Group. In this case, the costs are recorded as a prepayment for services and amortised over the expected renewable term of the arrangement.

Derecognition

Gains or losses arising from derecognition of an intangible asset are measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the asset is derecognised.

When goodwill forms part of a group of cash generating units and an operation within that unit is disposed of, the goodwill associated with the operation disposed of is included in the carrying amount of the operation when determining the gain or loss on disposal of the operation. Goodwill disposed of in this circumstance is measured based on the relative values of the operation disposed of and the portion of the groups of cash-generating units retained.

Useful lives

The useful lives of intangible assets are assessed to either be finite or indefinite. Where amortisation is charged on assets with finite lives, this expense is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income on a straight-line basis.

The estimated useful lives of existing finite life intangible assets are as follows:

	FY25	FY24
Customer contracts	15 years	15 years
Software development costs	5-10 years	5-10 years

Useful lives are reassessed on an annual basis and adjustments, where applicable, are made on a prospective basis.

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4.7. Impairment of non-financial assets

Impairment tests for goodwill and intangibles with indefinite useful lives

Description of cash generating units

Goodwill acquired through business combinations is allocated to the lowest level within the entity at which the goodwill is monitored, being the three groups of cash generating units (or 'CGU's) – Food, Hardware and Liquor. Indefinite life intangibles primarily comprise trade names and licences.

Allocation to CGUs

The carrying amounts of goodwill and indefinite life intangibles are allocated to the Group's CGUs as follows:

	Allocated goodwill		Trade names and other intangibles		Post-tax discount rates	
Cash-generating units	FY25 $m	FY24 $m	FY25 $m	FY24 $m	FY25 %	FY24 %
Food (a)	477.7	217.2	57.9	1.4	10.0%	10.0%
Hardware	414.0	404.2	67.9	72.4	10.0%	10.0%
Liquor	149.8	149.8	12.9	12.8	10.0%	10.0%
	1,041.5	**771.2**	**138.7**	**86.6**		

(a) FY25 balances include Superior Foods, which was acquired by Metcash on 3 June 2024. See further details of the acquisition in Note 6.1

Assessment of recoverable amounts

The recoverable amounts were determined based on value in use calculations using cash flow projections covering a five-year period, which are based on strategic plans or forecasts. Estimates beyond the five-year period are calculated using terminal growth rates that are applicable to the trading environment in which the CGU operates.

Key assumptions used in assessment

The valuations used to support the carrying amounts of intangible assets are based on forward looking key assumptions that are, by nature, uncertain. The nature and basis of the key assumptions used to estimate future cash flows and the discount rates used in the projections, when determining the recoverable amount of each CGU, are set out below and in the table above:

- Operating cash flows – Operating cash flow projections are extracted from the most recent strategic plans or forecasts that relate to the existing asset base. For each CGU, the cash flow projections for a five-year period have been determined based on expectations of future performance. Key assumptions in the cash flows include sales volume growth, costs of sales and costs of doing business. These assumptions are based on expectations of market demand and operational performance.
- Cash flow projections are based on risk-adjusted forecasts that consider anticipated changes in the business, competitive landscape, regulatory environment, and economic growth. However, the potential effects of shifts in consumer behaviour and broader macroeconomic factors such as unemployment and GDP growth continue to pose uncertainties to the Group's future operating cash flows.
- Discount rates – Discount rates are based on the weighted average cost of capital ('WACC') for the Group adjusted for an asset-specific risk premium assigned to each CGU. The asset-specific risk premium is determined based on risk embedded within the cash flow projections and other factors specific to the industries in which the CGUs operate.
- The calculation of WACC is market-driven and key inputs include target capital structure, equity beta, market risk premium, risk-free rate of return and debt risk premium. Pre-tax equivalents of the adopted discount rates are derived iteratively and differ based on the timing and extent of tax cash flows. Pre-tax rates were 14.4% across all CGUs (FY24: 14.4% across all CGUs).
- Terminal growth rates – Cash flows beyond the projection period are extrapolated indefinitely using estimated long-term growth rates applicable to the trading environment in which the CGUs operate. A terminal growth rate of 2.5% (FY24: 2.5%) was applied to all CGUs.

Results of assessment

Based on the FY25 assessment, no impairment of goodwill was identified in any of the Group's CGUs.

Sensitivity to changes in key assumptions

At the assessment date, no reasonably likely change in key assumptions would cause the carrying amount of any CGU to exceed its recoverable amount.

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Material accounting policies

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether there is any indication that the value of a non-financial asset may be impaired. Goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets are tested for impairment at least annually and more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired.

Where an indicator of impairment exists, the Group makes a formal estimate of recoverable amount.

Recoverable amount is the greater of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. It is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset's value in use cannot be estimated to be close to its fair value less costs to sell and it does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets. In this case, the recoverable amount is determined for the CGU to which the asset belongs.

When the carrying amount of an asset or CGU exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount. In assessing value in use, the estimated pre-tax 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.

Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Significant accounting estimates

Impairment of goodwill

The Group determines whether goodwill is impaired on an annual basis. This requires an estimation of the recoverable amount of the CGUs to which the goodwill is allocated.

4.8. Provisions

	Employee entitlements $m	Property provisions $m	Total $m
30 April 2025			
Current	152.0	11.9	163.9
Non-current	15.3	18.4	33.7
	167.3	**30.3**	**197.6**
30 April 2024			
Current	143.1	13.5	156.6
Non-current	13.5	18.6	32.1
	156.6	**32.1**	**188.7**

Movements in property provisions

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Opening balance	32.1	39.7
(Released)/charged as an expense during the year, net	(1.0)	(4.0)
Arising through business combinations	2.5	-
Utilised during the year, net	(3.5)	(4.4)
Finance cost discount rate adjustment	0.2	0.8
Closing balance	**30.3**	**32.1**

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Material accounting policies

Employee entitlements

Wages, salaries, incentives, annual leave and sick leave

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, incentives, annual leave and accumulating sick leave, are recognised in provisions in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date. They are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Liabilities due to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are classified as current liabilities. Liabilities for non-accumulating sick leave are recognised when the leave is taken and are measured at the rates paid or payable.

Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and 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 at the reporting date are discounted using market yields on high-quality corporate bonds with terms to maturity that match as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

Property provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Property provisions include the value of certain retail store lease obligations recognised as part of the acquisition of Franklins in FY12. The provision is initially recognised at the acquisition date fair value and subsequently utilised to settle lease obligations. The provision related to an individual lease is derecognised when the Group has met or otherwise extinguished its obligations in full under that lease.

Provisions are also recognised for obligations such as guarantees, property make-good and other costs. Depending on the nature of these obligations, they are expected to be settled over the term of the lease, at the conclusion of the lease or otherwise when the obligation vests.

If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are measured at the net present value of the expected future cash outflows using a current pre-tax rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. During each period the provision is increased by an amount that is equal to the provision multiplied by the discount rate. This increment, including any change in the value of the provision as a result of a change in discount rate, is treated as a finance cost.

Significant accounting estimates

Property provisions

The Group recognises provisions for rental agreements on acquisition. In measuring these provisions, assumptions are made about future retail sales, rental costs and in determining the appropriate discount rate to be used in the cash flow calculations.

The Group assesses obligations on property make-good, restructuring and other costs. These estimates are determined using assumptions on property-related costs, redundancy and other closure or restructure costs.

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5. Capital structure, financing and risk management

5.1. Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Net profit for the year	283.4	258.1
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	240.0	192.0
Provisions for impairment, net of reversals	42.4	30.6
Share of profit from equity-accounted investments	(18.7)	(19.8)
Movements in put option liabilities	(11.2)	(3.3)
Share-based payments expense	3.1	4.7
Other adjustments	(11.9)	12.6
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) in trade and other receivables	(63.6)	(115.7)
(Increase) / Decrease in inventories	(282.0)	14.7
Increase in payables and provisions	347.2	126.6
Increase / (decrease) in tax balances	10.3	(17.9)
Cash flows from operating activities	**539.0**	**482.6**

5.2. Interest-bearing borrowings

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Current		
Bank loans – working capital	263.3	49.1
	263.3	**49.1**
Non-current		
Bank loans – working capital	80.0	–
Bank loans – syndicated	324.9	303.4
Deferred borrowing costs	(6.0)	(3.3)
	398.9	**300.1**

Financial covenants

Refer to Note 5.6 for details of the Group's core borrowing facilities. The core borrowings of the Group must comply with two primary covenants which apply to the syndicated, bilateral and working capital bank facilities. They include a Fixed Charges Cover Ratio and a Senior Leverage Ratio. There were no defaults or breaches on the Group's core borrowings in FY25 and FY24, and no forecast breaches. Covenants are required to be tested twice yearly, at half year and full year.

Weighted average interest

The weighted average effective interest rate on the syndicated, bilateral and working capital loans was 5.65% (FY24: 5.66%), reflecting an average BBSY of 4.30% (FY24: 4.20%) over the year. These rates exclude line fees on unutilised facility balances.

Statement of Cashflows – Proceeds from and repayment of borrowings

The Statement of Cash Flows sets out the Group's proceeds from borrowings of $1.24 billion (FY24: $1.05 billion), which includes gross proceeds from syndicated and bilateral loans of $950.0 million (FY24: $1.05 billion) and net proceeds from working capital loans of $290.8 million (FY24: nil).

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Material accounting policies

All loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received net of issue costs associated with the borrowing.

After initial recognition, interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognised.

5.3. Put options and other financial liabilities

	Put option liabilities $m	Other financial liabilities $m	Total $m
30 April 2025			
Current	14.3	2.6	16.9
Non-current	112.1	15.1	127.2
	126.4	**17.7**	**144.1**
30 April 2024			
Current	32.7	8.0	40.7
Non-current	142.7	6.5	149.2
	175.4	**14.5**	**189.9**

Put Option Liabilities

		2025		2024	
Put Option Maturity	**Financial Year**	**Number of stores**	**Put option value $m**	**Number of stores**	**Put option value $m**
Total Tools JV Stores					
Between May 2024 and July 2024	FY25	—	—	4	20.8
Between May 2025 and July 2025	FY26	4	3.3	16	47.0
Between May 2026 and July 2026	FY27	2	7.5	1	6.3
Between May 2027 and July 2027	FY28	24	53.5	20	53.0
Between May 2028 and July 2028	FY29	9	5.0	—	—
Between May 2029 and July 2029	FY30	5	11.5	2	3.2
Between May 2030 and July 2030	FY31	10	26.1	8	21.3
Total Tools Group put options		**54**	**106.9**	**51**	**151.6**
Other put options – Hardware pillar			**19.5**		**23.8**
Total			**126.4**		**175.4**

Total Tools Group put options

During the period, Metcash has reset put option arrangements for 15 Total Tools JV stores by acquiring an additional ownership interest upfront and deferring the put option in relation to the residual ownership interest by a further two to three years (13 stores) or extinguishing the put option (2 stores that became 100% owned). Metcash has now increased its ownership of these stores (FY24 ownership interest 51% - 80%, up to revised ownership interest 75% - 100%) for upfront purchase consideration of $36.1 million (allocated against the put option liability).

In addition to the above JV reset, Metcash also reduced its ownership interest in 2 corporate stores from an FY24 ownership interest of 100% to ownership interest of 87%. Metcash has issued put options in relation to these stores over the residual ownership interest of 13%, exercisable in May 2028, which are valued at $0.7 million.

Further, in FY25, Total Tools established 3 Greenfield JV stores and disposed of its 60% ownership interest in 1 JV store to a franchise.

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The Total Tools JV Store put option agreements allow individual minority shareholders to sell their remaining equity interests in the 54 JV Stores to Metcash. Metcash has the right to acquire the remaining equity interests via call options, generally exercisable at any time. The exercise price of the put options are based on a multiple of the respective store's EBITDA over a 12-month period immediately prior to the respective exercise dates, adjusted for a number of items, including net debt and working capital.

The Group has recognised financial liabilities for the Total Tools JV Store put options, has derecognised the non-controlling interests in the Total Tools JV Stores and has ceased accounting for the non-controlling interests. Accordingly, the Statement of Comprehensive Income includes 100% of the net profit of the Total Tools JV Stores.

The above put option liabilities are remeasured at each reporting date at the estimated put option exercise price, with any change in value recorded as a significant item within the Statement of Comprehensive Income, together with the net present value interest unwind on the put option liability.

At balance date, Metcash has ownership of between 51% and 95% in 54 Total Tools JV stores. The carrying amount of the Total Tools JV store put option liabilities was $106.9 million (FY24: $151.6 million). Refer Note 3.3 of the financial report for details in relation to the put option valuation adjustments recognised during the year.

Other put options

The Group has also recognised a liability of $19.5 million (FY24: $23.8 million) in respect of an additional four put options written over non-controlling interests in non-wholly owned subsidiaries within the Hardware pillar. These put option arrangements allow minority shareholders to sell their equity interests to Metcash, subject to specific terms and conditions. These put options are measured at the present value of the redemption amount under the option.

Material accounting policies

Arrangements within certain business combinations entitle the non-controlling interests to require the Group to acquire their shareholding via exercise of a put option, subject to specific terms and conditions. Where such an arrangement is deemed to be part of the business combination, a financial liability is recognised on the acquisition date measured at the present value of the redemption amount under the arrangement. The initial recognition of the put option liability is charged directly to retained earnings and the non-controlling interest is derecognised.

The put option liability is subsequently remeasured at each reporting date at the estimated put option exercise price, with any change in value recorded within the Statement of Comprehensive Income, together with the net present value interest unwind on the put option liability.

Significant accounting estimate

The valuations used to determine the carrying amount of put option liabilities are based on forward looking key assumptions that are, by nature, uncertain. This requires an estimation of future earnings and cash flows which includes assumptions in relation to sales volume growth, cost of sales and costs of doing business.

Contingent put option liabilities

Ritchies Stores Pty Ltd (Ritchies) put option

The Group has a put option with Ritchies Stores Pty Ltd (Ritchies). Metcash has a 29.9% (FY24: 29.9%) ownership interest in Ritchies, which is recognised as an equity-accounted investment on the Group's balance sheet. The remaining shareholders in Ritchies have the right to put their 70.1% (FY24: 70.1%) ownership interests to Metcash, via put option, subject to a margin related annual financial hurdle ('hurdle') being achieved.

The put option can be exercised collectively by all shareholders during a prescribed period following the approval of Ritchies' annual audited financial report ('group put option' representing the remaining 29.9% shareholding) or in certain circumstances by individual minority shareholders within a prescribed period ('small shareholder put option').

Should the hurdle be achieved, and the shareholders elect to exercise any put option, the purchase consideration payable by Metcash is based on a multiple of the prior year reported earnings, normalised for certain adjustments. Metcash estimates that the group put option consideration payable to Ritchies shareholders in respect of the 2024 financial year would be between $245 million and $255 million.

If any put options were to be exercised, the exercise price will be determined with reference to Ritchies' results for that financial year and the consideration payable would reflect those results.

The put option agreement terminates when Metcash ceases to hold shares in Ritchies or if Ritchies lists on the ASX.

The Ritchies put option is recognised at a fair value of nil.

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5.4. Contributed equity and reserves

Contributed equity

	FY25		FY24	
	Number of shares	$m	Number of shares	$m
At 1 May	1,091,553,766	1,238.8	965,541,602	818.3
Shares issued under the DRP	7,028,059	24.6	18,549,476	66.4
Issued under equity raising, net of share issue costs	-	-	107,462,688	354.1
At 30 April	1,098,581,825	1,263.4	1,091,553,766	1,238.8

Fully paid ordinary shares carry one vote per share and carry the right to dividends. Shares have no par value.

In FY24, Metcash issued 89.6 million shares via an Institutional Placement at $3.35 per share which raised $294.1 million of equity, net of $5.9 million transaction costs. In FY24, Metcash also issued 17.9 million shares under its Share Purchase Plan ('SPP') at $3.35 per share which raised $60.0 million of equity, net of transaction costs.

Other reserves

	Share-based payments reserve $m	Foreign currency translation reserve $m	Cash flow hedge reserve $m	Total other reserves $m
At 1 May 2023	3.5	(4.9)	(0.5)	(1.9)
Total comprehensive income, net of tax	—	(0.8)	2.1	1.3
Transferred to retained earnings	4.3	—	—	4.3
Share based payments settled in cash	(2.6)	—	—	(2.6)
Share-based payments expense	5.9	—	—	5.9
At 30 April 2024	**11.1**	**(5.7)**	**1.6**	**7.0**
Total comprehensive income, net of tax	—	1.3	(2.0)	(0.7)
Transferred to retained earnings	0.6	—	—	0.6
Share based payments settled in cash	(1.6)	—	—	(1.6)
On-market purchase of shares	(9.7)	—	—	(9.7)
Share-based payments expense	3.1	—	—	3.1
At 30 April 2025	**3.5**	**(4.4)**	**(0.4)**	**(1.3)**

Material accounting policies

Share-based payments reserve

The share-based payments reserve is used to record the value of equity benefits provided to executives as part of their remuneration. Once a performance right has lapsed the Group no longer has any obligation to convert these performance rights into share capital. The amount transferred to retained earnings represents the value of share-based payments previously recognised as an expense that have subsequently lapsed.

Foreign currency translation reserve

The foreign currency translation reserve is used to record exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign subsidiaries.

Cash flow hedge reserve

The cash flow hedge reserve records the portion of the unrealised gain or loss on a hedging instrument in a cash flow hedge that is determined to be an effective hedge.

5.5. Dividends

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Dividends paid on ordinary shares during the year		
Final fully franked dividend for FY24: 8.5c (FY23: 11.0c)	92.8	106.2
Interim fully franked dividend for FY25: 8.5c (FY24: 11.0c)	93.3	107.5
Dividends declared during the period	**186.1**	**213.7**
Shares issued under the DRP (7.0 million shares issued)	(24.6)	(66.4)
Net cash dividends paid on ordinary shares during the period	**161.5**	**147.3**

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Dividends determined (not recognised as a liability as at 30 April)

Final fully franked dividend for FY25: 9.5c (FY24: 8.5c)	104.4	92.8

On 23 June 2025, the Board determined to pay a fully franked FY25 final dividend of 9.5 cents per share, sourced from the profit reserve established by Metcash Limited (Parent Company), with a record date of 16 July 2025 and payment date of 27 August 2025.

Under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP), eligible shareholders may elect to reinvest all or part of their dividends in additional Metcash shares.

Franking credit balance of Metcash Limited

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Franking account balance as at the end of the financial year at 30% (FY24: 30%)	251.8	181.4
Franking credits that will arise/(refundable) from the payment of income tax payable at the reporting date	(3.4)	(6.5)
Franking credits on dividends determined but not distributed to shareholders during the year	(44.7)	(39.8)
	203.7	**135.1**

5.6. Financial risk management

Objectives and policies

The Group's principal financial instruments comprise bank loans and overdrafts, leases, cash and short-term deposits and derivatives. The main purpose of these instruments is to finance the Group's operations. The Group also has various other financial assets and liabilities such as trade receivables and payables, which arise directly from its operations.

The main risks arising from the Group's financial instruments are liquidity risk, interest rate risk, credit risk and foreign exchange risk. The Board reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks and they are detailed below. The objective of the Group's risk management policy is to support delivery of the Group's financial targets while protecting future financial security.

Liquidity risk and funding management

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will be unable to meet its payment obligations when they fall due under normal and extreme circumstances. To limit this risk, the Group manages assets with liquidity in mind, and monitors future cash flows and liquidity on a daily basis. The Group's primary sources of debt funding are syndicated and working capital facilities, of which 43.3% (FY24: 29.8%) has been utilised as at 30 April 2025. The Group monitors forecasts of liquidity reserves on the basis of expected cash flow.

Available credit facilities

At the reporting date, the Group had the following unused credit facilities available for its immediate use:

	Total facilities $m	Debt usage $m	Guarantees & other usage $m	Facilities available $m
At 30 April 2025				
Syndicated facilities	1,075.0	324.9	—	750.0
Working capital, including guarantees	492.4	343.3	10.4	138.8
	1,567.4	**668.2**	**10.4**	**888.8**
At 30 April 2024				
Syndicated facilities	725.0	300.0	—	425.0
Working capital, including guarantees	429.5	52.5	6.5	370.5
Bilateral loans	50.0	—	—	50.0
	1,204.5	**352.5**	**6.5**	**845.5**

Syndicated facilities

Syndicated bank loans are senior unsecured term and revolving facilities. The facilities are due to expire in May 2028 ($325.0 million), May 2029 ($200.0 million), May 2030 ($300.0 million) and May 2031 ($250.0 million). Interest is payable on the facilities based on BBSY plus a margin. The applicable margin is dependent upon an escalation matrix linked to the Senior Leverage Ratio achieved. These bank loans are subject to certain financial undertakings as detailed in Note 5.2.

Working capital

Working capital bank loans are represented by six unsecured revolving facilities totalling $492.4 million. Two of these facilities mature in November 2025 ($130.0 million), two facilities are reviewed and renewed annually in July ($17.4m) with the others in February 2026 ($175.0 million) and May 2026 ($170.0 million).

Interest payable on any loans drawn under these facilities is based on BBSY or the RBA cash rate plus a margin. These bank loans are subject to certain financial undertakings as detailed in Note 5.2.

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Bilateral loans

This facility was refinanced into a working capital loan that matures in February 2026.

Maturity analysis of financial liabilities based on contracted date

The following table reflects the gross contracted values of financial liabilities categorised by their contracted dates of settlement.

Gross settled derivatives comprise forward exchange contracts that are used to hedge anticipated purchase commitments. Under the terms of these agreements, the settlements at expiry include both a cash payment and receipt.

	1 year or less $m	1 – 5 years $m	More than 5 years $m	Total $m
As at 30 April 2025				
Trade and other payables	3,014.8	—	—	3,014.8
Bank loans	295.9	345.5	132.7	774.1
Financial guarantee contracts	1.0	—	—	1.0
Other financial liabilities	1.6	7.4	—	9.0
Put options written over non-controlling interests	22.8	85.5	31.9	140.2
Lease liabilities	176.1	594.9	479.2	1,250.2
Derivative liabilities – gross settled:				
— Inflows	32.4	—	—	32.4
— Outflows	(32.4)	—	—	(32.4)
Net maturity	**3,512.2**	**1,033.3**	**643.8**	**5,189.3**
As at 30 April 2024				
Trade and other payables	2,478.4	—	—	2,478.4
Bank loans	69.7	341.8	—	411.5
Financial guarantee contracts	0.3	—	—	0.3
Other financial liabilities	8.1	7.4	—	15.5
Put options written over non-controlling interests	37.1	115.4	48.8	201.3
Lease liabilities	204.8	684.0	377.9	1,266.7
Derivative liabilities – gross settled:				
– Inflows	10.8	—	—	10.8
– Outflows	(10.8)	—	—	(10.8)
Net maturity	**2,798.4**	**1,148.6**	**426.7**	**4,373.7**

Interest rate risk

The Group's exposure to the risk of changes in market interest rates relates primarily to the Group's bank debt obligations with a floating interest rate.

Metcash manages this risk by entering into interest rate swap contracts with various major Australian banks. At 30 April 2025, the principal hedged was $295.0 million (FY24: $150.0 million) with a weighted average hedge maturity of 0.9 years (FY24: 1.3 years) and an average fixed interest rate of 3.8% (FY24: 3.7%), pre margin. The Group considered these derivatives to be effective hedges in accordance with AASB 9 *Financial Instruments* and therefore treats them as cash flow hedges. These interest rate swaps are exposed to fair value movements based on changes to the interest rate curve.

The Group's treasury policy provides percentage ranges across yearly periods for the interest rate hedging of net debt. Core debt is defined as the minimum level of drawn debt which is expected to occur over the year. At 30 April 2025, Metcash has $668.2 million (FY24: $352.5 million) of bank debt obligations.

At the reporting date, the Group had the following mix of financial assets and liabilities exposed to Australian variable interest rate risk that, except as indicated, are not designated in cash flow hedges:

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	84.8	97.3
Financial liabilities		
Bank loans – syndicated	(324.9)	(300.0)
Bank loans – working capital	(343.3)	(52.5)
Less: Interest rate swaps notional principal value – designated as cash flow hedges	295.0	150.0
Net exposure	**(373.2)**	**(202.5)**

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Sensitivity analysis

Based on the Group's net debt position, after the impact of hedging as at 30 April 2025 and 2024, with all variables held constant, an 0.5% change in interest rates is estimated to result in a $1.3 million (FY24: $0.7 million) change in the Group's net profit after tax. This sensitivity estimate is driven by higher/lower interest costs from variable rate cash and bank debt, net of interest rate derivatives that hedge core debt.

These movements have been selected as they are considered reasonable, given the current economic climate and the current levels of short term and long-term Australian interest rates.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will not meet its obligations under a financial instrument or customer contract, leading to a financial loss. The Group is exposed to credit risk from its operating activities (primarily trade receivables) and from its financing activities, including deposits with banks and financial institutions, foreign exchange transactions and other financial instruments.

Trade receivables and loans

The Group trades with a large number of customers and it is Group policy that all customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit verification procedures. In addition, where a loan has been provided, the Group will obtain security over certain assets of the customer wherever possible.

Receivables and loans are monitored on an ongoing basis and a formal review of all balances occurs every six months to measure impairment losses. As identified in Note 4.1, the current level of impairment provision represents 2.1% (FY24: 2.5%) of the Group's receivables and loans.

Lease receivables

The Group is exposed to credit risk on 'back-to-back' arrangements contained within its property leases where Metcash has subleased properties to retailers. The Group regularly reviews material lease arrangements on an ongoing basis and a formal review of all leases occurs every six months to measure impairment losses. Refer Note 4.2 for further details.

Others

There are no other significant concentrations of credit risk within the Group.

Foreign exchange risk

The Group is exposed to foreign exchange fluctuations on transactions and balances in respect of its operations in New Zealand. This operation represents less than 5% of the Group's total sales revenue and total profit after tax.

In addition, the Group undertakes some foreign currency transactions when purchasing goods and services. The Group enters into forward foreign exchange contracts to manage the risk associated with anticipated purchase commitments denominated in foreign currencies.

The amount of foreign exchange cover is based on anticipated future purchases in light of current conditions in foreign markets, commitments from customers and experience.

Material accounting policies

Derivative financial instruments are initially recognised at fair value on the date at which a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to fair value.

The fair value of derivative contracts is determined by reference to market values for similar instruments. Derivatives are carried as assets when their fair value is positive and as liabilities when their fair value is negative. Any gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of derivatives, except for those that qualify as cash flow hedges, are taken directly to the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year.

Instruments that meet the strict criteria for hedge accounting are classified as:

- fair value hedges, when they hedge the exposure to changes in the fair value of a recognised asset or liability; or
- cash flow hedges, when they hedge the exposure to variability in cash flows that is attributable either to a particular risk associated with a recognised asset or liability or to a forecast transaction.

Fair value hedges

The change in the fair value of the hedged item attributable to the risk hedged is recorded as part of the carrying value of the hedged item and is also recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as finance costs. If the hedged item is derecognised, the unamortised fair value is recognised immediately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

When an unrecognised firm commitment is designated as a hedged item, the subsequent cumulative change in the fair value of the firm commitment attributable to the hedged risk is recognised as an asset or liability with a corresponding gain or loss recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Cash flow hedges

The effective portion of the gain or loss on the hedging instrument is recognised in other comprehensive income and carried forward to the cash flow hedge reserve, while any ineffective portion is recognised immediately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as finance costs.

Amounts recognised as other comprehensive income are transferred to profit or loss when the hedged transaction affects profit or loss, such as when the hedged financial income or financial expense is recognised or when a forecast sale occurs. When the hedged item is the cost of a non-financial asset or non-financial liability, the amounts recognised as other comprehensive income are transferred to the initial carrying amount of the non-financial asset or liability.

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If the forecast transaction or firm commitment is no longer expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in equity is transferred to the Statement of Comprehensive Income. If the hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated or exercised without replacement or rollover, or if its designation as a hedge is revoked, any cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income remains in other comprehensive income until the forecast transaction or firm commitment affects the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Current versus non-current classification

Derivative instruments are classified as current or non-current or separated into current and non-current portions based on an assessment of the facts and circumstances including the underlying contracted cash flows.

5.7. Capital management

For the purpose of the Group's capital management, capital includes all accounts classified as equity on the Statement of Financial Position. The Board's intention is to continue to invest in the business for future growth while maintaining a strong financial position and otherwise to assess returning surplus capital to shareholders.

On 23 June 2025, the Board determined to pay a fully franked FY25 final dividend of 9.5 cents per share. The FY25 final dividend represents a full year dividend payout ratio of 71.8% of underlying profit after tax.

The Board and management set out to maintain appropriate Statement of Financial Position ratios. Certain Statement of Financial Position ratios are also imposed under the Group's banking facilities (refer to Note 5.2).

Management monitor capital through the debt leverage ratio (net debt / underlying EBITDA less depreciation of ROU assets). The FY25 debt leverage ratio was 0.96x (FY24: 0.45x), which reflects the impact of acquisitions.

No changes were made to the overall objectives, policies or processes for managing capital during the year.

6. Group structure

6.1. Business combinations and acquisition of non-controlling interests

Superior Foods Group

On 3 June 2024, Metcash announced that completion had occurred in relation to the acquisition of a 100% ownership interest in SFG Group Holdings Pty Ltd ('Superior Foods'). Superior Foods is a leading Australian foodservice distribution business in the large and growing foodservice market. The acquisition delivers immediate scale and growth opportunities in the adjacent foodservice market and further strengthens and diversifies our existing Food business.

Details of the purchase consideration and the fair values of the net assets acquired at the date of acquisition are as follows:

	Superior Foods $m
Net assets acquired	
Trade and other receivables	127.4
Inventories	91.1
Trade payables and provisions	(187.9)
Net Working Capital	30.6
Cash	47.3
Right-of-use asset	59.6
Lease liabilities	(59.6)
Lease provisions	(2.5)
Tax balances - net	(29.0)
Net cash and tax	15.8
Property, plant and equipment	27.1
Intangibles	106.4
Net identifiable assets acquired	**179.9**
Goodwill	260.5
Total purchase consideration	**440.4**

Metcash completed the acquisition of Superior Foods at an Enterprise Value of $412.3 million. This is reflected in a net cash outflow of $385.3 million (investing cashflow), an increase in net working capital post completion of $19.2 million (operating cashflow) and deferred purchase consideration of $7.8 million expected to be payable in FY29, as further detailed below.

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	$m
Purchase consideration – investing cash outflow	
Purchase consideration	440.4
Less: Cash acquired	(47.3)
Less: Deferred purchase consideration	(7.8)
Net cash outflow – investing activities	385.3

	$m
Reconciliation of cashflows to enterprise value	
Net cash outflow – investing activities	385.3
Change in net working capital post completion:	
Maintainable working capital (a)	49.8
Less: working capital at completion (3 June 2024)	(30.6)
Net cash outflow – operating activities	19.2
Net cash outflow – total at FY25	404.5
Plus: Deferred purchase consideration (b)	7.8
Aggregate net cash outflow and enterprise value	412.3

(a) Pro-forma maintainable net working capital of Superior Foods, based on the share purchase agreement.

(b) Deferred purchase consideration represents deferred purchase price expected to be payable to an ex-shareholder in FY29, subject to achievement of specified performance conditions. As at the reporting date, the key performance indicators show that it is probable that the conditions will be met. The fair value of the contingent consideration reflects this assumption and is determined using a discounted cash flow method.

In the 47 weeks since acquisition, Superior Foods contributed $1,256.1 million of incremental sales revenue and $32.3 million of incremental earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) to the Metcash Group.

Other business combinations

During the period, the Group also entered into a number of other business combinations that were not material to the Group, individually or in aggregate. The total cash purchase consideration paid for these businesses was $10.8 million, of which $6.6 million is allocated to goodwill.

The purchase price accounting for the above business combinations is provisional as at 30 April 2025.

Material accounting policies

Business combinations

The acquisition of controlled entities is accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting. The acquisition method of accounting involves allocating the costs of the business combination to the acquisition date fair value of net assets acquired, including intangible assets, contingent liabilities and contingent consideration.

6.2. Parent entity information

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Statement of financial position		
Current assets – amounts receivable from subsidiaries	1,627.4	1,381.4
Net assets	**1,627.4**	**1,381.4**
Contributed equity (Note 5.4)	1,263.4	1,238.8
Accumulated losses	(1,265.4)	(1,265.4)
Profit reserve	1,625.9	1,396.9
Share-based payments reserve	3.5	11.1
Total equity	**1,627.4**	**1,381.4**
Statement of comprehensive income		
Dividend received from a subsidiary	415.1	—
Net profit for the year	**415.1**	**—**
Total comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	**415.1**	**—**

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Profit reserve

The parent entity, Metcash Limited, established a profit reserve in FY17 within its separate financial statements, in accordance with the Company's constitution.

Closed Group

The parent entity has provided guarantees as part of the Closed Group arrangements as disclosed in Appendix B.

Contingent liabilities

The contingent liabilities in relation to the parent entity are disclosed in Note 7.3.

6.3. Related party disclosures

A list of the Group's subsidiaries is included in Appendix B and a list of equity-accounted investments is included in Note 4.4.

Material transactions and balances with related parties – Group

	FY25 $	FY24 $
Transactions with related parties – equity-accounted investments		
Sales revenue	1,438,836,260	1,372,116,017
Lease and other charges	597,885	1,250,042
Dividends received	4,982,525	7,621,026
Interest income from lease receivables	1,716,575	1,815,199
Balances with related parties – equity-accounted investments		
Trade receivables – gross	122,529,273	123,743,822
Provision for impairment loss	—	—
	122,529,273	**123,743,822**
Lease receivables – gross	37,105,728	37,128,786
Provision for impairment loss	—	—
	37,105,728	**37,128,786**

All transactions with the above entities are conducted under commercial terms and in the ordinary course of business.

Parent entity

Details of the parent entity are set out in Note 6.2.

Compensation of key management personnel of the Group

The table below reflects KMP remuneration for the period in which they were KMP.

	FY25 $	FY24 $
Short-term	7,776,929	8,718,711
Long-term	63,642	18,076
Post-employment	299,642	257,782
Share-based payments	1,702,369	1,984,934
	9,842,582	**10,979,503**

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7. Other disclosures

7.1. Share-based payments

Description of share-based payment arrangements

In FY25, the Group had the following share-based incentive schemes for employees:

Scheme name	Description
Short-term incentives (STI schemes)	
FY25 at-risk STI plan – deferred component	The FY25 at-risk STI plan included a 50% (Group CEO), 40% (Group CFO) and 25% (other KMP and senior executives) deferred component which will be released through the issue of performance rights conditional upon the executives remaining employed by the Company until 3 July 2026.
FY24 at-risk STI plan – deferred component	The FY24 at-risk STI plan included a 40% (Group CEO), 33% (Group CFO) and 25% (other KMP and senior executives) deferred component which will be released through the issue of performance rights conditional upon the executives remaining employed by the Company until 3 July 2025.
Long-term incentives (LTI schemes)	
FY25-FY27 LTI grant	This grant was issued to KMP and senior executives during FY25 and is subject to two performance conditions: Adjusted Earnings per Share ('EPS') (with a ROFE 'gate-opener') and Absolute Total Shareholder Returns ('ATSR') over a three-year period from 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2027.
FY24-FY26 LTI grant	This grant was issued to KMP and senior executives during FY24 and is subject to two performance conditions: Return on Funds Employed ('ROFE') and Absolute Total Shareholder Returns ('ATSR') over a three-year period from 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2026.
FY23-FY25 LTI grant	This grant was issued to KMP and senior executives during FY23 and is subject to two performance conditions: Return on Funds Employed ('ROFE') and Absolute Total Shareholder Returns ('ATSR') over a three-year period from 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2025.
CEO Total Tools Business Performance Incentive	This grant was issued to the Total Tools CEO during FY25 and is subject to performance conditions: Service condition and the achievement of a minimum Total Tools adjusted EBIT hurdle over three annual performance periods that are measured between 1 May 2024 and 15 August 2027. Total Tools' FY25 EBIT was below threshold so performance rights granted under Tranche 1 will subsequently lapse. As Mr Murray will cease employment with Metcash in FY26, performance rights granted under both Tranche 2 and 3 will lapse in full at that time.
Group CFO buy-out	This grant was issued to the Group CFO during FY24 and is subject to performance conditions: Service condition and a forecast achievement of a minimum Group Adjusted EBIT hurdle over two annual performance periods that are measured between 8 January 2024 and 30 June 2025. The EBIT hurdles align to the Group's annual budget and STI metrics. In addition, the Group CFO's ongoing performance and behaviours must be deemed as acceptable over each performance period by the Board.

The STI schemes (deferred component) and LTI schemes are also subject to service conditions, usually from the beginning of the performance period to the date of the allocation of shares.

The FY23-FY25 LTI is expected to vest at 50%. These vested performance rights will be converted to shares and allocated to the participants under the rights plan on 15 August 2025.

As foreshadowed in FY24, the FY22-FY24 LTI plan vested on 15 August 2024 at 76.7% which was equivalent to 1,747,386 performance rights. Each performance right entitled the participant to one Metcash share. Metcash acquired 969,990 shares on market and allocated these to the participants on 15 August 2024. The balance relating to good leavers was settled in cash.

Measurement of fair values

FY25 at-risk STI plan – deferred component

The 50% (Group CEO), 40% (Group CFO) and 25% (other KMP and senior executives) components of the FY25 at-risk STI plan will be deferred and released through the issue of Metcash performance rights conditional upon the executive remaining employed by the Company until 3 July 2026. The number of performance rights will be calculated by dividing 50% (Group CEO), 40% (Group CFO) and 25% (other KMP and senior executives) of the STI award dollar value by the volume-weighted average price (VWAP) of Metcash ordinary shares over the 20 trading days ended 30 April 2025 of $3.17 per share. The FY25 expense for the FY25 at-risk STI plan – deferred component has been based on an estimate of the fair value of the performance rights. The fair value per grant was determined in accordance with AASB 2 *Share-based payments* at grant date.

FY24 at-risk STI plan – deferred component

The 40% (Group CEO), 33% (Group CFO) and 25% (other KMP and senior executives) components of the FY24 at-risk STI plan will be deferred and released through the issue of Metcash performance rights conditional upon the executive remaining employed by the

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Company until 3 July 2025. The number of performance rights will be calculated by dividing 40% (Group CEO), 33% (Group CFO) and 25% (other KMP and senior executives) of the STI award dollar value by the volume-weighted average price (VWAP) of Metcash ordinary shares over the 20 trading days ended 30 April 2024 of $3.91 per share. The FY24 expense for the FY24 at-risk STI plan – deferred component has been based on an estimate of the fair value of the performance rights. The fair value per grant was determined in accordance with AASB 2 *Share-based payments* at grant date.

Performance rights

The weighted average inputs to the valuation of the STI deferred component and LTI performance rights valued, subject to the EPS performance condition, at grant date using the Black-Scholes option pricing model are as follows:

	At-risk STI deferred FY24	LTI FY25–FY27 (EPS)	LTI FY24–FY26 (ROFE)	LTI FY23–FY25 (ROFE)	CEO Total Tools BPIP	Group CFO buy-out grant
Dividend yield	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	4.7%	5.5%	5.5%
Risk free rate	3.7%	3.7%	4.0%	3.0%	3.7%	4.0%
Expected volatility	20%	20%	23%	32%	20%	23%
Contractual life (days)	353	1,091	1,088	1,108	764	336
Share price at grant date	3.69	3.52	3.72	4.18	3.68	3.59
Fair value at grant date	3.50	3.02	3.20	3.62	3.31	3.38

The weighted average inputs to the valuation of performance rights valued, subject to the ATSR performance condition, at grant date by an external specialist using the Monte Carlo option pricing model are as follows:

	LTI FY25–FY27 (ATSR)	LTI FY24–FY26 (ATSR)	LTI FY23–FY25 (ATSR)
Dividend yield	5.5%	5.5%	4.7%
Risk free rate	3.7%	4.0%	3.0%
Expected volatility	20%	23%	32%
Contractual life (days)	1,091	1,088	1,108
Share price at grant date	3.52	3.72	4.18
Fair value at grant date	1.47	1.34	1.69

Service and non-market performance conditions attached to the grants were not taken into account in measuring fair value. Market performance conditions associated with the grants have been reflected in the fair value measurement. Expected volatility is based on an evaluation of the historical volatility of Metcash's share price, particularly over the historical period commensurate with the expected term. Performance rights are only exercisable on their vesting date.

Material accounting policies

Share-based payment transactions

The Group provides a portion of senior executive and key employee remuneration as equity-settled share-based payments, in the form of performance rights.

The value of the performance rights issued is determined on the date which both the employee and the Group understand and agree to the share-based payment terms and conditions (grant date). The value at grant date is based upon the fair value of a similar arrangement between the Group and an independent third party and is determined using an appropriate valuation model. The fair value does not consider the impact of service or performance conditions, other than conditions linked to the share price of Metcash Limited (market conditions).

The fair value of performance rights is recognised as an expense, together with a corresponding increase in the share-based payments reserve within equity, over the period between the grant date and the date on which the employee becomes fully entitled to the award (vesting date). This expense is recognised cumulatively by estimating the number of performance rights expected to vest. This estimate is formed based on the best available information at the reporting date. No adjustment is made for the likelihood of market conditions being met as the effect of these conditions is included in the determination of fair value at grant date. Where the performance rights are cancelled, any expense not yet recognised for the award is recognised immediately.

The dilutive effect, if any, of outstanding performance rights are reflected as additional share dilution in the computation of earnings per share.

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Reconciliation of outstanding performance rights

The following table illustrates the movement in the number of performance rights during the year:

	FY25 Number	FY24 Number
Outstanding at the beginning of the year	5,734,038	7,064,289
Granted during the year	3,082,344	3,034,578
Vested/exercised during the year	(1,518,505)	(2,302,875)
Expired/forfeited during the year	(1,064,685)	(2,061,954)
Outstanding at the end of the year	**6,233,192**	**5,734,038**

The outstanding balance of performance rights as at 30 April 2025 is represented by:

Scheme name	Vesting date	Total outstanding (number)	Exercisable (number)	Remaining contractual life
LTI FY25 – FY27	15 August 2027	2,593,846	—	2 years 4 months
LTI FY24 – FY26	14 August 2026	1,794,168	—	1 year 4 months
LTI FY23 – FY25[1]	15 August 2025	1,362,896	—	4 months
Group CFO buy-out grant (Tranche 2)	30 June 2025	126,904	—	2 months
CEO TT BPIP (Tranche 1)	15 August 2025	51,150	—	4 months
CEO TT BPIP (Tranche 2)[2]	15 August 2026	51,150	—	1 year 4 months
CEO TT BPIP (Tranche 3)[2]	15 August 2027	51,150	—	2 years 4 months
FY24 STI Deferred	3 July 2025	201,928	—	2 months
Total outstanding at the reporting date		**6,233,192**		

1. The FY23-FY25 LTI performance rights plan is expected to vest at 50% subject only to the employees remaining in employment until 15 August 2025. These vested performance rights will be converted to shares and allocated to the participants under the Rights Plan on 15 August 2025.
2. As Mr Murray will cease employment with Metcash in FY26, performance rights granted under both Tranche 2 and 3 will lapse in full at that time.

Key terms and conditions

All performance rights associated with the above schemes are equity-settled performance rights and were issued under the Metcash Executives and Senior Managers Performance Rights Plan (Rights Plan). Fully paid ordinary shares issued under this plan rank equally with all other existing fully paid ordinary shares in respect of voting and dividend rights.

The key terms of the 'LTI' and 'STI plan – deferred component' plans include:

1. Each performance right is an entitlement to receive a fully paid ordinary share in the Company on terms and conditions determined by the Board, including vesting conditions linked to service and performance over the contractual life of the rights;
2. Performance rights which do not vest are forfeited;
3. Performance rights are offered at no cost to participants;
4. Performance rights do not carry voting or dividend rights, however shares allocated upon vesting of performance rights will carry the same rights as other ordinary shares;
5. Ordinarily, in the event of cessation of employment, unvested performance rights will lapse; however, this is subject to Board discretion, which may be exercised in circumstances including death and disability, retirement, redundancy or special circumstances;
6. When testing performance conditions, the Board has full discretion in relation to its calculation and to include or exclude items if appropriate, including to better reflect shareholder expectations or management performance;
7. Some or all of a participant's performance rights may vest even if a performance condition has not been satisfied, if, using its discretion, the Board considers that to do so would be in the interests of the Group; and
8. If there is a change in control of the Group, the Board retains full discretion to vest or lapse some or all performance rights.

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7.2. Auditors remuneration

	FY25 $	FY24 $
Amounts received or due and receivable by the auditor of the parent entity and any other entity in the Group for:		
– Auditing the statutory financial report of the parent entity covering the Group and the statutory financial report of any controlled entities	2,725,000	2,215,000
– Fees for advisory services	34,000	154,000
– Fees for other assurance and agreed-upon procedure services	6,000	43,000
– Fees for tax compliance and other	307,000	249,000
	3,072,000	**2,661,000**

7.3. Commitments and contingent liabilities

Commitments

Capital expenditure commitments

The Group had no material commitments for capital expenditure at 30 April 2025 (FY24: nil).

Contingent liabilities

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Bank guarantees to third parties in respect of property lease obligations	8.4	4.5
Bank guarantees in respect of Work Cover	2.0	2.0

Financial guarantee contracts

The Group has granted a financial guarantee contract relating to the bank loan of a joint venture, Adcome Pty Ltd (Cornetts). Under the contract, the bank has the right to require Metcash to repay the debt under certain prescribed circumstances of default. The estimate of the maximum amount payable in respect of the guarantee, if exercised, is $25.0 million (FY24: $40.0 million).

Had the guarantee been exercised at 30 April 2025, the amount payable would have been $12.2 million (FY24: $17.2 million). The fair value of the financial guarantee contract at the reporting date was $1.0 million (FY24: $0.3 million) and is recognised as a financial liability.

Put options

Put options, including in relation to Ritchies Stores Pty Ltd, are detailed along with other contingent liabilities in Note 5.3 of the financial statements.

7.4. Subsequent events

On 10 June 2025, Metcash Limited announced the strategic integration and merger of its two hardware businesses, Total Tools Holdings and the Independent Hardware Group (IHG), to form Total Tools and Hardware Group. This event does not impact the financial results for the year ended 30 April 2025.

Appendix A - New or amended accounting standards and interpretations

(a) New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations

Several other amendments and interpretations apply for the first time in FY25, but do not have an impact on the financial report of the Group. These are as follows:

- Amendments to AASB 1: *Non-current Liabilities with Covenants*
- Amendments to AASB 16: *Lease liability in sale and leaseback*
- Amendments to AASB 101: *Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current*
- Amendments to AASB 107 and AASB 7: *Disclosures of Supplier Finance Arrangement*

(b) Australian Accounting Standards issued but not yet effective

A number of new accounting standards (including amendments and interpretations) have been issued but were not effective as at 30 April 2025. The following are the pronouncements that the Group has elected not to early adopt in these financial statements:

- AASB S2-*Climate-related financial disclosures* (effective from FY26)
- AASB 18 *Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements* (effective from FY28)

The impacts of the above standards on the Group's financial statements are still being considered.

Appendix B - Information on subsidiaries

Metcash Limited is the ultimate parent entity of the group. The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of Metcash Limited and the Subsidiaries listed in the following table. All entities are incorporated in Australia except where specifically identified.

	FY25 %	FY24 %
Entities within the Closed Group		
Action Holdings Pty Ltd	100	100
Action Supermarkets Pty Ltd	100	100
Alpine Valley Hardware Pty Ltd (Formerly Australian Hardware Support Services Pty Ltd)	100	100
Australian Asia/Pacific Wholesalers Pty Ltd	100	100
Australian Hardware Distributors Pty. Limited	100	100
Australian Liquor Marketers (QLD) Pty Ltd	100	100
Australian Liquor Marketers (WA) Pty Ltd	100	100
Australian Liquor Marketers Pty. Limited	100	100
Benalla Hardware Pty Ltd (Formerly National Retail Support Services Pty Ltd)	100	100
Bianco Construction Supplies Pty Limited	100	100
Big Bargain Bottleshops Australia Pty Ltd	100	100
Cantala Holdings Pty Ltd	100	—
Capeview Hardware Pty Ltd	100	100
City Ice & Cold Storage Company Proprietary Limited	100	100
Clancy's Food Stores Pty Ltd	100	100
Community Co Australia Pty Ltd	100	100
Composite Buyers Finance Pty. Ltd.	100	100
Composite Buyers Pty Limited	100	100
Danks Holdings Pty Limited	100	100
Davids Foodservices Pty Ltd	100	100
Davids Group Staff Superannuation Fund Pty Ltd	100	100
Echuca Hardware Pty Ltd	100	100
Finlayson Installations Pty. Ltd.	100	100
Finlayson Timber & Hardware Pty. Ltd.	100	100
Foodland Properties Pty Ltd	100	100
Foodland Property Holdings Pty. Ltd.	100	100
Franklins Pty Limited	100	100
Franklins Supermarkets Pty Limited	100	100
Fresco Supermarket Holdings Pty Ltd	100	100
G Gay Hardware Pty Ltd	100	100
Garden Fresh Produce Pty Ltd	100	100
Girrawheen SPV Pty Ltd	100	100
Global Liquor Wholesalers Pty Limited	100	100
Global Meats (Australia) Pty Ltd	100	—
Global Meats Pty Ltd	100	—
Hammer Hardware Stores Pty. Ltd.	100	100
Hardings Hardware Pty. Ltd.	100	100
Himaco Pty Ltd	100	100
Home Hardware Australasia Pty Ltd	100	100
Home Timber & Hardware Group Pty Ltd	100	100
Homestead Hardware Australasia Pty. Ltd.	100	100
HTH Events Pty Ltd	100	100
HTH Stores Pty Limited	100	100
Hudson Building Supplies Pty Limited	100	100
IGA Community Chest Limited	100	100
IGA Distribution (SA) Pty Limited	100	100
IGA Distribution (Vic) Pty Limited	100	100
IGA Distribution (WA) Pty Limited	100	100
IGA Fresh (Northern Queensland) Pty Limited	100	100
IGA Fresh (NSW) Pty Limited	100	100
IGA Retail Services Pty Limited	100	100
Independent Brands Australia Pty Limited	100	100
Independent Hardware Group Pty Ltd	100	100

	FY25 %	FY24 %
Interfrank Group Holdings Pty Limited	100	100
Jewel Food Stores Pty. Ltd.	100	100
JV Pub Group Pty Ltd	100	100
K&B Timber and Hardware Pty Ltd	100	100
Karloo Holdings Pty Ltd	100	—
Keithara Pty. Ltd.	100	100
Liquor Traders Pty. Ltd.	100	100
Liquorsmart Pty Ltd	100	100
M-C International Australia Pty Limited	100	100
Mega Property Management Pty. Ltd.	100	100
Metcash Food & Grocery Convenience Division Pty Limited	100	100
Metcash Food & Grocery Pty Ltd	100	100
Metcash Holdings Pty Ltd	100	100
Metcash Limited	N/A	N/A
Metcash Management Pty Limited	100	100
Metcash Services Proprietary Limited	100	100
Metcash Storage Pty Limited	100	100
Metcash Trading Limited	100	100
Metro Cash and Carry Pty Limited	100	100
Mirren (Australia) Pty. Ltd.	100	100
Mitre 10 Australia Pty Ltd	100	100
Mitre 10 Mega Pty Ltd	100	100
Mitre 10 Pty Ltd	100	100
Mooloolah River Fisheries Pty Ltd	100	—
Narellan Hardware Pty Ltd	100	100
NFD Holdings Pty Ltd	100	—
Payless Superbarn (N S W) Pty Ltd	100	100
Q.F.S. Holdings Pty Ltd	100	—
QIW Pty Limited	100	100
Quality Food Services (Aust) Pty Ltd	100	—
Queensland Independent Wholesalers Pty Limited	100	100
Quickstop Pty Ltd	100	100
Roma Hardware Pty Ltd	100	100
SE Hardware Pty Ltd	100	100
Sealanes (1985) Pty Ltd	100	—
SFG Finance Pty Ltd	100	—
SFG Group Holdings Pty Ltd	100	—
South Coast Operations Pty Limited	100	100
South West Operations Pty Ltd	100	100
St. Boris Pty. Limited	100	—
Superior Food Group Pty Ltd	100	—
The Truss Company Pty Ltd	100	100
Thrifty-Link Hardware Pty. Ltd.	100	100
Timberten Pty Ltd	100	100
Total Tools (Importing) Pty Ltd	100	100
Total Tools Holdings Pty Ltd	100	100
Total Tools Licensing Pty Ltd	100	100
Total Tools Stores Pty Ltd	100	100
UIAL NSW/ACT Pty Ltd	100	100
UIAL Tasmania Pty Ltd	100	100
Vawn No. 3 Pty. Ltd.	100	100
W.A. Hardware Services Pty. Limited	100	100
Zircon (WA) Pty Ltd	100	—

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	FY25 %	FY24 %
Entities outside the Closed Group		
ACN 674 863 855 Pty Ltd	100	—
A.C.N. 683 745 888 Pty Limited	100	—
A.C.N. 683 746 063 Pty Limited	100	—
A.C.N. 683 746 170 Pty Limited	100	—
A.C.N. 683 746 241 Pty Limited	100	—
A.C.N. 683 746 349 Pty Limited	100	—
Add Tools Pty Ltd	51	51
Alltools (Pakenham) Pty Ltd	100	60
BCS Whyalla Pty Ltd	100	100
Bianco Hardware Pty. Limited	100	100
Cado Tools Pty Ltd	60	60
CampbellsPlus Pty Ltd	100	100
Card Tools Pty Ltd	92.5	60
Central Timber 10 Pty Ltd	50	50
Fagg's Group Pty Ltd	90	90
Feldman Tools Pty. Ltd.	92.5	80
Foodland Property Unit Trust	100	100
Four Of Six Pty Ltd	60	60
Futura Machinery Sales and Service Pty. Ltd.	80	80
Gympie Property Investments Pty Ltd	84.7	84.7
Hardware Property Trust	100	100
Inverted Tools Pty Ltd	51	51
M P & Associates Pty Ltd [1]	48.5	48.5
M&B Sales Pty Ltd	50	50
McHawking Enterprises Pty Ltd	60	60
Metoz Holdings Limited (In liquidation)	100	100
Midland Tools Pty Ltd	0	60
Mincon Supplies Pty Ltd	65	65
Mitre 10 Mega Property Trust	100	100
MOTS Support Services Pty Ltd	87	100
Napier Liquor Merchants Limited	100	100
NFRF Developments Pty Ltd	51	51
Northern Hardware Group Pty Ltd	84.7	84.7
Nu Fruit Pty. Ltd.	51	51
Phar Management Pty Ltd	75	51
Produce Traders Trust	100	100
Rainbow Unit Trust	100	100
Rainfresh Vic Pty. Ltd.	51	51
Retail Merchandise Services Pty. Limited	100	100
Sunshine Hardware Pty Ltd	84.7	84.7
T Tools Ballina Pty Ltd	100	100
T Tools Launceston Pty Ltd	51	51
T Tools Sunbury Pty Ltd	51	51
T Tools Tullamarine Pty Ltd	51	51
T Tools Warrnambool Pty Ltd	51	51
Tasman Liquor Company Limited	100	100
Tasmania Hardware Pty Ltd	95	95
Timber and Hardware Exchange Pty. Ltd.	68.4	68.4
TJT Tools Pty Ltd	51	51
TMAC Penrith Pty Ltd	51	51
Total Prefab Investments Pty Ltd	67	67
Total Prefab Pty Ltd	67	67
Total Tools Alexandria Pty Ltd	51	51
Total Tools Auburn Pty Ltd	51	51
Total Tools Bathurst Pty Ltd	51	51
Total Tools Coffs Harbour Pty Ltd	100	—
Total Tools Commercial Pty Ltd	100	100
Total Tools Fyshwick Pty. Ltd.	80	80
Total Tools Griffith Pty Ltd	100	—
Total Tools Industrial Pty. Limited	100	100
Total Tools Lake Haven Pty Ltd	51	51
Total Tools Mitchell Pty Ltd	100	100
Total Tools Moorabbin Store Pty Ltd	87	100
Total Tools Mt Waverley Pty Ltd	51	51
Total Tools New Zealand Limited	100	100
Total Tools Online Pty Ltd	100	100
Total Tools Preston Pty Ltd	87	60
Total Tools Springfield Pty Ltd	100	—
Total Tools Taylors Lakes Pty Ltd	51	51
Total Tools Wagga Wagga Pty Ltd	90	90
Total Tools Wodonga Pty Ltd	70	100
TT 8 Pty Ltd	100	100
TT Adelaide West Pty Ltd	100	60
TT Albury Pty Ltd	80	80
TT Brooklyn Pty Ltd	95	95
TT Brookvale Pty Ltd	100	100
TT Bundaberg Pty Ltd	70	70
TT Cairns North Pty Ltd	70	70
TT Cairns Pty Ltd	70	70
TT Dandenong Pty Ltd	87	60
TT Darwin Pty Ltd	90	90
TT Ferntree Gully Pty Ltd	87	60
TT Geelong Pty. Ltd.	80	80
TT Gladstone Pty Ltd (Formerly ACN 674 863 846 Pty Ltd)	100	—
TT Kilsyth Pty Ltd	87	60
TT Mackay Pty Ltd	92.5	60
TT Melton Pty Ltd	90	90
TT Mitcham Pty Ltd	87	60
TT Narre Warren Pty Ltd	87	60
TT Richmond Pty Ltd	87	100
TT Rockhampton Pty Ltd	70	70
TT Rutherford Pty Ltd	89	—
TT Sandgate Pty Ltd	89	89
TT Seaford Pty Ltd	80	80
TT South Melbourne Pty. Ltd.	90	90
TT Traralgon Pty Ltd	87	60
TT Warners Bay Pty Ltd	89	89
Virginia Tools Pty Ltd	60	60
Wimbledon Unit Trust	100	100

1. The Group has an indirect ownership of 48.5% in this entity via its interest in Tasmania Hardware Pty Ltd. While the Group has beneficial ownership of less than 50% of this entity, the Group has control over key operating and financial decisions of this entity. Accordingly, this entity has been accounted for as a controlled entity.

Entities within the closed group as at 30 April 2025

Certain controlled entities of Metcash Limited, collectively referred to as the 'Closed Group', are party to a Deed of Cross Guarantee which meets the requirements of *ASIC Corporations (Wholly-owned Companies) Instrument 2016/785 (Instrument)*. Pursuant to the Instrument, entities within the Closed Group that have lodged an opt-in notice with ASIC within the requisite time limits are granted relief from standalone financial reporting and audit requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Under the Deed of Cross Guarantee, the entities within the Closed Group, including Metcash Limited, have guaranteed to pay any outstanding debts or claims in the event of a winding up of any other entity within the Closed Group.

Appendix B - Information on subsidiaries

Summary Statement of Comprehensive Income of the Closed Group

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Distributions from subsidiaries outside the Closed Group	14.7	17.5
Other net income	335.3	335.4
Significant items	0.4	(30.3)
Profit before income tax	**350.4**	**322.6**
Income tax expense	(87.8)	(94.5)
Net profit for the year	**262.6**	**228.1**

Summary Statement of Financial Position of the Closed Group

	FY25 $m	FY24 $m
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	50.6	47.6
Trade receivables and loans	1,994.5	1,814.2
Lease receivables	39.4	39.5
Amounts due from related parties	21.5	—
Inventories	1,290.2	958.0
Other current assets	6.3	10.4
Total current assets	**3,402.5**	**2,869.7**
Investments	476.4	462.4
Lease receivables	172.9	182.8
Property, plant and equipment	316.6	263.2
Net deferred tax assets	117.5	137.4
Intangible assets and goodwill	1,365.1	977.0
Right-of-use assets	662.4	518.5
Other non-current assets	9.8	15.0
Total non-current assets	**3,120.7**	**2,556.3**
Total assets	**6,523.2**	**5,426.0**
Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	2,842.3	2,306.5
Lease liabilities	133.5	164.2
Interest-bearing borrowings	263.3	49.1
Income tax payable	23.1	0.4
Provisions	144.8	137.4
Put options and other financial liabilities	15.5	40.7
Total current liabilities	**3,422.5**	**2,698.3**
Interest-bearing borrowings	398.8	272.3
Lease liabilities	953.4	759.4
Amounts due to related parties	—	15.1
Provisions	31.2	30.4
Put options and other financial liabilities	122.3	148.3
Total non-current liabilities	**1,505.7**	**1,225.5**
Total liabilities	**4,928.2**	**3,923.8**
Net assets	**1,595.0**	**1,502.2**
Equity		
Contributed equity	1,263.4	1,238.8
Retained earnings	332.9	256.4
Other reserves	(1.3)	7.0
Total equity	**1,595.0**	**1,502.2**

Consolidated Entity Disclosure Statement

Name of Entity	Type of Entity	Country of Incorporation	% of Share Capital Held	Country of Tax Residence
Metcash Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	N/A	Australia
Action Holdings Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Action Supermarkets Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Add Tools Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	51	Australia
Alltools (Pakenham) Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Alpine Valley Hardware Pty Ltd (Formerly Australian Hardware Support Services Pty Ltd)	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Australian Asia/Pacific Wholesalers Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Australian Hardware Distributors Pty. Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Australian Liquor Marketers (QLD) Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Australian Liquor Marketers (WA) Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Australian Liquor Marketers Pty. Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
BCS Whyalla Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Benalla Hardware Pty Ltd (Formerly National Retail Support Services Pty Ltd)	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Bianco Construction Supplies Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Bianco Hardware Pty. Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Big Bargain Bottleshops Australia Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Cado Tools Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	60	Australia
CampbellsPlus Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Cantala Holdings Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Capeview Hardware Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Card Tools Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	92.5	Australia
Central Timber 10 Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	50	Australia
City Ice & Cold Storage Company Proprietary Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Clancy's Food Stores Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Community Co Australia Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Composite Buyers Finance Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Composite Buyers Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Danks Holdings Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Davids Foodservices Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Davids Group Staff Superannuation Fund Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Echuca Hardware Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Fagg's Group Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	90	Australia
Feldman Tools Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	92.5	Australia
Finlayson Installations Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Finlayson Timber & Hardware Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Foodland Properties Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Foodland Property Holdings Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Foodland Property Unit Trust	Trust	N/A	N/A	Australia
Four Of Six Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	60	Australia
Franklins Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Franklins Supermarkets Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Fresco Supermarket Holdings Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Futura Machinery Sales and Service Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	80	Australia
G Gay Hardware Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Garden Fresh Produce Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia

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Name of Entity	Type of Entity	Country of Incorporation	% of Share Capital Held	Country of Tax Residence
Girrawheen SPV Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Global Liquor Wholesalers Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Global Meats (Australia) Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Global Meats Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Gympie Property Investments Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	84.7	Australia
Hammer Hardware Stores Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Hardings Hardware Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Hardware Property Trust	Trust	N/A	N/A	Australia
Himaco Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Home Hardware Australasia Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Home Timber & Hardware Group Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Homestead Hardware Australasia Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
HTH Events Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
HTH Stores Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Hudson Building Supplies Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
IGA Community Chest Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
IGA Distribution (SA) Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
IGA Distribution (Vic) Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
IGA Distribution (WA) Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
IGA Fresh (Northern Queensland) Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
IGA Fresh (NSW) Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
IGA Retail Services Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Independent Brands Australia Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Independent Hardware Group Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Interfrank Group Holdings Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Inverted Tools Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	51	Australia
Jewel Food Stores Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
JV Pub Group Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
K&B Timber and Hardware Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Karloo Holdings Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Keithara Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Liquor Traders Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Liquorsmart Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
M P & Associates Pty Ltd 1	Body Corporate	Australia	48.5	Australia
M&B Sales Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	50	Australia
M-C International Australia Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
McHawking Enterprises Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	60	Australia
Mega Property Management Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Metcash Food & Grocery Convenience Division Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Metcash Food & Grocery Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Metcash Holdings Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Metcash Management Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Metcash Services Proprietary Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Metcash Storage Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Metcash Trading Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Metoz Holdings Limited (In liquidation)	Body Corporate	South Africa	100	Australia

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Name of Entity	Type of Entity	Country of Incorporation	% of Share Capital Held	Country of Tax Residence
Metro Cash and Carry Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Mincon Supplies Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	65	Australia
Mirren (Australia) Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Mitre 10 Australia Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Mitre 10 Mega Property Trust	Trust	N/A	N/A	Australia
Mitre 10 Mega Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Mitre 10 Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Mooloolah River Fisheries Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
MOTS Support Services Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	87	Australia
Napier Liquor Merchants Limited	Body Corporate	New Zealand	100	New Zealand
Narellan Hardware Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
NFD Holdings Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
NFRF Developments Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	51	Australia
Northern Hardware Group Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	84.7	Australia
Nu Fruit Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	51	Australia
Payless Superbarn (N S W) Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Phar Management Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	75	Australia
Produce Traders Trust	Trust	N/A	N/A	Australia
Q.F.S. Holdings Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
QIW Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Quality Food Services (Aust) Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Queensland Independent Wholesalers Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Quickstop Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Rainbow Unit Trust	Trust	N/A	N/A	Australia
Rainfresh Vic Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	51	Australia
Retail Merchandise Services Pty. Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Roma Hardware Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
SE Hardware Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Sealanes (1985) Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
SFG Finance Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
SFG Group Holdings Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
South Coast Operations Pty Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
South West Operations Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
St. Boris Pty. Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Sunshine Hardware Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	84.7	Australia
Superior Food Group Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
T Tools Ballina Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
T Tools Launceston Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	51	Australia
T Tools Sunbury Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	51	Australia
T Tools Tullamarine Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	51	Australia
T Tools Warrnambool Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	51	Australia
Tasman Liquor Company Limited	Body Corporate	New Zealand	100	New Zealand
Tasmania Hardware Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	95	Australia
The Truss Company Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Thrifty-Link Hardware Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Timber and Hardware Exchange Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	68.4	Australia

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Name of Entity	Type of Entity	Country of Incorporation	% of Share Capital Held	Country of Tax Residence
Timberten Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
TJT Tools Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	51	Australia
TMAC Penrith Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	51	Australia
Toolshack Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	51	Australia
Total Prefab Investments Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	67	Australia
Total Prefab Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	67	Australia
Total Tools (Importing) Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Total Tools Alexandria Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	51	Australia
Total Tools Auburn Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	51	Australia
Total Tools Bathurst Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	51	Australia
Total Tools Coffs Harbour Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Total Tools Commercial Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Total Tools Fyshwick Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	80	Australia
Total Tools Griffith Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Total Tools Holdings Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Total Tools Industrial Pty. Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Total Tools Lake Haven Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	51	Australia
Total Tools Licensing Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Total Tools Mitchell Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Total Tools Moorabbin Store Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	87	Australia
Total Tools Mt Waverley Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	51	Australia
Total Tools New Zealand Limited	Body Corporate	New Zealand	100	Australia
Total Tools Online Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Total Tools Preston Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	87	Australia
Total Tools Springfield Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Total Tools Stores Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Total Tools Taylors Lakes Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	51	Australia
Total Tools Wagga Wagga Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	90	Australia
Total Tools Wodonga Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	70	Australia
TT 8 Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
TT Adelaide West Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
TT Albury Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	80	Australia
TT Brooklyn Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	95	Australia
TT Brookvale Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
TT Bundaberg Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	70	Australia
TT Cairns North Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	70	Australia
TT Cairns Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	70	Australia
TT Dandenong Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	87	Australia
TT Darwin Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	90	Australia
TT Ferntree Gully Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	87	Australia
TT Geelong Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	80	Australia
TT Gladstone Pty Ltd (Formerly ACN 674 863 846 Pty Ltd)	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
TT Kilsyth Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	87	Australia
TT Mackay Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	92.5	Australia
TT Melton Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	90	Australia
TT Mitcham Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	87	Australia

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Name of Entity	Type of Entity	Country of Incorporation	% of Share Capital Held	Country of Tax Residence
TT Narre Warren Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	87	Australia
TT Richmond Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	87	Australia
TT Rockhampton Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	70	Australia
TT Rutherford Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	89	Australia
TT Sandgate Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	89	Australia
TT Seaford Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	80	Australia
TT South Melbourne Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	90	Australia
TT Traralgon Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	87	Australia
TT Warners Bay Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	89	Australia
UIAL NSW/ACT Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
UIAL Tasmania Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Vawn No. 3 Pty. Ltd.	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Virginia Tools Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	60	Australia
W.A. Hardware Services Pty. Limited	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia
Wimbledon Unit Trust	Trust	N/A	N/A	Australia
Zircon (WA) Pty Ltd	Body Corporate	Australia	100	Australia

Directors' declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of Metcash Limited, I state that:

1. In the opinion of the directors:
   a. The financial statements, notes and the additional disclosures included in the Directors' Report designated as audited, of Metcash Limited are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
      i. Giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 April 2025 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
      ii. Complying with Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and *Corporations Regulations 2001*;
   b. The financial statements and notes also comply with *International Financial Reporting Standards* as disclosed in Note 2.1; and
   c. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
   d. The consolidated entity disclosure statement as at 30 April 2025 required by subsection 295(3A) of the *Corporations Act 2001* is true and correct.
2. This declaration has been made after receiving the declarations required to be made to the directors in accordance with section 295A of the *Corporations Act 2001* for the financial year ended 30 April 2025.
3. In the opinion of the directors, as at the date of this declaration, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the members of the Closed Group identified in Appendix B will be able to meet any obligation or liabilities to which they are or may become subject to, by virtue of the Deed of Cross Guarantee.

On behalf of the Board

Doug Jones

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Sydney, 23 June 2025

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Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Metcash Limited

As lead auditor for the audit of the financial report of Metcash Limited for the financial year ended 30 April 2025, I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

a) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit;

b) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit; and

c) No non-audit services provided that contravene any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit

This declaration is in respect of Metcash Limited and the entities it controlled during the financial year.

Ernst & Young

Katrina Zdrilic
Partner
23 June 2025

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Independent auditor's report to the members of Metcash Limited

Report on the audit of the financial report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Metcash Limited (the Company) and its subsidiaries (collectively the Group), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 April 2025, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, the consolidated entity disclosure statement, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Group is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

a. Giving a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 30 April 2025 and of its consolidated financial performance for the year ended on that date; and

b. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

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

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report of the current year. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, but we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. For each matter below, our description of how our audit addressed the matter is provided in that context.

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report* section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying financial report.

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Impairment assessment of goodwill and other intangible assets

Why significant	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
At 30 April 2025, the Group's consolidated statement of financial position includes goodwill and other intangible assets with a carrying value $1,452.4 million, representing 21.1% of total assets. The Group recognised $267.1 million in goodwill arising from business acquisitions during the year. The directors have assessed goodwill and other intangible assets for impairment. As disclosed within Note 4.7 to the financial statements, the assessment of the impairment of the Group's goodwill and other intangible assets incorporated significant judgments and estimates, based upon conditions existing as at 30 April 2025, specifically concerning factors such as forecast cashflows, discount rates and terminal growth rates. The estimates and assumptions relate to the sustainability of future performance, market and economic conditions. Significant assumptions used in the impairment testing referred to above are inherently subjective. The disclosures in the financial report provide important information about the assumptions made in the impairment testing and the market conditions at 30 April 2025. Accordingly, we considered the impairment testing of goodwill and other intangible assets and the related disclosures in the financial report to be a key audit matter.	Our audit procedures included the following: ▸ Assessed the Group's determination of the cash generating units (CGUs) used in the impairment model, based on our understanding of the nature of the Group's business and the economic environment in which the segments operate. We also considered internal reporting of the Group's results to assess how earnings and goodwill are monitored and reported. ▸ Assessed the Group's allocation of additional goodwill arising from business combinations to CGUs used in the impairment model. ▸ Assessed the cash flow forecasts, assumptions and estimates used by the Group, as outlined in Note 4.7 to the financial statements, by considering the reliability of the Group's historical cash flow forecasts, our knowledge of the business and corroborating data with external information where possible. ▸ Evaluated the appropriateness of discount and terminal growth rates applied with involvement from our valuation specialists. ▸ Tested the mathematical accuracy of the impairment testing models including the consistency of relevant data with latest Board approved forecasts. ▸ Performed sensitivity analysis on key assumptions including growth rates (including terminal growth rates) and discount rates, for each of the Group's CGUs. ▸ Assessed the adequacy of the financial report disclosures contained in Note 4.7.

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Accounting for Rebates

Why significant	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
Note 4.3 of the financial report outlines the Group's accounting policy relating to supplier rebates, or supplier income as they are referred to in the financial report. The Group receives rebates and other similar incentives from suppliers which are determined based upon a number of measures which can include volumes of inventory purchased or sold and the performance of promotional activities. We considered this to be a key audit matter as supplier rebates contributed significantly to the Group's results. There are a large number of specific agreements in place and some of the arrangements require judgment to be applied in determining the timing of rebate recognition and the appropriate classification within the financial statements, based upon the terms of the agreement.	Our audit procedures included the following: ► Evaluated the Group's design of controls relating to the recognition, measurement and classification of rebate amounts recognised within the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. ► Assessed the operating effectiveness of relevant controls in place relating to the recognition and measurement of selected purchase-volume based rebates. ► Selected a sample of non purchase-volume based and purchase-volume based rebates, and determined whether the rebates were calculated in accordance with the agreed terms and assessed whether the timing and value of amounts recognised were in accordance with the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards. ► Selected a sample of supplier rebates recorded as receivables at year-end and assessed whether the income was correctly calculated and recognised in the correct period. ► Considered the Group's assessment of the value of rebates associated with inventory on hand at year end that were deducted from the carrying value of inventory. ► Considered the impact of supplier claims during and subsequent to year end on amounts recognised. ► Inquired of the Group as to the existence of any non-standard agreements or side arrangements.

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Accounting for the Superior Foods acquisition

Why significant	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
On 3 June 2024, the Group entered into a Share Sale Agreement to acquire SFG Group Holdings Pty Ltd ("Superior Foods"), for a total purchase consideration of $440.4 million. Identifiable net assets acquired was assessed as $179.9 million. Goodwill on acquisition amounted to $260.5 million. This goodwill was allocated to existing cash generating units of the Group. Acquisition accounting, including determining the value of purchase consideration, identifying and estimating the fair value of identifiable net assets, and the allocation of goodwill on acquisition to cash generating units ("CGUs") requires significant judgement and estimation. Disclosure in relation to these acquisitions can be found in Note 6.1 of the financial report. We considered this a key audit matter due to the size of the acquisition and its resulting impact on the Group's financial position.	Our audit procedures included the following: ▸ Evaluated the acquisition accounting by the Group against the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards. ▸ Reviewed the terms and conditions of the Share Sale Agreements of Superior Foods. ▸ Evaluated the process that management and the directors have undertaken to perform the purchase price allocation of the consideration for the acquired assets and liabilities. ▸ Assessed the valuation assumptions used in the determination of the fair value of the acquired assets and liabilities and the amount recognised as goodwill. ▸ Working with our valuation specialists, assessed the valuation methodology and key assumptions used by management in the determination of the fair value of the identified intangible assets. This included evaluating the reasonableness of the discount rate applied in the valuation models. ▸ Assessed the adequacy of the financial report disclosures contained in Note 6.1 against the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards.

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 Group's 2025 Annual Report other than the financial report and our auditor's report thereon. We obtained the directors' report that is to be included in the Annual Report, prior to the date of this auditor's report, and we expect to obtain the remaining sections of the Annual Report after the date of this auditor's report.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon, with the exception of the Remuneration Report and our related assurance opinion.

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 on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, 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 in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for 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.

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In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group 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 the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment 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 Group's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' 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 Group'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 Group to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

- Plan and perform the Group audit to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business units within the Group as a basis for forming an opinion on the Group financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and review of the audit work performed for the purposes of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the directors 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.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated to the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current year and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on the audit of the Remuneration Report

Opinion on the Remuneration Report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 38 to 56 of the Directors' report for the year ended 30 April 2025.

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Metcash Limited for the year ended 30 April 2025, complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Responsibilities

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

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Katrina Zdrilic
Partner
Sydney
23 June 2025

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ASX information

For the year ended 30 April 2025

Additional information required by the Australian Securities Exchange and not shown elsewhere in this report is as follows. The information is current as at 21 July 2025.

Distribution of Equity Securities

The number of shareholders, by size of holding, in each class of share is:

Size of holding	Number of shareholders
1-1,000	10,308
1,001-5,000	13,446
5,001-10,000	5,954
10,001-100,000	5,872
100,001+	205
Total	**35,785**

There were 863 shareholders holding less than a marketable parcel of Metcash ordinary shares.

Twenty largest holders of quoted shares

The names of the 20 largest holders of quoted shares are:

Name	Number of shares	Percentage of shares
HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED	338,791,003	30.839%
J P MORGAN NOMINEES AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED	185,978,861	16.929%
CITICORP NOMINEES PTY LIMITED	166,551,577	15.161%
NATIONAL NOMINEES LIMITED	30,826,960	2.806%
BNP PARIBAS NOMS PTY LTD	23,680,523	2.156%
BNP PARIBAS NOMINEES PTY LTD <AGENCY LENDING A/C>	23,019,898	2.095%
CITICORP NOMINEES PTY LIMITED <143212 NMMT LTD A/C>	10,683,892	0.973%
BNP PARIBAS NOMINEES PTY LTD <HUB24 CUSTODIAL SERV LTD>	8,249,221	0.751%
HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED <NT-COMNWLTH SUPER CORP A/C>	7,725,680	0.703%
BKI INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED	6,700,045	0.610%
CITICORP NOMINEES PTY LIMITED <COLONIAL FIRST STATE INV A/C>	6,373,348	0.580%
NETWEALTH INVESTMENTS LIMITED <WRAP SERVICES A/C>	4,581,966	0.417%
PALM BEACH NOMINEES PTY LIMITED	4,542,077	0.413%
HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED-GSCO ECA	3,555,447	0.324%
CERTANE CT PTY LTD <METCASH EMPLOYEE SHARE PLAN>	2,719,352	0.248%
BNP PARIBAS NOMS (NZ) LTD	2,301,489	0.209%
UBS NOMINEES PTY LTD	2,049,830	0.187%
NETWEALTH INVESTMENTS LIMITED <SUPER SERVICES A/C>	1,735,274	0.158%
BNP PARIBAS NOMINEES PTY LTD <IB AU NOMS RETAILCLIENT>	1,664,242	0.151%
IOOF INVESTMENT SERVICES LIMITED <IISL NAL ISMA 2 A/C>	1,643,254	0.150%
Total	**833,373,939**	**75.86%**

Substantial Shareholders

The following is extracted from the Company's register of substantial shareholders:

	Number of shares
Perpetual Limited	76,526,096
Ubique	68,968,857
State Street Corporation	68,056,958
The Vanguard Group, Inc	65,628,592
Australian Retirement Trust Pty Ltd	59,036,086

Voting Rights

All ordinary shares (whether fully paid or not) carry one vote per share without restriction.

Corporate information

Directors

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Peter Birtles (Chair)
Marina Go
Margaret Haseltine
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Murray Jordan
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Julie Hutton

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Corporate Governance

A copy of the Corporate Governance Statement can be found on our website.

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